CONDITION OF OMAHA'S TRADE

Local Jobbers Experiencing a More Active Demand for Goods.

COUNTRY COLLECTIONS ARE VERY FAIR

Retail Dealers Cannot Put Off Purchasing Their Summer Stocks Much Longer—Produce and Grain Markets Quiet—Local Bank Clearings.

There are indications of a revival of the local jobbing trade. During the past two weeks or more there have been complaints from some of the jobbers that they were not experiencing a very good business and that the conditions governing trade were not as satisfactory as they might be. At the same time there were jobbers who professed to be doing a very satisfactory business. This peculiarity of the trade was not easily explained, as both reports came from conservative houses that are considered very careful of their statements. During the past week this peculiarity of the situation has been disappearing and in the way most satisfactory to the trade. Some of the houses that have been complaining of a dull business are now reporting a better demand for goods. While there is not so much snap to the trade as there is at some seasons, still there is a fair movement of goods and less complaint than there was. As a matter of fact all houses have not experienced this change for the better.

Country retail merchants evidently believe that the spring and summer trade is near at hand and that there is no use in further putting off their preparations for it. Accordingly they are buying more freely than they were a few weeks ago and at the most they cannot avoid buying much longer. The spring trade is bound to come and it is only a question of time. Even if trade was quite dull, it could not be considered anything very serious with the country in as good condition as it is at the present time.

Owing to the disturbed condition of finances at eastern money centers it is especially important that the substantial features of business in general should be recognized. Financiers do not attempt to disguise the fact that the money centers are disturbed, but they do not appear to anticipate any serious results, basing their confidence upon the many favorable features of the general business situation.

Labor as a rule is well employed and will be still more in demand as soon as the weather will permit of the resumption of building and other warm weather enterprises. The farmers are enjoying the benefits of their large crops and reasonably high prices. The mercantile interests could not be other than prosperous under such conditions, though a temporary dullness might be felt at any time owing to local causes, such as unfavorable weather, heavy roads, etc.

Bank Clearings.

The bank clearings for the week ending Saturday were the smallest for some weeks as will be noted from the figures given below. At the same time they show a very material increase over the corresponding period last year. Omaha has been grossly misrepresented as to her bank clearings on two different occasions of late. The last offense of the kind was in reference to the clearings for the week ending on Thursday of the past week. Bradstreet's was represented as reporting the increase in the clearings at Omaha as being only 4.3 per cent over last year.

The manager of the Omaha clearing house states that the increase was 51.6 per cent and that he so reported it to Bradstreet's. He is inclined to believe that some one is purposely trying to make a bad showing for Omaha, as it is happening most too often to be called a mistake. These reports are telegraphed all over the country and are published in the papers east as well as west, and there is no estimating the amount of damage that can be done the city by such misrepresentations.

The local manager of Bradstreet's has proof that the blame does not attach to him and he is making every effort to locate the source of the erroneous report.

The following will show the clearings for each day of the past week, as compared with previous weeks:

Monday	$1,450,853.21
Tuesday	1,066,699.59
Wednesday	967,945.16
Thursday	999,306.87
Friday	961,008.86
Saturday	1,014,154.35
Total	$6,459,968.04
Week ending March 11	$7,236,421.64
Week ending February 25	7,910,887.89
Week ending February 18	7,557,119.99
Week ending February 11	7,155,119.58
Week ending January 28	7,742,531.63
Week ending January 21	8,285,149.07
Week ending January 14	7,989,932.63
Week ending January 7	7,234,427.61

The following will show the clearings for the past twelve months, as compared with the previous year:

	Year 1891-1892.	Year 1892-1893.
March	$ 17,179,071	$ 21,982,927
April	16,505,587	21,813,688
May	18,116,810	22,880,926
June	19,329,840	25,522,898
July	16,241,557	26,524,158
August	16,556,790	24,278,715
September	16,993,279	23,354,683
October	19,970,064	27,341,513
November	19,037,098	25,879,196
December	21,644,779	29,112,166
January	24,502,773	33,785,626
February	22,016,028	27,908,767
Total twelve months	$227,771,602	$310,790,383
Increase		$ 83,018,721

Both the national and state banks yesterday published a statement of their condition on March 6. The following will show the capital, surplus and undivided profits and deposits of the Omaha and South Omaha banks:

BANKS.	Capital.	Surplus and und. Profits.	Deposits.
Nebraska National	$ 400,000	$ 79,855.51	$1,482,220.48
Merchants National	500,000	133,568.61	1,648,529.87
Union National	250,000	12,097.39	616,708.31
American National	200,000	24,645.15	662,258.39
So. Omaha Nat'l	100,000	76,820.50	807,418.33
Citizens Bank	52,500	3,045.91	69,081.19
McCague Savings	50,000	2,011.89	484,100.19
German Savings	100,000	37,205.36	709,307.36
Dime Savings	28,000	3,062.21	87,209.67
Omaha National	1,000,000	290,335.11	3,011,769.64
Packers National	100,000	15,351.57	366,764.45
Globe L. & T. Co. S.	12,500	2,672.94	116,545.02
American Savings	100,000	5,495.76	237,283.24
Omaha L. & T. Co. S.	50,000	33,251.84	521,971.72
First National	500,000	150,927.96	4,150,152.07
U. S. Yard Nat'l	200,000	74,745.26	1,352,379.58
Commercial Nat'l	400,000	18,114.12	963,582.42
U. S. National	400,000	72,019.85	1,903,177.25
Nat'l Bank of Com	500,000	24,098.36	619,650.63
Omaha Savings	150,000	48,445.88	1,597,273.54
Neb. Sav. & Ex.	150,000	7,734.81	443,455.48
Midland State Bank	50,000	4,982.66	105,207.39

SIZED UP BY DUN.

Trade Has Been Quiet Because of the Unexpected Bad Weather.

Mr. W. H. Roberson, Omaha manager of R. G. Dun & Co., in his review of trade for the week, says:

"Trade has been rather quiet through the week, though there is really nothing of which to complain, except perhaps that collections are slower than they should be. Thus far March has been hardly up to expectations, except with grocers and hardware men, the continued winter weather having a depressing effect on orders as well as collections. The washouts have held back some trade also.

"In retail circles trade has been very dull, almost without exception. The spring shopping is slow and the uncertainty regarding the weather has made even millinery openings rather tame.

"Among the business men of the city there has been a good deal of talk with reference to the new Commercial club. It is very seldom that a plan like this meets with such prompt and general endorsement. The promoters of the club took pains to inform their associates in business of the definite plans they have for pushing the organization toward success. They have gone about its formation in a businesslike and highly creditable manner. The unanimity with which merchants and business men have taken hold of the enterprise augurs well for its success. It must be apparent to all who are familiar with the trade situation of Omaha and the territory that this field will have to be watched carefully if aggressive competition does not take from us a part of what naturally belongs to this city. The character of the gentlemen who have been named as the executive committee, if they have the interests of the city as much at heart as their friends believe, is a very strong guaranty that this new organization will make itself felt. In all the cities of this country some sort of an organization has been formed to maintain and extend commerce. St. Louis and Minneapolis have been exceptionally successful in their methods. I understand that the Omaha plan is adapted from those of Minneapolis and St. Louis. All that is needed is active and substantial support of the people most directly interested in this community to put this organization in a position of influence.

