Business in a Jobbing Way Continues Very Fair in Omaha.

COUNTRY MERCHANTS VERY HOPEFUL

Disturbances in Rallroad Freight Rates Have a Tendency to Casettle Business Conditions-Omaha Continues to Lead Most Other Cities in Bank Clearings.

Business circles are not a little disturbed by the reduction in freight rates of the past week and very little else has been thought about, or talked about, by the heavy receivers and shippers of goods. A war in freight rates is one of the most unpleasant things that a business man is called upon to face, and nothing can be more demoralizing to trade. No one can ever tell to what extent the cut will be carried or how long the reduced rates will be in force. This leaves the business man all at sea. If he orders goods shipped today he is afraid that there will be a still further drop tomorrow and that his competitor, getting the advantage of a lower rate, will be enabled to undersell him. On the other hand he is afraid to delay for fear that rates will be restored and that he will be unable to get his goods as cheaply as others in the same li As a business man remarked "It keeps us guessing what to do."

This is not the only trouble experienced

by business men from a cut in rates. The reduction of rates brings about a radical change in the trade territory that can be reached from the different distributing points. Hence the jobbers of one city invade the territory of another while the lob-bers of the territory invaded are striving in every way to protect and hold their cus-tomers. All this adds to the confusion and demoralization of trade, and no jobber can breathe easy while a war in freight rates is in progress in or near his territory.

Thus far the jobbers of Omaha have not suffered a direct loss of trade, to any ex-tent at least. It can be easily seen, howthat the application of the cut in rates ever, that the application of the cut in rates to local points in the state would give the eastern jobbers a big advantage over the local jobbers. A jobber could ship, say from Chicago, to a local point in Nebraska and receive the cut in rates on the whole dis-An Omaha jobber who had received his goods from the east under the old rates would receive the benefit of the cut only from Omaha west to the local point.

In certain lines of business the cut in rates will be of some material benefit, as it will enable buyers here to lay in stocks from the east at a less cost. Coal men are eager to take advantage of the low rates if stocks are to be had at the points of supply and some lumber is being bought on the strength of reduced rates. In some lines of hardware prices have declined here as a result of the drop in freight rates, while the eastern manufacturers have been ad-

CONDITION OF TRADE.

Aside from the question of freight rates there has not been much of general impor-tance in the jobbing line. Trade continues fair in all lines for the season of the year and quite active in some. Jobbers as a general thing express themselves as very we pleased with the way trade is holding up.

The outlook in the country is very en-couraging, as crops of all kinds are doing well and there is an abundance of moisture. Thus far there is every promise that this will be a most prosperous year in Nebraska. and it is due largely to this fact that trade is holding up so well. Country merchants are very cheerful and confident of the future

BANK CLEARINGS.

The clearings of the Omaha national banks fell off 20 per cent compared with the cor-responding week of a year ago. While this was larger than some cities reported it was ess than the average decrease for the whole United States, which was 34 per cent. St Paul, with a decrease of 16 per cent, is the only city in this section if the country making a better showing than Omaha. Denver suffered a decrease of 44 per cent, Minneapolis 25 per cent, St. Joseph 33 per cent, The following will show the clearings for

each day of the past week at Omaha:

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Total												\$5	027.0	87

SNOW, CHURCH & CO'S. VIEWS.

Demoralized Freight Rates Reflect Seriously on Western Business Albert Hudrian, superintendent for Snow

Church & Co., mercantile agency, writes: "While business in general shows some improvement for the past week, the increase is slight and rather unsatisfactory. This is no doubt owing to the disturbed condition of the country.

"Property owners are expending some money in improving their holdings, an indication of growing confidence in the gradual improvement of conditions. There is little building, however, and dealers in building material are having a light trade. The country is in first class condition, and the rain during the week has only made things better. Hardware dealers report a lively trade in shelf goods, but little doing builders' hardware. Grocers are having a good business, principally in staples, with a light demand for fancy goods. In dry goods, boots and shoes, business continues tair. Collections continue light both in amount and number.

Business men are much disturbed over the cut in freight rates, and unless the railroads settle their differences soon the re-duced rates will produce a serious loss to jobbers in heavy lines. Should the fight continue for any length of time jobbers will, of course, be compelled to reduce prices to conform to the new tariff. It will be readily seen that this would prove quite a loss to merchants who now have on hand a large stock on which they paid the high rates prevailing before the cut. The cutting of freight rates will bring about a demoralization of prices if kept up for any considerable Merchants and railroad men are ware of this, and every effort will no doubt be made to adjust matters. This break has no connection with the general dis-turbed condition of affairs, but is a matter of rather long standing. For some time there has been bad blood and charges and counter charges of faithlessness have been freely circulated. This condition of affairs has been in existence for a period of almost two years. During the closing smoths of 1893 a determined effort was made toward a reconstruction of rates on a fair basis, and an earnest desire prevailed to bring about a feeling of more confidence among traffic men connected with the gran

ger roads. vened with Mr. Bird, a man well known for his ability and general knowledge of trafmatters, as chairman. This committee did good work, with very encouraging re-sults, until the bad break in grain rates soon after the first of the year. To quiet this trouble some sort of tonnage or money pool was determined upon, with a percentage division agreement, the details of is impossible to learn. It is claimed, how-ever, by persons who should be well in-formed, that the fight was started by systematic under movements of rate breaking by one of the roads centering in this city, ther well known road following in the

wake, until some companies were as much as \$50,000 ahead of the pool. "Certain shippers have become experienced in the matter of testing the market, playing one road against the other to the demoral-ization of rates in all directions. The time has come when experienced shippers, who have learned to appreciate the fallacy. of these methods and the danger of breaking down freight rates to the disturbance of general commerce, are anxious to bring about a firmly established basis of transportation charges. The Board of Trade of Den-ver has gone so far as to demand a prompt restoration of rates, even suggesting some method of equalizing earnings, and threat-

CONDITION OF OMAHA'S TRADE in their city, withholding their business from and discountenancing any attempt of from and discountenancing any attempt on the part of any railway company to disturb existing tariff schedules. This is a move in the right direction, and commercial cir-cles everywhere would do well to turn their attention in this direction, as there is no other element that will more quickly de-moralize prices than the cutting and slashing of freight rates now going on. In try-ing to secure better rates care should be exercised in avoiding the common tendency to destroy a settled condition of values. While making a legitimate effort to secure reasonable freight rates from ratiroads, which are too often inclined to take advantage of the control which they exercise in this care should be taken to secure re-d rates without bringing about a feeling of antagonism, which only results in a general cut and the final restoration of the original rates. The interests of railroads and merchants are common on this point. In a country so vast as this one, where the carrier charges materially affect the prices on all goods, a settled basis of charges means a firm condition of prices. It is fair to the roads that they should operate under

