CONDITION OF OMAHA'S TRADE

Jobbers Generally Reporting Some Gain Over Last Year.

COLLECTIONS ARE STILL SOMEWHAT SLOW

Consumers in the Country in Comfortable Circumstances and Able to Purchase What They Require—Produce Slow.

The approach of spring has invariably a stimulating effect upon business, which is already commencing to throw off the lethargy that has clung to it for the past month or more. The feeling in all branches of the jobbing trade is unmistakably better, and while there is not much increase in the volume of business doing from week to week, still there is a decided gain as compared with a year ago. This improvement in business as compared with the corresponding month of 1895, does not appear to be confined to one or two houses, or to any one line of business, but is general, practically all houses in every branch of the jobbing trade reporting some little gain over last season.

Plenty of orders are coming from country customers, and no doubt the great majority of the local jobbing houses are filling just about as many orders as they ever did, the only trouble is that the retail trade is buying more sparingly, the bills being small, thus indicating both a more limited consumption and greater caution than prevailed before the period of dull times set in.

A jobber who has been out over the state quite extensively, and has had exceptional opportunities for observation, says that the reduced consumption of goods in Nebraska is not due so much to the scarcity of money as many imagine. It is generally supposed that the short crops and low prices have placed the farmers where they could not afford to purchase more than the bare necessities. On the other hand, the farmers have done very little complaining about the hard times, and there have been no calls the past winter from any section of the state for help, which would have been the case if the farmers were in such poor condition financially as generally supposed. The jobber mentioned explains the situation thus: "The drouth of 1894 taught the farmers a lesson that they will not soon forget. They had come into the habit of growing corn, and one or two other crops, and of buying everything else from the store. Many large farmers did not pretend to grow their own potatoes and gardens were scarce; it was so much easier to buy tomatoes and other canned goods than to raise them. The farmers did not even grow enough beans to supply their own tables, but obtained their supply from the local stores, which ordered from the Omaha jobbers, who had them shipped in from the east or from California. The loss of the corn crop of 1894 left the farmers without the means of buying as usual, and in consequence they had to go on short rations until a new crop could be grown."

Last year every farmer made a great effort to grow everything that he would require for the support of his family, and with good success. This change of policy on the part of the Nebraska farmer, according to the investigating jobber, has caused the Omaha grocery houses the loss of no small amount of trade. The farmer does not have to buy nearly so much in the line of canned fruits and vegetables, dried fruits, etc., as formerly, nor is he buying as much fresh fruit and vegetables, as the wholesale fruit and produce houses can testify to.

This means for the time being a loss of business, but in the end it will be a good thing because it will increase the farmer's purchasing power when it comes to other lines of goods and will leave more wealth in the state.

BANK CLEARINGS.

The bank clearings continue to show a gratifying increase over last year, the gain the past week being in excess of 20 per cent, while the average gain for the whole country was only 9.8 per cent. Minneapolis shows about the largest gain of any city in the country, 44 per cent, but her gross clearings are only a little over $1,000,000 greater than Omaha's. Kansas City gains 22 per cent, St. Paul 1.6 per cent, St. Joseph 13 per cent and Denver reports a decrease of 5.4 per cent. It will be noted from this that Omaha is keeping pace with other cities in this part of the country, and no doubt if the live stock business could be put on its feet once more would soon forge ahead of its rivals.

If Omaha could secure the live stock shipments from Nebraska that rightfully belong to her it would make a great difference to the showing that this city would be able to make. A jobber is authority for the statement that the loss of business at South Omaha is hurting the jobbing trade of Omaha. A retail merchant from a town in the western part of the state was in the city the past week and remarked that since all the stock in his section had commenced going to Kansas City instead of South Omaha, it was not so convenient for him to buy his goods in Omaha. He said that he was an Omaha man and regretted to see all the live stock going away from here, especially as he was aware that it would take the trade of a good many country merchants with it. A good many retail merchants arrange it so that they can come in to buy their goods at the same time with a shipment of stock, and thus get a pass to the city and return, when otherwise they would have to pay fare. If the stock is going to some other city than Omaha that fact is an inducement for the merchant to make the same change.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

The produce market of the past week has been very slow and it is no easy matter to see just why. Some lines of produce are exceptionally low, especially for this season of the year, as for example, butter and eggs. The consumption of eggs in this city is apparently the smallest that it has been for several years and at a time when the price makes eggs about the cheapest article of food in the whole list. The shipping demand, however, is good, and it is not difficult to keep stocks well cleaned up.