"The Manufacturers and Consumers association, which has done so much to build up a sentiment in favor of patronizing home industry and pushing local enterprises, at its annual meeting made a most gratifying showing, not only in a financial way but in the matter of those indefinite but nevertheless important results which come from educating the people to their home enterprise. People who have the welfare of the manufacturing interests of the state at heart will be pleased to know that another exposition will be held and that there is no suggestion of a lack of interest among the members of this association. Last year's exposition and that recently held at Lincoln have opened the eyes of Nebraska people to the fact that this state is profitably manufacturing a great many articles which are in daily use. It has also stimulated the local patriotism which is necessary to support struggling institutions hard pushed by shrewd and greedy competitors. In the face of the uses to which electricity can now be applied it would be worse than folly not to hold fast every factory which now exists within the bounds of Nebraska and to exert ourselves to secure others. The transmission of power by wire for long distances solves the manufacturing problem for more cities in Nebraska than Omaha, and the next five or ten years will witness marvelous developments in this particular throughout the state.

"The comptroller of currency issued a call for bank statements a few days ago and all the banks have published their statements as required by law. I have not had time to compare the statements with those of six months and a year ago, but the totals roughly cast up present the following figures for the national banks:

Loans and discounts	$15,058,298.80
Cash items	9,005,880.19
Deposits	19,661,301.42
Surplus and undivided profits	835,754.13
Deposits in savings banks and state banks	4,138,616.49
Grand total of deposits	23,799,917.91

OMAHA PRODUCE AND FRUITS.

Stronger Prices in Some Lines the Feature of the Week.

It cannot be said that the past week has been entirely devoid of new features so far as the produce market is concerned. While the receipts have been light, thus making it impossible to have a very large business, still there has been a fairly active market or perhaps more correctly an active demand. The receipts being light the tendency has been toward firmer prices in such lines.

The cold weather and perhaps some other causes have kept down the supply of eggs in this market to an extent that has enabled dealers to demand a little better prices. A week ago the market was quoted at 13@14c, while the present week closes at 14@14½c. Only a slight advance, but an advance all the same. Stocks have been low all the week and only about equal to the demand.

Poultry has also been very scarce and prices have been strong all the week. The demand has been good, especially for chickens, which have sold readily upon arrival at very satisfactory prices. On some days there has been hardly enough in to make a market. As a result of the scarcity there has been a tendency toward higher prices and the week closes with the quotations higher than at the close of the previous week.

Good butter has been scarce and in good demand at very fair prices. Common packing stock is in the usual liberal supply and brings about the same prices as it has for some weeks.

The quotations on game have been high all the week, but at the close there was a more liberal run of ducks and dealers were unable to clean up stocks, which weakened the market. Consequently the closing quotations are lower on that kind of game.

The fruit market has been quite active during the week, especially the orange market. The receipts of oranges on this market are large and dealers constantly carry heavy stocks, which makes this a very good point at which to order supplies.

Produce Pointers.

Oranges are selling well, the demand being large.

The lower house of the Colorado legislature has passed a pink butterine bill. It remains to be seen what the senate will do with it.

There is said to be a good prospect for a large berry crop in Arkansas. The strawberries are reported to be about ten days earlier than last season.

Strawberries have been coming in quite freely for this season of the year, but the weather has not been warm enough as yet to create a demand for them.

Eastern berry growers and commission men are having a good deal of trouble over the question as to whether packages shall be returned to the shipper.

A commission man asks: Why don't somebody make more choice and fancy butter? That's the kind we are suffering for, and that's the kind our fellow citizens have been paying big money for lately.

Riddell & Co. have received by express a live fawn shipped from Utah. It is a great pet and as tame as a dog. Nothing appears to please it better than to be turned loose in the store and be allowed to have a good romp with some child.

"The question of tare on butter packages is a great source of trouble," said a commission man. "Shippers do not take pains enough in weighing their packages and make mistakes and then think that we are deducting too much from the weight of their butter."

Mr. Martin of the firm of Martin & Palmer, Sioux City, has been making a tour of the orange districts of California. He says: "Have not seen the place where the wild sunflower grows the year round, but have seen a washing machine where they manufacture bright mountain oranges from smutty fruit."

Why, says Branch's, can't California or Florida do in the lemon business what they have done in oranges? It is a well known fact that they cannot yet furnish lemons that will stand even transportation. Is it the soil, the climate or the curing, or is there some other hidden reason? We ask for information.

J. A. Shea, a Minneapolis commission man, stopped in this city on his way home from California. He reports that there is any quantity of oranges in that state, and the general impression is that the growers have been whistling to keep up their courage. In their desire to get big prices they have not marketed their oranges fast enough.

It is admitted by some farsighted and intelligent orange growers that, unless steps be soon taken to open up new markets, the question of overproduction will have to be faced, says the Los Angeles Times. The orange-growing business, young as it is in this section, is rapidly assuming the character of a staple industry, like that of wheat raising or raisin making, which latter branch of horticulture is just now struggling with the same problem. Reckoning the product of California this year at 7,000 carloads, or 2,000,000 boxes; Florida, 3,000,000 boxes; European and Mexican imports, 650,000 boxes; the total for consumption amounts to about 1,200,000,000 oranges, or say eighty-five to each family in the United States. This does not appear much, but it must be remembered that, within five years, an immense area of young orange orchards in southern California will be bearing, and many groves now bearing lightly will be bearing heavily, so that, unless some calamity should happen, it is not too much to expect that the crop of 1898-9 will be three times as large as this season, or say 20,000 carloads. Florida will also probably show some increase, although not in anything like the same ratio; so that, five years hence, it is fair to assume that the production of the United States will be sufficient to give each family in the country an orange daily during an orange season of six months.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Board Operators Compelled to Play Horse to Pass the Time.

MESSENGER BOYS SCRAMBLE FOR COIN

Officers Unable to Prevent the Fun of the Dealers—Wheat Opened Lower and Continued to Decline All Day.

CHICAGO, Ill., March 18.—The single bit of liveliness on the Board of Trade today was after 'change hours when the brokers, out of sheer desperation with the day's dullness, began scattering pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters to see the messenger boys scramble for the coin in the trading pits. About 500 youngsters participated and pandemonium reigned for about an hour, during which the officials of the board and police tried to stop the uproar, but in vain. As one of the mischief-makers said: "We made monkeys of the officials."

It was not until the pockets of the brokers had been emptied that silence reigned. The closing prices compared with last night are from ⅛c to ⅜c lower on May wheat and ⅛c lower for July. Corn is ⅛c down, and oats from ⅛c to ⅜c. Provisions show slight gains—7½c for pork and 10c for lard.

Wheat at the opening was about ⅛c lower and prices declined ⅛c more for May and ½c for July, then advanced ⅛c for May and ⅛c for July, opened weaker, again declining ⅛c for May and ⅛c for July, and the closing was within ⅛c of the bottom. As the contents of the elevator, which was made regular about two weeks ago in Minneapolis, will be included in this week's report, some little increase in the visible supply is expected.