a reasonable profit, and just to the merchant that he should not be taxed any higher than consistent with a reasonable margin. he sooner shippers and railroad men get together and in harmony in these matters the better it will be for all concerned. The condition of rates from the seaboard, Chicago, St. Louis and other great supply centers is indeed today a matter of special concern to all Missour river tradesmen, and they should co-operate with the railroads to secure a return to normal conditions at the peril of suffering heavy loss. As a case in point it is only neces-sary to consider the loss of a lumber man stocked up on a 35 cent rate when the rate slumps to 13½ cents over night. It is to be hoped that some settlement of this question will be brought about at an early date. In reviewing these matters it is gratifying to know that while business in the west is not all that it should be, affairs here are, as a matter of fact, in much better condition than they are in the east. The conditions are favorable and there is every prospect of a plentiful harvest. Farmers are busy country merchants are encouraged and Job-bers feel that with the assurance of an abundance of corn Nebraska in general, and Omaha in particular, will undoubtedly expe-

rience an era of prosperity this fall.
"We are far distant from the labor troubles, manufacturing at this point is not directly affected by tariff legislation, and local influences operate more directly on the condition of trade than in the great eastern centers. While this is true, of course it is only so in a measure. The stagnation of affairs in the east naturally affects the market, and we are ultimately the sufferrers in the way of price on produce. There seems little hope at this time that the Wilson bill will be decided very soon, and, indeed, it is asserted by some that it is the object of the present congress to let the matter drag until adjournment, thus shift-ing the responsibility on to the next con-gress. It is difficult to state at this time what will be the ultimate outcome, but there is certainly some satisfaction in the knowledge that business at Omaha and i. Ne-braska is very much better than elsewhere, and shows a decided tendency to improve.

AS DUN SEES IT.

Trade for the Last Week Fairly Satisfactory -The General Outlook.

Mr. W. H. Roberson, manager of R. G. Dun & Co.'s mercantile agency, speaking of local trade for the week, says:

"Omaha's jobbing trade continues good in nearly every staple line. Possibly hard-ware trade is a trifle off and liquors are dull, but groceries, dry goods, boots and shoes and drugs have had a good week Purchases are small and the agregate is not so large as a year ago, but compared with six months ago is very satisfactory. During the spring at least 350 new names have been entered on the ledgers of our obbing houses. They are those of merchants who have been accustomed to replete their stocks at other jobbing centers in the past. Owing to the extra effort of our trade to induce new buyers to come our trade to induce new buyers to come here and to the general disposition of coun-try merchants to buy lightly and conse-quently near at home this market has opened commercial relations with a prom-ising line of new traders. When this cruel pinch is over and the normal demands of the country are restored the volume of sales will be very largely increased from this source.
"In retail circles this has been a fair week, though trade was not all that the more

though trade was not all that the more sanguine may have expected or desired. The presence in our midst of the representative body of the Ancient Order of Hibernians brought a large number of visitors, and on this account retail sales were stimulated. However, if the Hibernians had not been here the week would have been dull. "Speaking of the national convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians brings to mind the fact that neither the Board of Trade nor Commercial club seemed to appreciate the situation. There were nearly 400 representative Irish-Americans in our midst for nearly a week. A glance at the convention in session would convince the most skeptical that they were men far above the average in session would convince the most skeptical that they were men far above the average in intelligence. Many were gentlemen of considerable distinction, nearly all in comfortable circumstances, financially, and several of them independently rich. It seems unfortunate therefore that the bodies mentioned took no especial pains to inform the visitors definitely as to Omaha's present and future as a place for business, residence or investment. The gue is were handsomely entertained by their immediate friends and courteously treated by all citizens, but they carry no souvenirs away with them courteously treated by all citizens, but they carry no souvenirs away with them in the shape of handsomely printed pamphlets illustrative of Omaha's resources and future prospects. Nevertheless they saw the city and her suburbs in full dress and were pleased. The mental photographs of Omaha which they have carried away may be of value to the city, and if the information burean of the Commercial club will show the late visitors the courtesy of mailing each one a copy of the new Souvenir of Omaha at his home the oversight which did not provide them with something similar when here will be corrected.

'Friends of the canal enterprise say the future of this great undertaking now rests upon the shoulders of one strong man whose early return to Omaha is awaited with

upon the shoulders of one strong man whose early return to Omaha is awaited with more than passing anxiety. The citizens have their gharanty of \$150,000 pledged and are ready to press the question of voting the bonds.

"Business men have very generally concluded that 'hard times' will continue some months longer. No legislative relief is possible the way congress moves before about July 1. The continuous flow homeward of foreign capital because investors are afraid of investments in this and other countries means continued exports of gold to cancel foreign obligations. The demand for American products is limited and the exchanges are almost certain to show a balance of foreign obligations. The demand for American products is limited and the exchanges are almost certain to show a balance of trade against the United States. Meanwhile home industries are paralyzed by strikes and dull trade. The unemployed labor is not a large consumer, and the home market for home products is reduced. Nothing will completely restore commercial prosperity until the financial policy of the government is settled, c ngrees adjourns, the labor troubles are adjusted and the timorous investors at home and abroad recover from their nervous prostration and extreme uneasiness. Money has never before been so low and yet it is a drug on the market. Energy and enterprise walt for confidence and business pluck. Business men can see only a short distance ahead, and few of them are willing now to walk by faith or to venture into new and untried fields of action. Meanwhile our surplus farm products pile up and our factories are idle. But this country is not prostrated, and six months is a long time in America.

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"The national banks published their statements the past week, showing their condition at the close of business May 4. With a single exception they show no material change. The Omaha returns to first place with a very marked increase in deposits and cash. Nearly all show a slight falling off in loans and discounts. The statements are interesting by comparison only, because they show that business still remains in what the society editor calls the doldrums. Bankers all complain that they have more money than they need and no calls for good loans. The experiences of the year have taught business men a lesson in the matter of borrowing money at banks which they do not early forget."

New York Dry Goods Market.

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NEW YORK, May 12.—In the early merning hours there was a moderate demand with the jobbers, while the wire and mail orders took a fair quantity of purely seasonable stuff of agents. The business was small. With the latter good salest wore reported, though almost wholly through deliveries on back orders. Weslen goods were in light request. Printing claths dull at 21:156 for contract. Sales at Fall River and Providence for the week, 128,000 pieces. Stock on hand, 712,000 pieces.

Holiday in Liverpool Markets. LIVERPOOL. May 12.—Holiday in the grain and provision markets today.

The Third Ward Republican club will hold a meeting next Wednesday night, which will ening if this was not promptly done to or. s meeting next Wednesday night, which will ganize themselves and divide their tennage be addressed by Hon. John M. Thurston and more equally among the railroads centering other prominent speakers.

Wheat Was Very Weak Yesterday and Closed Lower.

FINE WEATHER BROUGHT CORN DOWN

Provisions Weakened in Sympathy with Wheat, the Market Declining with Few Reactions-Oats Followed Other Grains Down the Scale.

CHICAGO, May 12 .- Wheat was very weak today, and after breaking the low price recorded for May at 55%c, closed with July %c lower than yesterday. Corn closed %c lower, oats %c lower and provisions slightly lower all around.