With butter the case is not so favorable. The consumption locally of that commodity is also very light, but at the same time the demand for shipment is extremely poor even at the low prices prevailing. There does not appear to be any outlet for it in the east.

With poultry it is quite different. The receipts are very light, and as the demand is good, values have been forced up so that arrivals are bringing prices that are very satisfactory to shippers. In fact poultry is about the best selling article on the whole list of country produce.

The game business at this season of the year does not amount to anything, there being hardly anything in that line but rabbits, and they are in light demand.

FACTORY FACTS.

Notes About the Men Who Make the Wheels Go 'Round.

The Omaha & Grant Smelting and Refining works will construct a store house to cost about $5,000.

The W. A. Page Soap company has adopted the name of "The Western Soap company" and has increased its capital stock from $50,000 to $75,000.

East Omaha is to have a paint factory in the near future. The old cement works are to be remodeled and converted into a plant for the manufacture of paint.

The Drexel Stone company has been awarded the contract for supplying the stone for a new church at York. About twenty-five carloads of cut stone will be required.

The Omaha & Grant Smelting and Refining company has placed an order with Wilson & Drake for three 200 horse power and patent multiple boilers and the Omaha Street Railway company for four 100 horse power tubular boilers to provide power necessary for the state fair traffic next fall.

By the use of the saw and by careful breeding the majority of the cattle fattened for market have lost their head adornment, and it seems barely possible that the time may come when all domestic cattle will be hornless. While it may be comparatively easy to find a substitute for some products, manufacturers of combs, buttons, etc., are decidedly short of material and they are quite aware that the supply is gradually dwindling.

On Wednesday evening next there will be a meeting of the Manufacturers' association of Nebraska at the Commercial club rooms at 6:30 o'clock. A large attendance of manufacturers from out through the state is expected and the Omaha members will entertain them with a banquet. The general subject for discussion will be how to push Nebraska products to the front, thus encouraging the building of more factories and the employment of more people.

A traveling man from the east, who was in the city the past week, was discussing with a local manufacturer the peculiarity of American people in always preferring goods from a distance to those made at home and gave the following illustration: A large shoe manufacturer in a small New England town noticed that none of the residents of the town, not even his own employes, were wearing shoes made by him. It happened that his factory was the only industry of any importance located there. In fact, it was the main support of the town. The manufacturer discharged all of his help and closed his factory. A week or two went by and the merchants were beginning to feel the scarcity of money and finally waited upon the manufacturer, who explained that he was tired of supporting a town that would not support him. It did not take the merchants long to come to the conclusion that they would carry in stock the shoes made in their own town.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Fresh stock, 10@11c.

BUTTER—Common grades, 6c; fair to good stock, 7c; choice to fancy country, 12@14c.

VEAL—Choice fat, 70 to 100 lbs., are quoted at 6½@7c; large and coarse, 4@5c.

CHEESE—Domestic brick, 11½c; Edam, per doz., $9.50; Club house, 1-lb. jars, per doz., $3.50; Limburger, fancy, per lb., 11½c; Roquefort, ½-lb. jars, per doz., $3.60; Young Americas, 11½c; Twins, fancy, 11c.

POULTRY—Dressed—Chickens, 8@9c; coarse and large, 5½@6c; ducks, choice, 10@11c; turkeys, choice, 12@13c; geese, 8c.

POULTRY—Live—C. Jacobson of the Montana Poultry Packing and Supply company quotes live poultry firm and wanted at: Hens and young roosters, 5½c; old cocks, 2½c; turkey hens, 8½c; young turkey gobblers, 7½c; old Toms, 6c; ducks, full feathered, 7c; geese, 6c.

HAY—Upland, $5.00; midland, $4.50; lowland, $4.00; rye straw, $3.50; color makes the price on hay; light bales sell the best. Only top grades bring top prices.

BROOM CORN—Extremely slow sale; new crop, delivered on track in country; choice green self-working carpet, per lb., 2½c; choice green, running to hurl, 2¼c; common, 1½c.

GAME—Jack snipe, 75c@$1.00; golden plover, $1.25; jack rabbits, per doz., $1.00; small rabbits, 90c@$1.00; mallard ducks, $3.50@3.75; redheads, $3.75@4.00; canvasback ducks, $5.00@8.00; teal, blue wing, $2.00@2.25; teal, green wing, $1.75@2.00; mixed ducks, $1.75@2.25; Canada geese, $6.00@7.50; small geese, $4.50@5.00; brants, $3.50; squirrels, per doz., 60@75c.