The weather was mild and the action of the market indicated that there was rather more selling for July than May, operators being reluctant about trading in the latter future, and the difference between the May and July futures widening out again from 3c to 3⅛c. The corn market was a waiting one within narrow limits. The tone was one of uneasiness, due to a belief on the part of many that receipts from first hands are about to exhibit a material increase in the next week or ten days.

Oats averaged from ⅛c to ¼c lower and closed at about the inside. Much of the business consisted in changing from May to the distant months.

Hog products were stronger on light receipts and increased prices for live hogs at the yards and a few outside short stop orders coming in.

Estimated receipts for Monday: Wheat, 170 cars; corn, 115 cars; oats, 125 cars; hogs, 17,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

ARTICLES.	OPEN.	HIGH.	LOW.	CLOSE.	CLOSE.
Wheat No 2.					
March	74⅛	74⅜	74	74⅛	74⅜
May	77⅛@⅜	77⅜	76⅞@77	77⅛@¼	77⅛
July	74⅛	74⅜	73⅞@⅞	73⅞	74@⅛
Corn No. 2—					
March	41⅜	41½	41⅛	41¼	41⅜
May	43⅞	44	43⅞	43⅞	44⅛
July	44⅜	44⅜@½	44¼	44¼	44⅜@⅜
Oats No 2.—					
March	30⅛	30⅜	30⅛	30⅛	30⅜
May	32⅛@¼	32⅜	32⅛	32⅛	32⅜@⅜
June	32⅛	32⅛	32⅛@⅛	32⅛	32¼
Mess Pork.					
May	17 70	17 82½	17 62½	17 72½	17 65
Lard—					
May	12 30	12 30	12 25	12 25	12 25
July	11 40	11 45	11 37½	11 40	11 32½
Sept	11 37½	11 42½	11 35	11 37½	11 27½
Short Ribs.					
May	10 17½	10 20	10 15	10 17½	10 17½

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Quiet and about unchanged; 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, 73½@73¾c; No. 3 spring, northern, 70c; No. 2 red, 73¾@73⅞c.

CORN—Steady; No. 2, 41¼c; No. 3 cash, 39½c; No. 3 yellow, 41@41¼c.

OATS—No. 2, 31c; No. 2 white, f. o. b., 36½c; No. 3 white, 33@34c.

RYE—No. 2, 50c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 62c; No. 3, f. o. b., 44@60c; No. 4, f. o. b., 36@43c.

FLAX SEED—No. 1, $1.20.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $4.32.

PORK—Mess, per bbl., $17.52½@17.75. Lard, per 100 lbs., $12.10@12.15; short ribs sides (loose), $10.15@10.17½; 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, 5⅜@5¾c; granulated, 5¼c; standard "A," 5c.

The following were the receipts and shipments for today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	23,000	23,000
Wheat, bu	133,000	39,000
Corn, bu	74,000	74,000
Oats, bu	186,000	174,000
Rye, bu	2,000	1,000
Barley, bu	47,000	51,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was irregular; creamery, 20@28c; dairy, 20@26c. Eggs, easier at 15½@15½c.

Omaha Grain.

The following prices are for delivery at Mississippi river points:

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 70c bid; No. 3 spring, 56c bid; No. 2 hard, 61c bid.

OATS—No. 2 white, 33½c bid; No. 3 white, 32½c bid.

CORN—No. 2 cash, 38c bid; No. 2 April, 38c bid; No. 3 or better, 37½c bid; No. 3 or better, April, 38c bid; No. 2 white, 39½c bid; No. 3 or better white, 39½c bid.

Among the sales were: Thirty-five cars No. 3 or better corn, Toledo terms, March or April shipment, 38c.

Omaha Produce Market.

The week closed with the general market about steady although game was lower.

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—General market 14@14½c.

GAME—The receipts of ducks have been increasing rapidly and were not all cleaned up at the close of the market. Teal and mixed ducks, $1.75@2.00; red heads, $2.50@3.00; mallards, $3.00@3.50; small geese, $3.00@3.50; Canada geese, $5.00@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.

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

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.

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; turkeys, 14c.

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.

New York Markets.

NEW YORK, March 18.—FLOUR—Receipts, 34,777 pkgs.; exports, 5,082 bbls., 550 sacks; sales, 14,500 pkgs.; market firm and moderately active on jobbing accounts. Winter wheat, low grades, $2.10@2.55; winter wheat, fair to fancy, $2.55@3.65; winter wheat, patents, $3.85@4.25; Minnesota clear, $2.50@3.50; Minnesota straights, $3.60@4.00; Minnesota patents, $4.25@4.90.

CORN MEAL—Dull, steady; yellow western, $2.65@2.75.

RYE—Nominal; western, 60@64c.

BARLEY—Dull, firm; western, 60@80c.

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

WHEAT—Receipts, 22,457 bu.; exports, none; sales, 1,505,000 bu. futures, 5,000 bu. spot. Spot market dull, easier; No. 2 red, in store and elevator, 75c; afloat, 76½c; f. o. b., 75⅜@77c; No. 1 northern, 82½c; No. 1 hard, 86½c; No. 2 northern, 81¼c. Options declined ⅛@⅜c on selling by the west and northwest, also by Wall street, advanced ⅛c on covering, closing steady at ⅛@⅛c under yesterday, with speculation moderately active; No. 2 red, May, 76⅝@77 5-16c, closing at 77c; June, 77⅛@78c, closing at 77⅛c; July, 78 7-16@79c, closing at 78½c; August, 79⅛@79½c, closing at 79½c; September, 79¼@79⅝c, closing at 79½c.

CORN—Receipts, 36,300 bu.; exports, 17,830 bu.; sales, 100,000 bu. futures, 29,000 bu. spot. Spots dull, easier, closing steady; No. 2, 53c in elevator, 54½c afloat; ungraded mixed, 52@54½c; steamer mixed, 52½c; No. 3, 51½c. Options were dull and ⅛@⅛c lower, closing steady; May most active; April, 51⅛@51½c, closing at 51½c; May, 50⅜@50½c, closing at 50⅜; July, 50⅛c, closing, 50⅛c.

OATS—Receipts, 68,250 bu.; exports, 25,000 bu.; sales, 10,000 bu. futures, 79,000 bu. spot. Spots quiet, white higher. Options were dull and unchanged to ⅛c down: May, 37⅛c, closing at 37⅛c; spot No. 2 white, 44c; No. 2 Chicago, 40½c; No. 3, 38⅛c; No. 3 white, 43c; mixed western, 39@41c; white western, 42@48½c.

HAY—Firm, active; shipping, 70@75c; good to choice, 80@95c.

HOPS—Dull, easy; state, common to choice, 19@22c; Pacific coast, 19@22c.

HIDES—Firm, fairly active; wet salted New Orleans selected, 45 to 60 lbs., 4½@6c; Texas selected, 50 to 60 lbs., 5@7c; dry, 20 to 30 lbs., 13@13½c; Texas dry, 20 to 25 lbs., 7½@11c.