Wheat was active and very weak owing to continued liquidation and a desire of traders to even up was responsible for the easier feeling. The crowd became discouraged owing to fine weather, weak cables and prospect of a smaller decrease in the visible supply than usual. The principal factor was the fine weather all over the country and reports showing crop prospects were favorable in all sections. Room traders were the principal sellers at the start, the buying being confined to commission houses. The market declined all day with few reactions and the close was but 1/2c from the bottom. Corn was weak on the fine weather and in sympathy with wheat. The opening trades were at a triffe decline, the market selling down from %c to %c, and closing at the bottom.

Oats were weak on the fine weather. I'b eral receipts and in sympathy with the other grains. The close was near the bottom. Provisions were weak in sympathy with wheat, the market declining was few reactions. Compared with last hight July pork is 19c, July lard 7½c and July ribs 7½c

Estimated receipts for Monday: Wheat 50 cars; corn, 50 cars; eats, 23) cars; hogs, 23,000 head.

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat, No. 2 May July Sept	573461834 5934	5614 5814 5914	55% 57%@% 58%	5534 5734 59
Corn No. 2 May July Sept	3756	3746 3834 3934	3714 3834 3914	374 384 394@h
Oats No. 2 May June July Sept	25%	33% 33 30 25%	33 32% 29% 25@25%	33 3256936 2936 2536
Pork per bbl May July Lard 100 lbs	12 35	12 35	12 1754	12 20 12 25
May July, Sept	7 40 7 10 7 07%	7 45 7 10 7 07%	7 40 7 05 7 02%	7 45 7 05 7 05
May July Sept	6 37% 6 37% 6 32%	6 87% 6 37%	6 37% 6 32%	6 374 6 35 6 324

FLOUR-Winter patents, \$2.50@3.00; winter traights, \$2.5007.70; spring patents, \$3.20@3.50; spring straights, \$2.2007.50, WHEAT-No. 2 spring, 55%e; No. 3 spring, 61e; No. 2 red, 35%c. CORN-No. 2, 37%c. OATS-No. 2, 33c; No. 2 white, 35%@35%c; No. white, 34%@35%c.

RYE-No. 2, 45c, BARLEY-No. 1, nominal; No. 3, 52@56c; No.

HARLICY—NO. 1, hominal; No. 8, segree; No. 4, 516752; FLAX SEED—No. 1, \$1.33, TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, \$4,20674.25. PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., \$12.256; PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., \$12.256; 12.27½, Lard, per 100 lbs., \$7.4567.47½. Short ribs sides, (loose), \$6.37566.00; short clear sides, (boxed), \$6.87567.12½. WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., SUGARS—Unchanged.
The following were the receipts and salpments for today:

Articles. Receipts. Shipments. 9,000 11,000 121,000 333,000 21,000

4,000 On the Produce exchange today the butter market was firm; creamery, 12:13c; dairy, 8@13c. Eggs, steady; strictly fresh, 9%c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET. Yesterday's Quotations on Flour, Grain and

Provisions, Metals, Etc. NEW YORK, May 12.—FLOUR—Receipts, 1,000 bbls.; exports, 24.300 bbls.; sales, 2,100 pleas; dull and unsettled. To sell concession would have to be made. Some export business was done at a 5c decline today. City mill patents, \$3.55@3.60; winter straights, \$2.60@2.95; Minneapolis patents, \$3.40@3.85; winter extras, \$2.00 \$2.50; Minneapolis bakers, \$2.10@2.49; winter, low grades, \$1.60@2.00; spring, low grades, \$1.60@1.89; spring extras, \$1.80@2.30; rye flour, firm; super-flue, \$2.70@2.85; fancy, \$2.80@3.05; buckwheat flour, nominal. tour, nominal, BUCKWHEAT—Dull; range on all grades, 68

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(75c.
CORN MEAL—Steady; yellow western, \$2.65@
2.70; Brandywine, \$2.70.
RYE—Nominal; car lots, 51%52c.
BARLEY—No. 2 Milwaukee, \$8,656; twa-rowel state, 55c; nominal; ungraded western, 69,635c.
BARLEY MALT—Held steady; western, 65@
85c; six-rowed, 89,685c.
WHEAT—Receipts, 28,700 bu.; exports, none; sates, 2,020,000 bu. futures, 40,000 bu. spot, Spot dull and weak; No. 2 red, in store and elevator, 58 13-16c; affoat, 59%c; f. o. b., 69%c; ungraded red, 59c delivered. Options opened weaker on liquidation of local long wheat, weak cables, disappointing weekly exports and fine weather and crop news. May and July made new low records; market ruled dull all the morning, closing at 14%c net decime; No. 2 red, May, 58%s652c, closed at 58%c; June, closed at 59%c; July, 50%s660 H-16c, closed at 60%c; August, 61 9-166c1 11-16c, closed at 60%c; September, 62%s62 p-16c, closed at 62%c; December, 61%s66c, closed at 65%c.
CORN—Receipts, 23,990 bu.; exports, 6,199 bu.; sales, 23,900 bu. futures, 80,000 bu. spot. Spot market dull and weak; No. 2, 43% future in elevator; 44%c allout; steamer mixed, 43c. Options weaker on renewed talk about larger receipts, disappointing weather, lower exports and in sympathy with wheat, closing 14%c net decline; May, closed at 43%c; July, 43%; 4344c, closed at 43%c; September, 44%c allout steamer mixed, 43c. Options weaker on renewed talk about larger receipts, disappointing weather, lower exports and in sympathy with wheat, closing 14%c net decline; May, closed at 43%c; September, 44%gato, closed at 44%c. CATS—Receipts, 25,600 bu.; exports, 1,600,000

cline: May, closed at 43%; July 43%; 18444c. closed at 43%; September, 44% 185c. closed at 44%c. GATS-Receipts, 93,600 bu.; exports, 1,600,000 bu.; sales, 23,600 bu. futures, 29,000 bu. spot. Spot. dull and lower: No. 2, 33%; No. 2, delivered, 29%; No. 3, 38c; No. 2, white, 42c; No. 3 white, 41c; track, mixed western, 40% 11%; track, white western, 42% 55%; Options weaker with wheat and on the favorable weather reports; May, 30% 30%; Cosed at 38c; July, 26% 43%; Losed at 38c; July, 26% 43%; Cosed at 38c; Light to beauty weight, 16% 43%; Cosed at 38c; July, 26% 43%; Cosed at 38c; July, 26% 43%; Cosed at 38c; Light to heavy weight, 16% 43%; Cosed at 38c; July, 26% 43%; Cosed at 38c; Light to heavy weight, 16% 43%; Cosed at 38c; PROVISIONS-Beef, steady; beef hams, \$18.00; PROVISIONS-Beef, steady; beef hams, \$18.00; light to heavy weight, 16½619c.
WOOL—Steady; domestic, 18∰25c; pulled, 20 6728c.
PROVISIONS—Reef, steady; beef hams, 118.00; city extra India mess, \$18.006121.00. Cut meats, steady; pickled bellies, 6½ 68c; pickled shoulders, steady; pickled shoulders, steady; pickled shoulders, steady; large, 25 60c; pickled shoulders, steady; new mess, 314; extra prime, sta; family, \$15.00615.0c. Short clear, \$14.50715.0c. COTTON SEIGD OIL—Dull and nominal; prime crude, bbis., 28622c; prime crude, loose, 25627c; off crude, bbis., 28622c; prime crude, loose, 25627c; off crude, bbis., 28622c; prime summer yellow, 31622c; butter grades, 35693c; prime summer white, 36627c.
BUTTER—Steady; western dairy, 9½-6612c; western creamery, 15617c; western factory, 8½-6612c; western creamery, 15617c; western factory, 8½-6612c; chiefse—Wenker; state, large, 9½-66114c; small, 9½-6611c; western, 16c; part skims, 3½-6625c; pill skims, 362-62.
EGGS—Market strong; state and Pennsylvania, 12½-662c; country (pkgs. free), 152-664 15-16c as to quality.
PETROLEUM—Dull; United closed at 854-6