PIGEONS—Live, $1.00@1.20; dead pigeons not wanted.

VEGETABLES.

TOMATOES—Florida, per six-basket crate, $4.50@5.00.

CAULIFLOWER—Per doz., $1.50.

CABBAGE—California stock, per lb., 2c.

POTATOES—Fancy native stock, 30c; from store in small lots, 30@35c; Colorado stock, 45@48c.

ONIONS—Per bu., 35@40c.

BEANS—Hand picked navy, per bu., $1.50.

SWEET POTATOES—Choice stock, $2.60@2.75 per bbl.

CELERY—California, per doz., No. 1, 90c; No. 2, 75c; western Nebraska, 40@45c.

LIMA BEANS—Per lb., 5c.

WATER CRESS—Per 16-qt. case, $1.75.

PIE PLANT—Hot house stock, per doz. bunches, 90c.

FRUITS.

Ten years ago the total output of summer fruits from California reached about 50,000,000 pounds for the entire season. In 1894 the exportation of fresh fruits reached 170,000,000 pounds. In 1885 there were imported from Spain 21,000,000 pounds of raisins with a production of 9,000,000 pounds in California and total consumption in the United States of 30,000,000 pounds. In 1894, nine years later, there were imported only 14,000,000 pounds, while California produced 88,000,000 pounds, showing a total consumption of 102,000,000 pounds, or an increase of 72,000,000 pounds in raisins during nine years. Quotations:

MEXICAN STRAWBERRIES—None.

APPLES—Choice Ben Davis, $2.75@3.00; choice wine saps and willow twigs, $3.25@3.50.

CRANBERRIES—Jersey, $8.75.

MALAGA GRAPES—Per 60-lb. bbl., $5.00@5.50; per 65 to 70-lb. gross, $6.00@7.00.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

The values of lemons imported into the United States are given below, taken from the official statistics for each fiscal year:

1895	$3,917,226	1890	$3,374,032
1894	4,285,278	1889	3,189,534
1893	4,994,328	1888	2,395,983
1892	4,548,263	1887	3,825,147
1891	4,351,970	1886	2,608,819

In California there are 15,000 acres planted with lemon trees, and as statistics prove that the average yield of 300 boxes per acre can be taken from the trees in California as soon as the total acreage of California comes into bearing (and this is unquestionably certain to take place within five years), it will be seen that we can draw upon the "Golden State" for a total of 4,500,000 boxes, greater than the present entire consumption of this country for twelve months. Quotations:

ORANGES—California budded seedlings, fancy, $2.50; choice, $1.75@2.00; fancy navels, $3.50; choice, $3.00@3.25.

LEMONS—Messinas, $3.50@4.25; Californias, $3.25@3.50.

BANANAS—Choice large stock, per bunch, $2.00@2.25; medium sized bunches, $1.75@2.00.

MISCELLANEOUS.

OYSTERS—Mediums, 15c; standards, 20c; extra selects, 25c; Branca & Co.'s selects, 27c; New York counts, 30c; standard bulk, per gal., $1.10.

HONEY—Fancy white, per lb., 15c.

MAPLE SYRUP—Five gal. cans, each, $2.75; gal. cans, per doz., $12; ½ gal. cans, $6.25; quart cans, $3.75.

CIDER—Pure juice, per half bbl., $3; per bbl., $4.75.

SAUER KRAUT—Per bbl., $3.75; half bbl., $2.25.

FIGS—New crop, California, 10-lb. boxes, per lb., 10c; imported fancy, 30-lb. boxes, 15c; choice, 10-lb. boxes, 11½@12c.

DATES—New Persian, 60-lb boxes, per lb., 5½c; fards, 10-lb. boxes, per lb., 9c.

MAPLE SUGAR—Choice, per lb., 9@10c.

PRESERVES—Assorted, 20-lb. pails, each, $1.40.

COCOANUTS—Per 100, $4.50; each, 5c.

NUTS—Almonds, California, per lb., medium size, 10c; Tarragona almonds, per lb., large, 12½c; Brazils, per lb., 8c; English walnuts per lb., fancy soft shell, 12c, standards, 11@11½c; filberts, per lb., 10c; peacans, polished medium, 10c; large, 12c; peanuts, raw, 5½c; roasted, 7@7½c; hickory nuts, small, per bu., $1.75; hickory nuts, large, per bu., $1.50; black walnuts, per bbl., $2.