PROVISIONS—Cut meats, quiet, weak; pickled bellies, 10½@10¾c; pickled shoulders, 9@9½c; pickled hams, 13@13½c; middles, dull, steady; short clear, 10¾c. Lard, steadier; western steam closed at $12.25 bid; sales, none; option sales, none; March, $12.25 bid; May, $12.30; July, $11.60; September, $11.55 asked; October, $11 bid. Pork, steady; old, $18; new mess, $19.50; extra prime, nominal.

BUTTER—Quiet, steady; western dairy, 18@23c; western creamery, 22@22½c; western factory, 17@22½c; Elgins, 28½c.

CHEESE—Quiet, unchanged; part skims, 3@10c.

EGGS—Moderate demand, about steady; receipts, 7,335 pkgs.; western fresh, 17¾@18c; duck, 33@35c; goose, 60@75c.

TALLOW—Quiet, nominal; city ($2 for pkgs.) 5⅛c bid to 6c asked.

COTTON SEED OIL—Dull, nominal; crude, 45c bid; yellow, 55@56c.

PETROLEUM—Quiet, steady; crude in bbls., $5.55; crude in bulk, $3.05; Philadelphia, $5.25; in bulk, $2.75@2.80. No sales.

ROSIN—Steady; strained common to good, $1.40@1.45.

TURPENTINE—Dull, steady at 35½@36c.

RICE—Firm, fair demand; domestic closed at 4@6c.

MOLASSES—Foreign, nominal; New Orleans open kettle, good to choice, fairly active, 30@38c.

SUGAR—Firm; refining, 2⅞c; centrifugals, 96 test, 3⅝c.

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

COPPER—Quiet; lake, $11.70.

LEAD—Dull, steady; domestic, $4.00.

TIN—Quiet; straights, $21.10; plates, steady; spelter, dull; domestic, $4.32½.

Wool Market.

BOSTON, Mass., March 18.—The only exciting feature of the wool trade the past week has been the failures that have occurred in Philadelphia, involving as they do several of the leading Boston wool firms, which are creditors in various amounts, ranging, it is said, from $1,800 up to $50,000. There were various rumors afloat in regard to these failures, and what their direct cause was has not yet been determined fully. It was stated that the troubles of Stitt & Co. were due to influences outside of their legitimate business and that stock speculation and the collapse of the Reading railroad are the causes.

This is denied, and the reason given for the failure is legitimate losses running over a period of ten years, in which time it is stated that the Camden mills, of which the Philadelphia firm were the owners, and sellers have not made any money. If the wool market is not seriously affected there is a temporary unsettled feeling, as was noticed yesterday.

All such occurrences have a tendency to lessen confidence. At the same time it is believed the position of wool is such a good one that the disturbance, if felt at all here, can be but temporarily felt. The firms interested here are perfectly able to stand the loss and financially the wool trade of this city was never in better condition. But with the tight money market and increased insurance rates the losses sustained will largely counteract the benefits derived from the improved prices obtained here for wool since the beginning of the year. There is a steady tone to the market and prices have not changed during the past week. The trading has been quiet, but no more so than might have been expected in view of the large business done in January and February.

Many manufactories are not purchasing to any extent now, because their wants at present are supplied, but the condition of the woolen goods market is such that on the whole a more active demand for the raw material may soon be expected.

St. Louis Markets.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 18.—FLOUR—Steadier, unchanged.

WHEAT—Opened weak, lower, and closed ⅛@1c below yesterday; No. 2 red, cash, 64⅛c; March, 64⅛c, nominal; April, 65⅛c, nominal; May, 67⅛c bid.

CORN—Eased off with wheat, closing ⅛@⅛c down; No. 2 mixed, cash, 31c; May, 39⅛c.

OATS—Dull, lower; No. 2 cash, 31c bid; May, 32⅛c asked.

PROVISIONS—Quiet, firm. Pork, standard mess, old jobbing, $18.00@18.25; new, $18. Lard, $12.25, nominal. Dry salt meats, loose shoulders, $9; longs and ribs, $10.25; shorts, $10.50; boxed, 15c more. Bacon, packed shoulders, $10.50; longs and ribs, $11.12½; shorts, $11.50. Hams, sugar cured, 13½@14½c.

BUTTER—Dull, unchanged.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 4,000 bbls.; wheat, 22,000 bu.; corn, 110,000 bu.; oats, 41,000 bu.; rye, 2,000 bu.; barley, 11,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 4,000 bbls.; wheat 32,000 bu.; corn, 173,000 bu.; oats, 15,000 bu.; rye, 1,000 bu.; barley, none.

London Wool Market.

LONDON, March 18.—There have been few transactions in wool during the week. The inquiry has been unusual between sales dimensions. Any slacking in prices is not likely in view of the advance in prices of Australian wools at Antwerp on Thursday. It is probable that the next series of auction sales here, which begins April 5, will open with a substantial improvement in prices.

The imports during the week were: From New South Wales, 3,557 bales; from Queensland, 1,061 bales; from Victoria, 7,997 bales; from South Australia, 1,117 bales; from New Zealand, 6,007 bales; from the Cape of Good Hope and Natal, 4,451 bales; from Persia, 1,613 bales, and from various other places, 1,114 bales.

Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 18.—WHEAT—Higher; No. 2 hard, 62@63c.

CORN—Fair demand and firm; No. 2 mixed, 34c.

OATS—Slow and barely steady; No. 2 mixed, 28@28½c.

BUTTER—More firm; creamery, 25@28c; dairy, 17@20c.

EGGS—Barely steady; 13c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 27,000 bu.; corn, 17,000 bu.; oats, none.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 28,000 bu.; corn, 20,000 bu.; oats, none.

Milwaukee Markets.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 18.—WHEAT—Steady; No. 2 spring, 63½c.

CORN—Steady; No. 2, 41c.

OATS—Quiet; No. 2 white, 35c; No. 3, 33@34½c.

BARLEY—Unchanged at 63c.

RYE—55½c.

PROVISIONS—Firm.

PORK—May, $17.50.

Cotton Market.

NEW ORLEANS, La., March 18.—Steady; good middling, 9⅛c; middling, 8⅝c; low middling, 8⅛c; good ordinary, 8⅛c; net receipts, 4,563 bales; gross receipts, 5,043 bales; exports to great Britain, 2,244 bales; to France, 2,569 bales; to the continent, 866 bales; coastwise, 1,444 bales; sales, 3,100 bales; stock, 290,272 bales.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, March 18.—Options opened steady, unchanged to 10 points down; closed firm, 5@10 points advance; sales, 12,250 bags, including: March, $16.95; April, $16.60@16.65; May, $16.45; July, $16.25@16.30; September, $16.15@16.30; October, $16.10; December, $15.91. Spot Rio, dull, steady; No. 7, $17.62½.

Philadelphia Grain Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 18.—WHEAT—Steadier; No. 2 red, March, 73½@74c.

CORN—Options weak and lower; No. 2 mixed, March, 49½@49¾c.

OATS—Car lots, weak; futures, nominal; No. 2 white, March, 40¾@41½c.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, March 18.—The dry goods market at first hands was very quiet, though interest in goods for the fall trade increases. Staple ginghams were in good demand at the reduced prices and orders were fair for a few articles.