4 13-16c; country (pkgs. free), 4%-64 43-16c as to quality.

PETROLEUM—Dull; United closed at 85%-c bid; Washington bbis., 45; Washington, in bulk, 83.50; refined New York, 45.15; Philadelphia refined, in bulk, 82.60.

ROSIN—Firm; strained, common to good, 41.20 97.25

91.25.
TURPENTINE—Steady; 294.632c.
RICE- Easy; domestic, fair to extra, 45.66c; Japan, 45.644c.
MOLASSES—About steady; New Orieans, open kettle, good to choice. 2522c.
PIG IRON—Dull; Scotch, \$18.50622.58; American, \$19.06121.50.
COPPER—Quiet; lake, \$4.c.
LEAD—Quiet; domestic, £1.29.
TIN—Nominal; plates, dull.
SPELTER—Nominal.

Minneapolis Wheat Market. Minneapolis Wheat Market.

Minneapolis, May 12.—Sales of cash whe today averaged about 14c lower than yesterds and the market closed that much lower. From the second of the second and the market closed that much lower. From the second of the second control of the lower than yesterday for July and about 15c lower than yesterday for July and about 15c lower for September. Wheat receip were 91.749 hu; shipments, 8.700 bu, and with the local mills grinding at the rate of about 140.000 hu, for the 24 hours lowered the sarple of wheat on hand here about 50.000 bu. Busines was less active, as it usually is on a declimit market. Reports from the country show the is a little more wheat being offered by farme at country statices, although the arrivals the are attill light and do not promise to be heavy any time during the season. The quieter may

Rets and lower prices were due to good reports from all sections excepting (California, and even there the indications are that there has been improvement in conditions in that state. Cables were dull and weak, but, there was a very good export demand reported at the seaboard, where there are some doubts as to whether prices are not low enough for the passent.

Owing to the limited supply in the northwest as compared with late pears sellers of futures were not inclined to take, much chance in selling large lines short. There are some September offered, and considerable May. Although prices are so low as compared withably they were not inviting to sellers for that month. Mills were grinding about 30,000 blus, for the 24 hours, and the shipments were 30,339 holds for the day.

Flour was quiet and cases at \$1.35 to \$5.55 for patents; \$2.05 to \$2.35 for bakers. The decrease in local wheat supplies for the week in public elevators is 133,475 bit. Wheat closed: May, \$945c; July, \$25c; September, \$75c; on track, No. 1 hard, \$65c. No. 1 northern, \$615c. on track, No. 2 porthern.

July, 58%; September, 57%; on track, No. hard, 63c; No. 1 northern, 61%; No. 2 northern

BUTTER—The amount of country butter arriving is not large, but the quality averages very poor. There are practically only about two grades. A small proportion only is good enough for the city trade and the balance goes for packing stock. There is plenty of good creamery butter. As yet there is little show of grass. Separator creamery, 17615c; extra fancy country, 15615c; choice country, 17614c; packing stock.

6c. EGGS—A good many have been going into cold storags, but it is claimed now that packers have about all they want and will soon commence to withdraw from the market. Dealers generally are holding their brightest stock at 9c, but there are a good many so-called firsts being offered at 84c and seconds as low as 74c.

as low as 71/2c.

LIVE POULTRY—Old hens took a sudien fump to 7598c, Old roosters bring 3c and young ones 5596c. The demand for other kinds of poultry is rather light, though a limited quantity is salable. Ducks, 667c; hen turkeys, 8c; gobblers, 6c; geese, 5c.

GAME—The season is so far advanced that game is no longer wanted.

VEAL—The receipts of veal are very moderate and prices steady. Good, fat veals, 667c; thin or heavy, 3056c. thin or heavy, 305c.

PIGEONS—There is a demand for old pigeons, but young birds that are not strong on the wing are not wanted. Old birds, per doz., \$1.25\$\text{p1.50}.

VEGETABLES.

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BEANS—The market is firming up all over the country. Neither the demand nor supply is very heavy at this point. California hand-picked navy, \$2.10662.25; western navy, \$1.2062.00; common white beans, \$1.6061.55.

ONIONS—Old onlons are a thing of the past. New southern onlons are quoted at \$2.50 per box. There are a few Bermudas still on hand at \$1.75 per box. Top onlons are plenty at \$26630c on orders.

POTATOES—The supply is coming mostly from Utah and Colorado, which stock is quoted at \$0.0651.00 per bu. There are new southern potatoes in the market, which are quoted at \$1.75 per box. er box. CABBACE—Alabama cabbage, per crate, \$2.50;

CABBAGE—Alabama cabbage, per crate, \$2.50; choice Louislana, \$3.
CELERY—None in the market.
ASPARAGUS—Good home grown stock is abundant at \$2.50 cm. for orders.
PIE PLANT—Home grown pie plant is plenty at 2c on orders.
TOMATOES—Florida stock of good color is scarce at \$1 per crate of six baskets.
GREEN VEGETABLES—Spinach, per bbl., \$1.75
\$2.50; radishes, per doz., 30c; lettuce, per doz., 35
\$4.90; cucumbers, \$1.259(1.50; parsiev, per doz., 35
\$4.90; cucumbers, \$1.259(1.50; parsiev, per doz., 75c; beels, per doz., 75c; carrots, per doz., 75c; beels, per doz., 75c; ser case 16 boxes, \$1.75\$
\$2.00; squashes, bu, crate, \$2.
FRUITS.
STRAWBERRIES—Good shipping stock, \$2.75\$

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TROPICAL FRUITS.

BANANAS—Per bunch, \$2.00@2.50.

LEMONS—Fancy lemons, 300 size, \$4; fancy lemons, 360 size, \$1.75; choice lemons, 360 size, \$3.50.

OHANGES—Washington navels, 96s, 112s, 126s, \$3.50; Mediterranean sweets, \$1.50.