DRESSED MEATS.

BEEF—Good steers, 400 to 600 lbs., 5½@6c; good cows and heifers, 4¾@5c; medium cows and heifers, 4½c; good forequarters cows and heifers, 3½c; good hindquarters cows and heifers, 6½c; cow rounds, 5c; cow chucks, 3c; beef tenderloins, fresh, 20c; frozen, 19c; beef rolls, boneless, 9½c; sirloin butts, boneless, 9½c; loin backs, 9½c; cow ribs, No. 3, 7½c; cow loins, No. 3, 8½c.

MUTTON—Dressed mutton, 6½c; racks, 10c; legs, 8c; saddles, 8c; stews, 3c.

PORK—Dressed hogs, 5c; pork loins, 6½c; spare ribs, 5½c; pork shoulders, 5¼c; pork shoulders, skinned, 5½c; pork trimmings, 5½c; tenderloins, 15c; pigs' feet, cleaned, per doz., 35c.

HIDES AND TALLOW.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 4c; No. 2 green hides, 3c; No. 1 green salted hides, 5c; No. 2 green salted hides, 4c; No. 1 green salted hides, 25 to 40 lbs., 5c; No. 2 green salted hides, 25 to 40 lbs., 4c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 6c; No. 2 veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 4c; No. 1 dry flint hides, 7@8c; No. 2 dry flint hides, 5@6c; No. 1 dry salted hides, 6c; part cured hides, ½c per lb. less than fully cured.

SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each 25@60c; green salted shearlings (short wooled early skins), each 15c; dry shearlings (short wooled early skins), No. 1, each, 10c; dry shearlings (short wooled early skins), No. 1 each, 5c; dry flint Kansas and Nebraska butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 5@6c; dry flint Kansas and Nebraska Murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@5c; dry flint Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@6½c; dry flint Colorado Murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@5c; dry pieces and bucks, actual weight, 4@5c; feet cut off, as it is useless to pay freight on them.

TALLOW AND GREASE—Tallow, No. 1, 3½c; tallow No. 2, 3c; grease, white A, 3½c; grease, white B, 3c; grease, yellow, 2½c; grease, dark, 2c; old butter, 2@2½c; beeswax, prime, 15@22c; rough tallow, 1½c.

BONES—In car lots weighed and delivered in Chicago: Dry buffalo, per ton, $12.00@14.00; dry country, bleached, per ton, $10.00@12.00; dry country, damp and meaty, per ton, $6.00@8.00.

WOOL—Unwashed, fine heavy, 6@7c; fine light, 8@9c; quarter blood, 10@12c; seedy, burry and chaffy, 8@9c; cotted and broken, coarse, 7@9c; cotted and broken, fine, 6@8c. Fleece washed—Medium, 15@18c; fine, 14@16c; tub washed, 16@18c; black, 8c; bucks, 6c; tag locks, 2@3c; dead pulled, 5@6c.

FURS.

	No. 1 Lge.	No. 1 Md'm	No. 1 Sm'll	2	3
BEAR—					
Black	$20@25	$15 00	$8@10	$10@12	$5 00
Black Yearlings	12@15	10 00	7 00	7 00	3 00
Black Cubs	6@8	5@6	4 00	5 00	2 00
Black Montana & Mountain	18@22	14 00	10 00	10 00	4 00
Black Montana Yearlings	12 00	8 00	5 00	5 00	2 50
Black Montana Cubs	6 50	4 50	3 00	4 00	2 00
Silver Tip	20 00	12 00	8 00	9 00	4 00
Silver Tip Yrlgs	11 00	8 00	5 00	5 00	2 50
Silver Tip Cubs	6 00	4 50	3 00	3 00	1 50
Brown	20@25	16 00	12 00	12 00	5 00
Yearlings	10@12	8 00	6 00	8 00	4 00
Cubs	7 00	5 00	3 00	4 00	2 00
Badger	1@1 50	60	50	50	50
Fisher	8 00	6 00	4 00	4 00	2 00
FOX—					
Silver (according to beauty)	100 00	60 00	40 00	30 00	10 00
Silver Pale (according to bea'y)	50 00	30 00	20 00	15 00	6 00
Cross	7 00	3 00	2 00	1 50	1 00
Red	1 50	1 25	1 00	75	25
Gray	75	50	40	35	15
Kit	50	40	30	20	10
Lynx	3 00	2 00	1 50	1 25	50
Marten	2 00	1 50	1 00	1 00	50
Mink	80@85	60	45	25	10
Mink Dark	85	65	45	20	10
Mountain Lion (perfect head and feet)	1@2				
Otter	8 00	6@7	5 00	4 00	2 00
Otter Pale	7 00	5 00	4 00	3 00	1 50
Raccoon	60@70	50	35	20	10
Raccoon, Black (as to beauty)	50@2				
SKUNK—					
Black, cased	1 25	75	50	50	25
Short striped	1 00	70	45	40	20
Narrow striped	50	40	25	20	10
Broad striped	20@25				
Wolverine	4 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	1 00
Wolf Mountain	3 00	2 00	1 50	75	40
Wolf Prairie	65@90	60	40	20	10
Beaver, per skin	5@6	4 50	2 00	4 00	2 00
Beaver Kits	2 00	1 50	75	50	25
MUSKRATS—					
Spring			7		
Winter	8@10	9	7		
Fall		7	6		
Kits		2	3		