Cincinnati Markets.

CINCINNATI, O., March 18.—WHEAT—Steady; No. 2 red, 70c.

CORN—Dull; No. 2 mixed, 43c.

OATS—Firm; No. 2 mixed, 35c.

WHISKY—Firm at $1.17.

Baltimore Grain Market.

BALTIMORE, Md., March 18.—WHEAT—Steady; No. 2 red, spot and March, 73c.

CORN—Steady; mixed spot and March, 47½c.

OATS—Firm and steady; No. 2 white western, 41c.

Toledo Grain Market.

TOLEDO, O., March 18.—WHEAT—Easier; cash, 70c.

CORN—Dull, steady; cash, 43c.

OATS—Quiet; cash, 34½c.

Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, March 18.—WHEAT—Steady; demand poor; holders offer moderately.

CORN—Demand fair; mixed western, 4s 6⅛d, per cental.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Bulls in Securities Showed More Courage Yesterday than Usual.

NEW YORK, March 18.—The bulls in stocks showed more courage today than they have for some time past. At the opening they took hold of American Sugar and Northern Pacific preferred and in the first ten minutes of business established an advance in these stocks of from 1 to 1½ per cent. American Sugar was purchased freely by a leading operator connected with the pool, while the change for the better in Northern Pacific affairs was signalized by purchases of round amounts of the preferred stock for both the short and long account. The fact that the directors are to fund the floating debt by issuing collateral trust notes instead of selling its St. Paul & Northern Pacific, as at first contemplated, created quite a bullish feeling in that stock.

The upward tendency of the market was checked, however, by reports of exports of about $1,000,000 gold by Tuesday's European steamers. The reaction ranged from ¼ to ½ per cent, but the weakness was not of long duration. It was reported that the company was in financial difficulties and that a receivership was imminent. Officials of the company denied these statements emphatically. When the bank statement was published there was a decided change for the better, the gain in the bank reserves having been expected.

At the same time it was stated that the exports of gold on Tuesday next would amount to only $500,000 and that the shipment was based on an old order and had nothing to do with the present condition of the money or foreign exchange market. In the rise which followed, the industrials were most conspicuous. American Sugar selling up to 103; Distiller to 35¼; Cordage to 60 and Lead to 39¾. The grangers, coalers, Missouri Pacific, New England and Northern Pacific preferred were all prominent in the late rise. Among the specialties Pittsburg & Western preferred was conspicuous for an advance of 2½ per cent to 35½. The total sales of stocks were 165,738 shares. The market closed strong.

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

Atchison	[illegible]	do preferred	[illegible]
Adams Express	155	U. P., Den. & Gulf	14
Alton, T. H.	33	Northwestern	110⅞
do preferred	150	do preferred	140
American Express	117	N. Y. Central	104¾
Baltimore & Ohio	80⅝	N. Y. & N. E.	39¼
Canada Pacific	80⅝	Ontario & Western	17
Canada Southern	[illegible]	Oregon Imp.	18⅛
Central Pacific	26⅞	Oregon Nav.	74½
Ches. & Ohio	23⅜	O. S. L. & U. N.	18
Chicago Alton	141	Pacific Mail	20⅜
C. B. & Q.	93⅝	Peoria, Dec. & E.	14⅛
Chicago Gas	87⅜	Pittsburg	156
Consolidated Gas	121⅛	Pullman Palace	192
C. C. C. & St. L.	49	Reading	23⅛
Cotton Oil Cert.	48⅜	Richmond Terminal	9⅛
Del. Hudson	126⅛	do preferred	37
D. L. & W.	139⅞	Rio Grande W.	20
D. & R. G. pf'd.	57⅜	do preferred	60
D. & C. F. Co.	34⅛	Rock Island	82⅛
East Tenn.	4	St. Paul	76⅜
Erie	19⅜	do preferred	123⅛
do preferred	45	St. Paul & Omaha	50⅜
Fort Wayne	153	do preferred	116
Gt. Northern pf'd.	138	Southern Pacific	31⅜
C. & E. I. pf'd.	99	Sugar Refinery	102¾
Hocking Valley	27⅜	Tenn. Coal & Iron	25⅛
Illinois Central	98	Texas Pacific	8⅜
St. Paul & Duluth	46⅜	Tol. & O. Cen. pf'd.	78
Kan. & Tex. pf'd.	25⅜	Union Pacific	36⅜
Lake Erie & West	21⅜	U. S. Express	65
do preferred	75	W. St. L. & P.	10
Lake Shore	125⅞	do preferred	21⅜
Lead Trust	36⅜	Wells Fargo Exp.	140
Louis. & Nash.	74⅛	Western Union	94⅛
Louis. & New Alb'y.	22⅜	Wheeling & L. E.	17⅜
Manhattan Con.	150⅞	do preferred	52⅛
Memphis & Cha's'n	47	Minn. & St. L.	16¼
Michigan Central	102⅜	D. & R. G.	15⅞
Missouri Pacific	56⅜	General Electric	102
Mobile & Ohio	23⅞	National Linseed	35¼
Nashville Chatt.	85	C. Fuel & Iron	65⅛
National Cordage	59⅞	do preferred	105
do preferred	100⅜	Hous. & Tex. Cen.	7
N. J. Central	117⅛	Tol. A. A. & N. M.	37
Norfolk & W. pf'd.	33⅜		
North American Co.	9		

The total sales of stocks today were 165,700 shares, including: Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, 6,400; Chicago Gas, 4,000; Delaware, Lakawanna & Western, 6,100; Distilling, 8,400; Erie, 9,600; Missouri Pacific, 3,700; National Cordage, 3,600; New England, 11,800; Northern Pacific preferred, 12,900; Reading, 15,900; St. Paul, 5,900; Sugar, 31,500.

London Financial Review.

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LONDON, March 18.—[New York Herald Cable—Special to THE BEE.]—Business on the Stock exchange has been very quiet even for Saturday, while the attendance of members has been small owing to the annual Stock exchange steeple chase at Cobham. Funds are unchanged, but Indian sterling loans improved from ¼ to ½ per cent. Foreign government securities close comparatively steady, very few changes having taken place in prices. Home railways closed tolerably firm in spite of the few dealings but the bright weather has not been without effect. Southeastern deferred improved ⅜ per cent and Northeastern bonds leave off ⅛ per cent higher. Americans were tolerably firm on more reassuring advice from New York. Northern Pacific preferred advanced 2 per cent on a more favorable prospect in the financial condition of the company and most others are ¼ to ½ per cent better, but Erie issues were weak again and lower on revival of rumors regarding the floating debt of the company. Canadian lines were neglected and, while in good tone, show scarcely a change. Mexican ordinary preference improved ½ to ¾ per cent. Argentine lines were somewhat dull. Breweries were flat. Guinness' have fallen 2 per cent. There was a fair demand for money. Short loans were charged 2½ per cent, but at the close were obtained at 1½ per cent. The discount market was quiet; two and three months bills were quoted at 1⅜ per cent.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, March 18.—MONEY ON CALL—Easy at 2@3 per cent; last loan, 3 per cent; closed offered at 3 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—6@7 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Strong, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.85@4.85¼ for sixty-day bills and $4.86¾@4.87 for demand.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Steady. State bonds neglected.