PIGS—Fancy, per lb., 150.

DATES—Hallowers, 65:50 70-lb, boxes, per lb., 54c. PINEAPPLES-Choice, per doz., \$2.00; small,

MISCELLANEOUS. HONEY-California, 156; dark honey, 1244013c. MAPLE SYRUP-Gallen cans, per doz., \$12.. MAPLE SUGAR-Per lb., 19c. NUTS-Almonds, 17c; English walnuts, 12c; liberts, 10c; Brazil nuts_12c.
SAUERKRANT-Half bbl., \$2.25.
CIDER-Pure juice, per Dbl., \$5.50; half bbl., \$3.25. APPLE BUTTER-Pen: 20-lb. pails, \$1: half bbis., 3%c per lb. HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

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HIDES—No. I green hides, 2½c; No. 1 green salted hides, 3½½c; No. 2 green salted hides, 2½2½c; No. 2 green salted hides, 2½2½c; No. 1 yeal calf, 8 lbs. to 15 lbs., 5½c; No. 2 yeal calf, 8 lbs. to 15 lbs., 5½c; No. 2 yeal calf, 8 lbs. to 15 lbs., 5½c; No. 2 yeal calf, 8 lbs. to 15 lbs., 5½c; No. 2 yeal calf, 8 lbs. to 15 lbs., 5½c; No. 2 yeal calf, 8 lbs. to 15 lbs., 5½c; No. 2 yeal calf, 8 lbs. to 15 lbs., 5½c; No. 2 less than fully cured.

SHEEP PELITS—Green salted, each, 25@60c; green salted shearlings (short-wooled early skins), each, 5½lbc; dry shearlings (short-wooled early skins), No. 1 each, 5½lbc; dry ahearlings (short-wooled early skins), No. 2 cach, 5c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4%fc; dry flint, Colorado murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4%fc; dry flint, Colorado murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4%fc; dry flint, Colorado murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4%fc; dry flint, Colorado murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4%fc; dry flint, Colorado murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4%fc; dry flint, Colorado murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4%fc; dry flint, Colorado murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4%fc; dry flint, Colorado murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4%fc; dry flint, Colorado murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4%fc; dry flint, Colorado murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4%fc; dry flint, Colorado murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4%fc; dry flint, Colorado murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4%fc; dry flint, Colorado murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4%fc; dry flint, Colorado murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4%fc; dry flint, Colorado murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4%fc; dry flint, Colorado murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4%fc; dry flint, Colorado murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4%fc; dry flint, Colorado murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4%fc; dry flint, C weight, 495c.

TALLOW AND GREASE—Tallow, No. 1, 44@
4½c; tallow, No. 2, 3½@3½c; grease, white A,
4¼c; grease, white B, 4c; grease, yellow, 3c;
grease, dark, 2½c; old butter, 2@2½c; beeswax,

St. Louis General Market. St. Louis General Market.

ST. LOUIS, May 12.—FLOUR—Weaker; patents, \$2.7562.90.

WHEAT—Was dull, heavy and weak, closing 4@4c off, July being at the lowest price on record; No. 2 red, cash, 524c; May, 53%c; July, 53%c; August, 54%c.

COPN—Was weak generally, without a single strengthening feature, closing ½c off; No. 2 mixed, cash and May, 33½c; June and July, 30%c; August, 33%c.

OATS—Lower; No. 2 cash, 36%c; May, 35%c bid; July, 25c; August, 24c bid.

RYE—No. 2. 50c bid east track.

HARLEY—No trading.

HIRN—65c bid east track.

FLAN SEED—51.27,

TIMOTHY SEED—31.45@4.00.

HAY—Firmer; prime to choice timothy, \$9.50@ 10.90.

BUTTER-Strictly fancy creamery, 16@17c;

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EGGS-Lower at 8c.
LEAD-Firmer; 13.15@3.17\(\frac{1}{2}\)
SPELTER-Dull; 13.25.
CORN MEAL-\$1.85@2.00.
WHISKY-\$1.08@1.16.
COTTON TIES-Higher; \$1.
BAGGING-Unchanged; \$1\(\frac{1}{2}\)@6c.
PROVISIONS-Dull. easier. Pork, standard mess, jobbing, \$12.75. Lard, prime to choice steam, \$7.15@1.30. Dry sait meats, Josse shoulders, \$6; longs and ribs, \$6.40; shorts, \$6.50.
Bacon, packing shoulders, \$7; longs \$7.12\(\frac{1}{2}\); ribs.
\$7.25; shorts, \$7.37\(\frac{1}{2}\).
RECEIPTS-Flour, 3,600 bbis; wheat, 4,000 bu; corn, \$6,000 bu; oats, 51.090 bu.
SHIPMENTS-Flour, 7,000 bbis; wheat, 4,000 bu; corn, \$6,000 bu; oats, 94.000 bu.

Coffee Market. NEW YORK, May 12.—COFFEE—Options opened duil at from unchanged prices to a decline of 5 points, ruled featureless, closed dull. October, 5 points lower; others unchanged males, 3,990 bags, including; June, 315.49; July, 315.29, and September, 314.56. Spot coffee, Rio, nominal; No. 7, 18.45; mild quiet; Cordova, 319.096/19.25; warehouse deliverles yesterday, 18,780 bags; New York stock today, 234.832 bags; Linited States stock, 281,678 bags; addact for the United States, 412,578 bags, against 374,220 bags last year. omited States, 43,508 bags, against \$44,29 bags inst year.

RIO JANEIRO, May 12—Quiet; prices nominal; no quotations; exchange, 9%d; receipts, 5,990 bags; stock, 122,000 bags.

SANTOS, May 12—Quiet; prices nominal; no quotations; receipts, 1,000 bags; stock, 32,000 bags. HAMBURG, May 12.—Steady; sales, 9,000 bags; prices, unchanged to ½ pfg, lower; holiday

prices, unenangea 10 /2 Monday, Monday, HAVRE, May 12.—Dull; sales, 4.000 bags; prices 4.f lower. KANSAS CITY, May 12 WHEAT Demoral-zed: le lower; No. 2 hard, 496550; No. 2 red, lagsSc; No. 3 red, 496550; rejected, 44c. CORN Weak; No. 2 mixed, 364,6364c; No. 2 white 384,6739c. hite, 384-6739c. OATS-Firmer; No. 2 mfged, 36c; No. 2 white, BUTTER-Quiet; creamery, 15@15c; dairy, EGGS-Steady; 75c, RECEIPTS-Wheat, 2,000 Bu.; corn, none; oats,

000 bu. SHIPMENTS-Wheat, 10,000 bu.; corn, 14,000 Peoria Grain, Market. PEORIA, May 12.—CORN—Market inactive; ower; No. 2, 38; No. 3, 373;c. OATS—Market lower; No. 2 white, 34%@35c; No. 3 white, 34@34%c. RYE—Market dull; No. 2, 48@56c. WHISKY—Firm; high wine basis, \$1.15.