The closing quotations on bonds:

U. S. 4s reg.	[illegible]	St. Paul Con.	126½
U. S. 4s coup.	112½	St. P. C. & P. lsts.	118⅛
U. S. 4½s reg.	99½	T. P. L. G. Tr. Rcts.	77⅛
Pacific 6s of '95	105	T. P. R. G. Tr. Rcts.	25
Louisiana st'ped 4s	94⅛	Union Pacific lsts.	107
Missouri 6s	101	West Shore	101⅛
Tenn. new set 6s	101	R. G. W. lsts.	74⅛
Tenn. new set 5s	101	Atch. 4s	82⅛
Tenn. new set 3s	75½	Atch. 2½s, class A	53⅛
Canada So. 2ds	101	G. H. & S. A. 6s	101
Cen. Pacific lsts.	107	do 2d 5s	103
D. & R. G. lsts.	120	H. & T. C. 5s	105½
D. & R. G. 4s	86⅛	H. & T. C. Con. 6s	105
Erie 2nds	96	N. Carolina 6s	123½
M. K. & T. Gen. 6s	81⅛	N. Carolina 4s	98
M. K. & T. Gen. 5s	45	S. C. Brown con.	97
Mutual Union 6s	109	Tenn. old 6s	62
N. J. C. Int. Cert.	110⅛	Virginia 6s	50
N. Pac. lsts.	116⅛	do ex. mat coup.	37
N. Pac. 2ds	113	Va. Consols	37
N. W. Consols	135		
N. W. Deben. 5s	104		

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Mass., March 18.—Call loans, 6@7 per cent; time loans, 6@6½ per cent. The following are the closing quotations on stocks, bonds and mining shares:

Atchison & Topeka	32⅛	West End pf'd.	88
American Sugar	102⅞	Westingh. Elec.	34
Am. Sugar pf'd.	97⅛	Westing. Elec. pf'd.	48
Bay State Gas	15⅛	Wis. Cent'l	11⅛
Bell Telephone	198	Atchison 2ds	51
Boston & Albany	219	Atchison 4s	81
Boston & Maine	173⅛	New England 6s	110
Boston & Maine pf'd	145	General Elec. 5s	96
C. B. & Q.	93⅛	Wis. Central ls.	87
Fitchburg	90⅛	Allouez M. C.	65
Gen. Electric	101⅜	Atlantic	10⅛
Ill. Steel	65	Boston & Mont.	31⅛
Mex. Central	9⅛	Butte & Boston	10⅛
N. Y. & N. Eng.	38⅛	Calumet & Hecla	312
Old Colony	198	Centennial	8⅛
Ore. Short Line	18	Franklin	13
Rubber	42	Kearsarge	9⅛
San Diego	15	*Osceola	35
Union Pacific	36⅜	Quincy	132
West End	17⅜	Tamarack	169

*bid

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 18.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta	15	Mexican	145
Bulwer	15	Navajo	5
Belcher	85	Ophir	175
Best & Belcher	140	Potosi	145
Bodie Consolidated	25	Savage	50
Chollar	55	Sierra Nevada	90
Con. Cala. & Va.	235	Union Con.	80
Crown Point	30	Utah	10
Gould & Curry	65	Yellow Jacket	30
Hale & Norcross	90	Com.	5

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, March 18.—The following are the closing mining quotations:

Crown Point	20	Plymouth	10
Con. Cal. & Va.	220	Sierra Nevada	80
Deadwood	130	Standard	130
Gould & Curry	5	Yellow Jacket	25
Hale & Norcross	85	Iron Silver	35
Homestake	1200	Quick Silver	150
Mexican	135	do preferred	1000
Ontario	1500	Bulwer	15
Ophir	170		

St. Louis Mining Quotations.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 18.—The closing quotations were as follows:

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
Adams	$.85	$1.00	Granite M.	$5.80	$5.95
Am. Nettie	.31¼	.33	Hope	3.25	4.00
Bimetallic	7.25		Sm. Hopes	.85	.95
Elizabeth	.51¼	.55			

Financial Notes.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 18.—Clearings, $1,599,494.

NEW ORLEANS, La., March 18.—Clearings, $1,931,863.

PARIS, March 18.—Three per cent rentes, 96f 60c for the account.

BALTIMORE, Md., March 18.—Clearings, $2,290,051; balances, $377,505. Money, 6 per cent.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 18.—New York exchange selling at $1.50 per $1,000. Clearings, $373,030; balances, $112,446.

BERLIN, March 18.—The statement of the Imperial Bank of Germany shows an increase in specie of 8,960,000 marks.

NEW YORK, March 18.—Clearings, $142,387,164; balances, $7,130,300. For the week: Clearings, $790,750,454; balances, $34,949,143.

NEW YORK, March 18.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Exchange was quoted as follows: Chicago, 25c premium; Boston, par to 10c premium.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 18.—Clearings, $10,927,968; balances, $1,393,009. Money, 5 per cent. For the week: Clearings, $67,923,147; balances, $9,867,055.

CINCINNATI, O., March 18.—Clearings, $2,391,150; week, $14,006,600; week last year, $13,281,150. Money, 6@7 per cent. New York exchange, 25c discount to 25c premium.

BOSTON, Mass., March 18.—Clearings, $14,467,395; balances, $1,537,188. Money, 4½@5 per cent. Exchange on New York, par to 10c premium. For the week: Clearings, $95,287,247; balances, $9,968,458.

CHICAGO, Ill., March 18.—Clearings, $15,018,790; for the week, $100,901,211, against $94,579,178 for the same time last year. New York exchange, 20c premium. Sterling exchange firm: sixty-day bills, $4.85; demand $4.87. Money quiet at 6 per cent.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 18.—Clearings, $3,676,798; balances, $420,732. For the week: $24,568,989; balances, $2,587,520; for the corresponding week last year, $21,934,641; balances, $2,536,035; for last week, $26,042,743; balances, $2,612,399. Money quiet at 6@7 per cent. Exchange on New York, 90c discount.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Compared with a Year Ago the Week is an Improvement.

SATURDAY, March 18.

Compared with the previous week receipts for the past six days show no material change. Compared with a year ago there is the usual increase in supplies of both cattle and sheep and falling off in the receipts of hogs. The official figures are as follows:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Receipts this week	14,255	18,735	8,314
Receipts last week	14,907	15,749	7,915
Same week last year	13,015	28,823	4,246

The cattle market has been devoid of new features this week, and although there was a 10c to 15c drop on Monday and Tuesday, there has been a gradual improvement in the trade since then. The close of the week finds prices for both beef steers and cows about where they were at the close of the previous week. Of late receipts have included a rather larger than usual percentage of heavy cattle, and with stationary or weaker markets east there has been a tendency on the part of the shippers to buy cautiously, that is, lower, or let them alone. On the other hand the dressed beef men appear to want as many of the handy light and medium killing grades as usual, notwithstanding the usual dullness during the Lenten season. Dealers generally are looking for the trade to pick up in a week or so, and the fact that prices have held up as well as they have is looked upon as a favorable sign. The cow market has also been in very good shape as far as the decent grades were concerned, but common and inferior grades and rough stock of all kinds has been a drug on the market at prices from 25c to 50c lower than ten days ago.

Receipts today were very fair for a Saturday and considerably heavier than a week ago. There was a liberal sprinkling of good heavy cattle on sale and also a good many light and unfinished steers. Dressed beef buyers all wanted some cattle, and were generally willing to pay about steady prices for them. Shippers also bought quite freely, but on account of the liberal offerings and the unfavorable condition of eastern markets prices were generally a shade lower on their purchases. The trade was not particularly active, but as there was a disposition among dealers to trade the cattle kept moving and in the end the supply was practically exhausted.

Cow stuff changed hands freely at generally stronger prices. Comparatively a small portion of the offerings come under this head and with a good general demand it did not take long for the receipts to change hands. Even the medium and common cows that have been selling so badly all week showed some improvement and the same was true as to bulls and rough stock generally. Veal calves continue in active demand at good, strong prices.

There was not much doing in the stocker and feeder line. As has been the case all week, regular dealers have done the bulk of the business. As the receipts have been somewhat limited, prices have gradually improved and suitable grades are selling fully as high as at any time lately and more good ones would sell to advantage. Plenty of sales have been made to the country at $4 and over and it is very inferior stuff which has to sell at $3.

Representative sales:

DRESSED BEEF.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
16	825	$3 75	19	1130	$4 15
2	940	3 75	20	1190	4 20
10	1082	3 75	12	1036	4 20
4	855	3 80	19	1121	4 20
53	769	3 80	20	1101	4 20
1	920	3 80	3	1067	4 25
18	972	3 90	9	1085	4 25
24	957	4 00	16	1258	4 25
7	1094	4 00	20	1085	4 25
2	1010	4 00	18	1183	4 25
2	1170	4 00	18	1127	4 25
3	1166	4 05	18	1144	4 30
6	1060	4 10	24	1117	4 30
2	985	4 10	62	1269	4 30
46	1162	4 10	20	1185	4 30
1	1260	4 10	15	1184	4 35
42	1076	4 10	22	1232	4 35
20	1295	4 15	20	1163	4 35
13	956	4 15	20	1170	4 35
19	1074	4 15	46	1215	4 40
1	1140	4 15	9	1260	4 40
30	830	4 15	18	1214	4 50
18	1023	4 15	82	1187	4 50
18	1103	4 15	26	1249	4 50
3	1140	4 15	22	1214	4 50
25	1127	4 15	2	1400	4 70

SHIPPING AND EXPORT.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	1450	4 00	20	1401	4 70
1	1190	4 00	11	1342	4 70
18	1367	4 50	20	1410	4 75
19	1303	4 50	5	1510	4 75
1	1250	4 50	1	1760	4 85
12	1261	4 50	17	1384	4 87½
20	1293	4 55	24	1421	4 87½
24	1330	4 55	19	1530	4 90
20	1293	4 55	36	1606	4 90
10	1389	4 70	2	1715	5 00

MIXED.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
7	1121	3 85	15	1093	4 15
15	972	4 00			

COWS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	930	1 75	1	1070	3 00
4	865	2 00	27	905	3 05
1	870	2 00	1	1320	3 10
1	815	2 00	20	878	3 10
5	924	2 00	16	1105	3 15
2	690	2 25	1	1060	3 25
2	1025	2 25	9	1072	3 25
20	887	2 35	20	988	3 35
8	837	2 35	10	990	3 40
14	752	2 35	1	1380	3 40
9	984	2 40	17	1104	3 45
2	1060	2 45	1	1100	3 50
3	976	2 50	1	1000	3 50
1	1140	2 50	1	1030	3 50
5	928	2 65	1	1280	3 50
1	900	2 75	14	983	3 60
4	997	2 75	1	1180	3 60
1	920	2 75	21	1000	3 70
1	1118	2 80	4	997	3 75
2	835	3 00	19	1120	3 80
1	1140	3 00	1	1130	3 85

COWS AND HEIFERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.
17	1182	4 30

HEIFERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
24	440	3 20	1	1050	3 75
24	794	3 60	1	1140	3 80
27	684	3 60			

CALVES.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	140	4 00	1	170	5 50
1	90	4 50	1	130	6 75
1	100	5 00	1	190	6 00
1	110	5 50			

BULLS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
13	1266	2 25	1	1020	3 00
2	1170	2 25	1	1790	3 00
1	1300	2 35	1	1920	3 00
1	1610	2 50	1	1480	3 00
2	900	2 50	2	1620	3 00
1	1130	2 50	1	1670	3 00
1	1810	2 65	1	1960	3 15
1	1700	2 65	1	1540	3 15
1	1620	2 75	2	1545	3 15
1	1540	2 75	1	2080	3 25
3	1356	2 75	1	2050	3 35
1	1420	2 75	1	1610	3 40
1	1500	2 75	1	1620	3 50
1	1660	2 90			

STAGS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	1600	3 25	5	1588	3 75

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	580	2 75	36	521	3 30
3	596	2 90	2	415	3 35
59	737	3 15	32	700	3 40
1	770	3 25			

HOGS—Hog values continue on the down grade. Prices have dropped fully 25c since last Saturday, and are about $1 lower than the high time a month ago. The feeling is very uncertain but generally bearish, and no one is satisfied with the condition of affairs at present existing. Farmers think prices ought to go higher on account of the present and prospective small receipts, while packers claim the falling off in the consumptive demand nearly makes up for the short supplies, and not so many hogs are needed as usual. On the other hand, Michael Cudahy next to Armour, the biggest packer in the country, takes a middle or compromise view of the situation. In a recent interview he said:

"I would a great deal rather pack hogs at 4c than 7c, but I don't see where we are going to get them. My theory is that the packing for the season from March 1 to November 1 will be about 1,000,000 short of last year. I don't know but that the shortage will be larger. It will be that, I think, at any rate. Of course the receipts will increase as we approach fall. Stocks of provisions are going to be very light. They are decreasing now. The south is going to put in a great deal of cotton, and whenever they plant a big area of cotton they must have a good deal of pork. It is a dear article, but there will be a large demand for it. The World's fair, with its enormous increase in travel, will, I believe, increase the demand for hams. We are paying about 7⅛ cents for hogs now. I do not expect to buy them any cheaper than 7 cents. I have an idea that the hog situation will not be normal until about next Christmas."