Cotton Market. ST. LOUIS, May 12—COTTON—Firm; m dling, 71-16c; sales, 500 bales; receipts, bales; shipments, 500 bales; stock, 42,950 bales GALVESTON, May 12—COTTON—Receipts, bales; exports, 17 bales; stock, 18,48 bales; in dling, 61sc; stendy; sales, 166 bales.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Security Market Was Dull, the Only Anima tion Being in Chicago Gas. NEW YORK, May 12,—The stock market

was dull even for a Saturday, the only animation being in Chicago Gas. Most of the stocks stopped at an advance on yesterday's quotations, the improvement being of only a small fraction. The early dealings were strong in tone, and under good buying, sald to be for inside interests, Chicago Gas sold up 1% per cent and the rest of the list from 1/4 to 1/4 per cent, the latter Sugar and Illinois Central. Shortly before 11 o'clock a drive was made against Sugar, which broke

that stock 1% per cent.

The active list receded a fraction in sympathy and Toledo & Ann Arbor 1 per cent, but the depression was of brief duration, and the speculation recovered its tone, the earlier depressions being very generally recovered and some of the macrive shares seering material advances. The market continued

firm to the close, except for Sugar, which closed within 1/4 per cent of the lowest point touched, but still 1/4 per cent above yester-day's final sales. Chicago Gas shows an advance of 1 per cent, Rubber 1% per cent, Mobile & Ohio 2 per cent, Consolidated Gas 1 per cent, St. Paul & Omaha 34 per cent and grangers from 16 to 19 per cent. There were some exceptions to the improvement, all of which were the smaller fractions, ex-cept Toledo & Ann Arbor, which shows a decline of 1 per cent, and Cotton Oil, which is down 3 per cent. The bond market was strong in tone on a fairly active business.

The Evening Post says: Many financial critics are imputing to the gold export movement a profound mystery. In reality there was never a simpler or more logical phe-nomenon. The simple fact is that the mass of foreign capital, which for years has found ready and profitable employment in this country, is in a measure flowing home again because of our present trade situation. Not only are European state loans to the amount of fully \$100,000,000 coming upon the market, but European trade, by all accounts, is further advanced in its movement toward recuperation. In the face of the special export movement the local money rates here have within a fortnight gone actually lower than before. This is the whole "mystery of the sterling market.

The following are the closing quotations on the leading stocks of the New York exchange today: Atchison 1236 Northern Pacific Adams Express 148 No. Pac. pfd.
Alton, T. H 304 U. P. D. & G do pfd. 152 Am. Express 112 do pfd.
Baltimore & Ohio 745 N. Y. Central Canada Pacific C64 N. Y. & N. Eng. Canada Pacific 14 Oregon Imp. Chicago Alton 139 O. S. L. & U. N. Chicago Gas. 6634 P. D. & E. Consolidated Gas. C. C. & St. L 374 Chicago Gas. C. C. C. & St. L 374 Pacific Mail. Chicago Gas. Colo. Coal & Iron Beating Seating S Atchison Fort Wayne.
G. Northern pfd.
C. & E. I. pfd.
Hoeking Valley.
Ill. Central
St. P. & Duluth.
K. & T. pfd.
Lake Erie & W.

The total sales of stocks today were 50,000 shares, including: American Sugar, 8,003 shares; Burlington, 1,809 shares; Chicago Gas, 19,325 shares; Distilling and Cattlefeeding, 2,309 shares; General Electric, 4,714 shares; Rock Island, 1,100 shares; St. Paul, 6,109 shares.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, May 12.—MONEY ON CALL— Easy at 1 per cent; last loan, 1 per cent; closed at 1 per cent.
PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER-21/265 per

.86½, SILVER CERTIFICATES—64@65c. GOVERNMENT BONDS—Steady; state bonds, The closing quotations on bonds: 76% do 6s.
74% 'N.C. 0s.
45 do 4s.
82% Tenn. old 6s.
109 Va. Centuries.
115% do deferred.
110 S. C. nonfund.
82 Ala. Class A.
140 Ala. Class B.
109 Currenctes. 01 60 59% 8 M. K. & T. Gen. 6s M. K. & T. Gen. 5s

Mutual Union 6s.
N. J. C. Int. Cert.
No. Pac. 1sts.
No. Pac. 2nds.
N. W. Consols...
N. W. Deb. 5s... · offered. Boston Stock Onotations. BOSTON. May 12.—Call loans. 11632 per cent; time loans. 216334 per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

| Stocks, bonds and mining shares:
A. T. & S. F.	12½	West End ofd
Am. Sugar.	106	Westingh, Elsetric
do pfd.	95½	W. Elec. pfd.
Bay State Gas.	8½	Wis. Central
Bell Telephone	190	Atchison 2ds
Boston & Albany 207	Atchison 2ds	
Boston & Maine	147½	New England 6s
C. R. & Q.	7855	Gen. Electric 5s.
Fitchburg.	73½	Wis. Cent. 1sta
Gen. Electric.	35½	Albatez Mining Co.
H. Steel	50	Atlantic
Mexican Central	74	Butte & Boston
N. Y. & N. Eng	10½	Calumet & Hecla
Oregon Short Line	6½	Franklin

San Francisco Mining Quotations. SANFRANCISCO, May 12.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks to lay were as follows: | Africanter | Afr

London Stock Market. LONDON, May 12 .- 2 p. m. closing: Consols, money. 10014 Mexican ordinary. 17
Consols, accint. 100 5-16 St. Paul com. 6284
Canadian Pacific. 6834 N. Y. Central. 10114
Eric. 13 Pennsylvania. 5014
Eric 2nds. 77 Reading. 884
Illinois Central. 9434 Mex. Cen. new 4s. 1614 BAR SILVER 28%d per ounce.
MONEY—1 per cent.
The rate of discount in the open market for both
short and three months' bills is 15 per cent.

New York Mining Quotations. NEW YORK. May 12.-The following are the losing mining quotations Con. Cal. & Va... , 525 | Sierra Nevada..... 140

Plymouth..... 20 St. Louis Mining Stock Quotations.

Financial Notes.

NEW ORLEANS, May 12.-Clearings, \$1,204,-OMAHA, May 12.—Clearings, \$788,403; total for the week, \$5,027,087. PARIS, May 12.—Three per cent rentes, 190f Sc for the account.

LONDON, May 12.—Amount of builion nto the Bank of England today is £33,000. MEMPHIS, May 12.—Clearings, \$382,985; binces, \$209,614. New York exchange selling par.

BALTIMORE, May 12.—Clearings, \$2.649,065; balances, \$386,295; for the week, \$14,275,155; balances, \$2,663,616.

balances, \$2463.536.

PHILADELPHIA, May 12.—Clearings, \$19.962.

990; balances, \$1,876.340; for the week, \$62.145,136; balances, \$3,088,083.

NEW YORK, May 12.—Clearings, \$78.888,381; balances, \$1,084.424; for the week, \$464,927,823; balances, \$7,084.424; for the week, \$464,927,823; balances, \$10,971.66.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 12.—Drafts, sight, 10c; telegraphic, 12-jc; aliver bars, \$25,470.55c; Mexican dollars, \$16,614-2c.

BOSTON, May 12.—Clearings, \$13,222,042; balances, \$1,895,448; for the week, clearings, \$81,151,747; balances, \$9,459,964.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—The gold reserve in the treasury at the close of business today was \$92,232,732, and the cash balance \$122,306,063.

CINCINNATI, May 12.—Money, 25,376 per cent; New York exchange, 498,65c promium; clearings, \$1,895,750; for the week, \$12,504,390; same week last year, \$11,868,250.

CHICAGO, May 12.—Clearings, \$12,658,000; total

year, \$13,868,250, CHICAGO, May 12.—Clearings, \$12,658,000; total for the week, \$85,945,900; corresponding week last year, \$10,712,000. New York exchange, 20c premium, Sterling exchange, steady; sctual, 4,874,694,90. Money, easy. 91.8174874.90. Money, easy, strong, 14.09.857; balances, \$753.85. Clearings this week, \$22.50.311; balances, \$13.85.719. Clearings same week 1503.525.725.466; balances, \$2.44.011. Clearings last week, \$23.785.130; balances, \$4.471.242. Money duil, 567 per cent. Exchange on New York, the premium.

the premium.

NEW YORK. May 12.—The exports of specie from the port of New York for the week were: Gold, 16.585.580; silver, 2768.697; imports for the week: Gold, 21.351.883; silver, 20.718; dry goods, 11.23.080; general merchandies, 27.212.098. The steamships which sailed for Europe today carried 12.900.090 in gold, making the total shipments of gold from this port for the week 25.000,000.

Week Ends with an Average Run of All Sorts of Offerings.

CATTLE PRICES STEADY AT THE CLOSE

Short Supply and Good Demand Give Sellers the Best of the Trading-Hogs Still Follow the Fluctuations in Provisions.

SATURDAY, May 12.

There has been a very fair supply of cattle this week and a moderate run of sheep but receipts of hogs fall sharply short of last week and the corresponding week one and two years ago. The figures are as follows:

Cattle, Hogs, Sheep.
Receipts this week. . 16,403 26,973 3,232
Receipts last week. . 14,528 36,519 1,846
Same week last year. 13,339 33,332 4,233
Same week in 1892. . 15,258 22,445 3,499 4,263 3,499 Fluctuations in cattle values have been few and inconsequential. Supplies have not been at all heavy and the general character of the receipts remains about the same as for a month past. There has been no indication of a revival of business east and English markets continue depressed under the influence of liberal arrivals. For this reason the market for heavy cattle, such as shippers and exporters call for, has been dull and weak. On the other hand, a slightly improved consumptive demand has made dressed beef men better buyers of the light and medium weight steers and the more desirable grades have advanced 10c to 15c during the week. The market today was a very fair sample

of what it has been all week. There was a very respectable supply on hand and made up largely of good, medium and heavy cat-tle. All classes of buyers were in it, but the competition was strongest, particularly among dressed beef men, for the handy light grades and prices averaged a shade light grades and prices averaged a shade firmer on such as suited them. There was also a slightly better tone to the market for good heavy cattle, al-though it was difficult to see where any higher prices were paid. Rough heavy steers, cattle that were coarse, half fatted or branded, were slow sale, with all discriminating against them. If anything prices averaged a shade easier on the less desirable heavy steers. In general, how-ever, trade was reasonably active, and as sellers were not anxious to hold any stock on Sunday a very fair clearance was effected. As a fair sample of the way cows have

been coming to market it is worthy of note that out of 147 fresh loads of cattle received today there were not half a dozen straight loads of cows in the yards. There was an active demand for good stock, and fat cows and heifers were readily picked up at good strong prices. On the common and can-ning grades the market ruled dull, although practically steady. Calves were in light supply, moderate demand and generally brought good, firm prices. Fat bulls and stags sold a shade stronger, but the com-mon rough thin stock was rather dull. There was not much doing in stockers and

feeders, in fact the trade has been light all week. Regular dealers have done most of the business, and the close of the week finds them with a big supply on hand, which they would be glad to dspose of at prices 15c to 25c lower than last week. Good light stockers have been and continue to be in very fair demand, but the heavier grades are hard to sell at the above decline to choice feeders are quoted at \$3,20@3.70 fair to good at \$3.00@3.15, and lighter, com-

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STOCKERS AND FEI 600 3 00 1 ... 780 3 40 835 3 10 10 ... 570 3 40 433 3 25 1 ... 600 3 40 720 3 30 17 ... 432 3 40 540 3 30 1 ... 850 3 40 540 3 30 6 ... 641 3 40 545 3 35 22 ... 636 3 45 DEPENDS ON PROVISIONS. Packers are having a fight in the provision pit, and the hog market is up or down in sympathy with the fluctuations on the board. These big operators have a faculty of covering up their tracks and only show-ing their hands when it is to their interest to do so, but it seems pretty generally agreed that Swift and Morris are bulling and Armour and a lot of the smaller packers bearing the market. Armour did not buy a hog, either at Chicago or elsewhere, for five days, a thing that never happened before except when there was a strike. This will explain why prices declined 15c during the early part of the week, while light supplies and the eastern freight rate war will explain why this decline was fully regained during the latter half of the week. Aside from the above the situation presents no new features. The Cincinnati Price Current says: "So far as prices of Price Current says: "So far as prices of hogs are concerned, in comparison with values of feeding material and of cured product, they continue to command a premium. The Chicago market for leading articles of product is on a basis of about \$4.75 for hogs. But, as has been repeatedly said, the larger packers, there and elsewhere, command fa-cilities for disposing of portions of the product so advantageously as to enable them to average a margin of profit when calcula-tions with reference to leading articles might appear to indicate differently. There seems to be a feeling quite prevalent at interior points of supply that hogs are marketed quite closely, so far as regards stock which has been under preparation for ship-ment, which information would imply a moderate movement for the time of for the next two or three weeks, but appears to be a plentifulness of young stock which will probably have the every facility for rapid growth."