The receipts today were the heaviest of the week and the quality fully up to if not a trifle above the recent average. Chicago was reported firm and with an active shipping demand the good medium weight and heavy hogs sold at steady to strong prices from $7.30 up to $7.45. As the receipts were liberal and the local requirements none too pressing, prices ruled weak to 5c lower than Friday on the light and mixed grades, with sows of poor to good stuff at from $7.15 to $7.30. After urgent orders had been filled the market weakened and closed fully 5c lower on all grades. Sales were largely as on Friday at from $7.25 to $7.35, as against $7.50 to $7.60 last Saturday. Representative sales:

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
81	198	40	$7 15	54	251	120	$7 30
10	217	—	7 15	69	280	120	7 30
66	206	240	7 15	69	260	160	7 30
7	197	—	7 20	62	252	120	7 30
67	217	80	7 20	87	217	120	7 30
63	215	160	7 20	65	244	40	7 30
4	205	—	7 20	67	258	40	7 30
79	236	80	7 20	74	239	120	7 30
41	215	—	7 20	*73	215	—	7 30
85	196	—	7 20	72	266	280	7 30
87	212	160	7 22½	65	239	—	7 30
71	221	120	7 25	72	207	40	7 30
72	250	240	7 25	72	237	40	7 30
90	220	80	7 25	60	266	80	7 30
66	234	—	7 25	86	266	80	7 30
83	225	80	7 25	69	248	120	7 30
67	258	200	7 25	62	238	160	7 32½
55	234	—	7 25	72	237	—	7 35
56	263	120	7 25	72	280	80	7 35
55	283	80	7 25	62	268	80	7 35
59	261	40	7 25	60	240	—	7 35
58	247	—	7 25	78	260	40	7 35
40	250	80	7 25	63	274	120	7 35
74	216	—	7 25	70	274	120	7 35
59	259	80	7 25	69	238	—	7 35
79	254	200	7 25	59	235	80	7 35
61	238	—	7 25	62	237	—	7 37½
69	228	—	7 25	69	266	—	7 40
57	256	80	7 25	54	272	—	7 40
21	230	—	7 25	67	264	80	7 40
71	237	120	7 25	39	353	40	7 40
73	245	80	7 25	60	260	80	7 40
75	226	40	7 27½	59	307	—	7 45
73	210	—	7 30				

PIGS AND ROUGH.

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
1	570	—	5 00	4	135	40	7 00
92	141	200	6 00				

SHEEP—As usual there was a good supply on sale. There was no change in the market and local houses were willing to take everything offered at fully steady prices. Sellers generally wanted an advance and receipts changed hands slowly. Quotations: Fair to good natives, $3.75@5.10; 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.
171	western ewes	112	$4 50
216	western wethers	112	5 00
637	western wethers	112	5 00
118	native wethers	96	5 10

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 18, 1893:

RECEIPTS.

CATTLE.		HOGS.		SHEEP.		HORSES & MLS.	
Cars.	Head.	Cars.	Head.	Cars.	Head.	Cars.	Head.
107	2,335	69	4,797	15	2,354	1	1

DISPOSITION.

BUYERS.	CATTLE.	HOGS.	SHEEP.
Omaha Packing Co.	22	146	
The G. H. Hammond Co.	254	354	118
Swift & Co.	551	881	1,392
The Cudahy Packing Co.	904	2,097	214
J. P. Squires & Co.		956	
Sperry & B.		221	
A. Haas	218		
R. Becker & Degen	69		
Vansant & Carey	172		
Shippers and feeders	545	68	
Left over		299	
Total	2,734	4,722	2,238

Chicago Live Stock Market.

CHICAGO, Ill., March 18.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—There was a nominally unchanged market for cattle. The offerings were limited to about 300 head and consisted for the most part of such kinds as usually go to local butchers and canners. They were taken on a basis of former quotations, the extreme range of values being from $1.50 to $6.15.

The hog market was firmer and generally higher. Heavy weights did not sell materially higher, but good light and medium sorts were wanted at an advance of 5c. Sales were at from $7 to $7.50 for poor to choice 140 to 190 lbs., at from $7.35 to $7.75 for mixed and medium, and at from $7.50 to $7.85 for averages of over 250 lbs. The quality averaged pretty good and from $7.40 to $7.70 were the prevailing prices.

The market for sheep and lambs was quiet and apparently steady. The former were quoted at from $4 to $5.50 and the latter at from $4.50 to $6.25.

Receipts: Cattle, 300 head; hogs, 5,000 head; sheep, 1,500 head.

Kansas City Live Stock Market.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 18.—CATTLE—Receipts, 3,500 head; shipments, 1,300 head; market slow; steers and cows steady to 10c lower; feeders and Texans weak. Representative sales: Dressed beef and shipping steers, $3.90@5.25; cows and heifers, $1.65@4.35; stockers and feeders, $3.35@4.22½.

HOGS—Receipts, 4,100 head; shipments, 1,100 head; market was active and 5@10c higher; all grades, $4.50@7.45; bulk, $7.20@7.35.

SHEEP—Receipts, 1,800 head; shipments, 100 head; the market was nominally steady.

St. Louis Live Stock Market.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 18.—CATTLE—Receipts, 600 head; shipments, 600 head; market steady; fed Texas steers, $3.00@4.00; fair to good natives, $3.20@4.60; common to fair Texans, $2.00@3.10.

HOGS—Receipts, 1,100 head; shipments, 1,800 head; market strong; heavy, $7.10@7.60; mixed, $6.90@7.40; light, $7.00@7.35.

SHEEP—No market.

FACTORY FACTS.

Talks with the Men Who Make the Wheels Go 'Round.

The Noble Diphtheria Remedy company of Blair is an applicant for a membership in the Manufacturers association.

The Creamery Package company, George Wolz and Mark & Mooney of Fremont, have announced that they will make exhibits at the coming exposition.

The Haller Proprietary company of Blair has applied for membership in the Manufacturers association. They are turning out a line of patent medicines and have five men on the road.

The Board of Public Works has promised to do all that it can to have the street leading to the Coliseum paved before the opening of the manufacturers' exposition. It is expected that there will be a large attendance of people from outside of the city and the manufacturers are anxious that the street shall be put in better shape for the credit of the city.

Vice President L. L. E. Stewart of the Manufacturers association was up from Lincoln on Friday. He reports that about twenty-five manufacturers from that city will make exhibits at the coming state exposition to be held in Omaha the last of May. Last year the manufacturers of the state were a little in doubt as to whether it would do them enough good to pay for the expense of making an exhibit of their goods. Mr. Stewart says that it will be no trouble to get plenty of exhibitors this season, but that it will only be a question as to whether the Coliseum building will accommodate all those who want to make exhibits.

CRETE, Neb., March 15.—To the Editor of THE BEE: I was pleased to note in THE BEE the other day a letter from a prominent citizen of Nebraska criticizing an Omaha jobbing house for making such a great ado about shipping into the state a train load of Minneapolis flour. Is it not a little peculiar that a jobbing house which sends its traveling men out through the state asking retail merchants to patronize them because they are a Nebraska house should buy their flour outside the state? That to, in the face of the fact that as good flour is made in Nebraska as can be bought in any other state. How would the Omaha jobbing house like it if the retail dealers out through the state were to buy their groceries in car lots in Kansas City and St. Joseph and assert that there was no house in the state good enough to supply their wants? The manufacturers started the home patronage movement for the purpose of building up the manufacturing industries of the state. The jobbers saw that the move was popular and they commenced to argue that jobbing houses located in Nebraska should be given the preference over outside houses. A good many retail dealers have accepted the argument as good, but there is very little encouragement for them to try to build up a jobbing house that slaps Nebraska in the face and boasts of its lack of patriotism. Yours,
E. F. STEPHENS.

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