The cut in the rate on live hogs from Omaha to Chicago from 22c to 12c is mainly responsible for the 5c to 19c advance in values today. Receipts were light, less than

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKETS 5,000 head, and of these shippers took fully 70 per cent in order to take advantage of the 70 per cent in order to take advantage of the reduced tariff. Local houses altogether took less than 1,400 hogs. Trade was active and by the middle of the forenoon the pens were cleared. The general quality of the hogs was about the best of the week and buyers paid a slight premium for the good heavy and butcher weight stock to west. buyers paid a slight premium for the good heavy and butcher weight stock. As usual, however, the entire rangs of prices was narrow. The best butcher weight and heavy hogs sold at \$5.05, and very common light mixed stuff sold down as low as \$4.95. For fair to good hogs of all weights, however, the popular figure was \$5, considerably over half the offerings selling in that notch. Early trading was a trifle slow, but the close was active and strong at the advance. On Friday the built of the hogs went at On Friday the bulk of the bogs went at \$4.90 to \$4.95, and on last Saturday the big bulk of the hogs sold as they did today, at



\$3.20@4.15; common and stock sheep, \$2.50 @3.25; good to choice 40 to 100-lb. lambs, \$3.50@4.50. Representative sales: 160 wethers. 120 native wethers.... Receipts and Disposition of Stock.

fair test of the market, but desirable offer-

ings of both muttons and lambs com-manded a ready sale at good, firm prices,

Today's receipts were moderate, the demand was good and trade fairly active at

steady figures. Fair to good natives are quotable at \$3.50@4.25; fair to good westerns,

Official receipts and disposition of stock as snown by the books of the Union Stock Yards company for the twenty-four hours ending at 5 o'clock p. m., May 12, 1894; RECEIPTS. CATTLE. | HOGS. | SHEEP. HOUSES & MLS Cars. | Head | Cars. | Head | Cars. | Head. 147 3,308 72 4,878 3 544 DISPOSITION. CATTLE. | HOGS. | SHEEP. 276 600 493 442 760 104 210 172 392 A. Haas R. Becker & Degen, P. D. Armour 1.738 P. D. Armour.
Parker & W.
Brittain.
Cloveland.
Hammond & S.
Shippers and feeders. 444

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

3,197 4,819 544

Totals.....

Less Than One Thousand Cattle Were Offered for Sale.

CHICAGO, May 12.—The cattle market was without change, less than 1,000 were offered, and not many more than that number were wanted. Prices were nominally steady, the new sales reported being at about Friday's range of quota-tions. The estimated receipts were 800 head, making 53,912 for the week, as against 48,756 a tions. The estimated receipts were 800 head, making 53.912 for the week, as against 48,755 a week ago, and 47.201 a year ago. Of the week's receipts less than 1,100 head were Texans.

The hog market was strong at the start and weak at the close. The average of prices was about the same as for yesterday. Sales ranged from \$4.75 for poor light to \$5.32½ for fancy heavy. Few lots sold above \$5.25, nor were there many sales below \$5.15. The receipts were estimated at 9,000 head, making 105.321 head for the week, 15,000 less than for last week and 4,000 less than for last week and 4,000 less than for last week and 4,000 less than for last week and 1,000 more than for last week, and 1,000 head more than for last week, and 1,000 head more than for last week, and 1,000 head more than a year ago. The supply was much too large for the demand, and the market was weak.

IEEE/EIPTS—Cattle, 800 head; calves, 50 head; hogs, 9,000 head; sheep, 4,500 head.

The Evening Journal reports:

CATTLE—Receipts, 800 head; shipments, 500 head; no business of note, unchanged; prime to extra native steers, 34,40@4,65; medium, 44,000 head; market artive, unchanged; toyah heavy and butcher weights, 55,1565,20; assorted lights, 35,10g5,15.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 4,500 head; one-half contract lots, unchanged; top sheep, 34,25g4,30; top lambs, 44,7565,25.

Kansas City Live Stock Market. KANSAS CITY, May 12.—CATTLE—Receipts, 3,000 head; shipments, 800 head; market steady; Texas steers, \$3,2564.03; Texas cows, \$2,2563.30; shipping steers, \$3,0074.30; native cows, \$1,900,2,75; stockers and feeders, \$2,9063.80; bulls, \$2.40 \$3.35.
HOGS—Receipts, 7,600 head; shipments, 2,500 head; weak to 10s lower; hulk, \$4.00\$\phi4.95; heavies, packers and mixed, \$4.85\$\phi5.05; lights, Yorkers and pigs, \$4.40\$\phi5.00.
SHEEP—Receipts, 500 head; shipments, 200 head; stardy.

St. Louis Lave Stock Market ST. LOUIS, May 12.—CATTLE—Receipts, 300 ead; shipments, 800 head. Market nominal, he light supply preventing the establishment of instations.

HOGS—Receipts, 1,400 head; shipments, 2,500 head. Market quiet, easier; light, E40005.15; mixed, \$4,0005.10; heavy, \$5,0005.29.

SHEEP—Receipts, 100 head; shipments, 300 head; Market dull, nominal, because of light

Sioux City Live Stock Market SIOUN CITY, May 12 HOGS-Receipts, 1,509 head; shipments, 500 head; market 5c lower, at \$4.8565.05; bulk, \$4.87556.05; market 5c lower, at CATTLE-Receipts, 600 head; shipments, 500 head; market steady; feeders, \$1.5062.50; year-lings, \$2.4067.50; cows, \$1.5063.00; bulks, \$1.5062.00.

Stock in Sight. Receipts of live stock at the four principal yar is or Saturday, May 12, were:
 South Omaha
 Cattle.
 Hors.
 Sheep.

 South Omaha
 3,308
 4 2 8
 514

 Chicaro
 800
 9 0
 4,500

 Ransas City
 3,000
 7,000
 600

 St. Louis
 300
 2,500
 100

 Totals
 7,408
 23,978
 5,744

Sugar Market.

NEW YORK, May 12—S17GAR—Raw, firm; fair refining, 2 7-186/2186; centrifugal, 96 test, 25e; refined, stendy; No. 6, 25e/62 13-15e; No. 7, 25e/63 2-16e; No. 8, 3 1-186/35e; No. 9, 35e/62 2-16e; No. 10, 2 3-176/35e; No. 11, 3 2-186/35e; No. 12, 25e/63 5-16e; No. 13, 25e; off A, 25e/63 13-15e; model A, 45e/64 7-16e; standard, A, 25e/4 1-1e; confectioners; A, 35e/64 1-16e; cut lonf, 45e/64 4-15e/6; crunled, 45e/64 1-16e; cut lonf, 45e/64 1-16e; granulated, 45e/64 1-16e; cut-confectioners; A, 35e/64 1-16e; cut-confectio

Duluth Grain Market. DULUTH, May 12.—WHEAT-Weak; No. 1 bard, each, and May, 81c; July, 614c; No. 1 borthern, cash and May, 59c; July, 69c; September, 584c; No. 2 northern, cash, 598c; No. 1, 598c; rejected, 45c; on track, No. 1 north-

On to arrive, 62c.

RYE—45c.

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PLAN SIEED—\$1.29.

OATS—No. 2. 34 cc. No. 3 white, 23c.

Car inspection boday; Wheat, 32.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 29,135 bu.; oats, 722 bu.; SHIPMENTS-Wheat, 46,441 bu.; oats, 722 bu.

Wool Market. ST. LOUIS, May 12.-WOOL-Quiet at re-cent decline; prices from show a loss of 2c on choice wool and 3c on off grades, compared with Oil Markets. LONDON, May 12.—CALCUTTA LINSEED OIL.—36s 5d; May and June, 37s 3d. TURPENTINE SPIRITS—21s 9d.

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