Cotton Market.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 15.—COTTON—Easy; middling, 7 7-16c; good ordinary, 7 1-16c; net receipts, 6,940 bales; gross receipts, 6,990 bales; exports, coastwise, 139 bales; sales, 3,000 bales; stock, 329,524 bales.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—COTTON—Dull; middling, 8c; net receipts, none; gross receipts, 300 bales; exports, to Great Britain, 1,930 bales; to France, 1,527 bales; to the continent, 5,716 bales; forwarded, none; sales, none; stock, 187,396 bales.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 15.—COTTON—Quiet; 1-16c lower; middling, 7 11-16c; sales, 700 bales; receipts, 535 bales; shipments, 102 bales; stock, 73,246 bales.

'Frisco Wheat Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15.—WHEAT—Steady; December, $1.13⅞; May, $1.15⅜; cleared, 207,938 centals wheat.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Wheat Was Weak and Closed Nearly One Cent Lower.

SPECULATIVE TRADE WAS QUITE FAIR

Corn Was Fairly Active and Sold Up Sharply Early but Lost the Advance Later.

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—More from lack of support than anything else wheat today was weak and closed about ⅝c lower. Traders have become timid from the disastrous effects of the past week's surprising fluctuations and as a consequence have become exceedingly cautious. Corn and oats were but slightly affected and closed unchanged. Provisions had a downward tendency and showed material losses.

There was a fair speculative trade in wheat for the short session, the market having from ⅞c to 1c range. The feeling developed was a little unsettled and prices rather nervous. The start was weak. There were a good many selling orders on the market and some of the early sales were as low as 65⅜c, or at a ½c decline from the close last night. But the decline started some good buying, the strength being increased by a rumor that a cold wave would invade the winter wheat region tonight and possible damage to the growing crop was feared. As the strength developed, shorts began to cover and it did not take long to advance the price to from 66⅜c to 66½c split. Among other routine news which helped to strengthen fluctuation was the more moderate northwestern movement and reports that the bulk of the same was coming from the elevators. But the buying fever gradually subsided and when the longs attempted to realize they found that the demand was exceedingly tame and in the effort to get rid of their holdings the price was gradually lowered nearly 1c and there was not much recovery. The Argentine shipments were a factor in producing weakness, for the trade has heard so much of the shrinkage in the crop and the bad quality of the wheat that the 800,000 bu. shipped was a surprise. Yet, the total shipments for the first two weeks of February this year have been only 1,400,000 bu. against 1,800,000 bu. the same time last year, and 2,000,000 bu. the same time two years ago. May wheat opened about ¼c lower, with sales at from 65⅜c to 66c, improved gradually to from 66⅜c to 66½c split, then turned weak and sold off to 65½c, closing at 65½c bid.

Corn was fairly active and sold up sharply early, but finally lost all the advance. It was influenced some by wheat and also by the impression that the prospective change in the weather might cut off receipts. It followed wheat on the last break. May opened fractionally lower at 30⅛c split, sold up gradually to 30½c, but weakened later to 30⅛c, where it closed.

Trading in oats was exceedingly quiet, nearly all the trading being done by country dealers. The market was influenced almost entirely by the action of wheat. May opened unchanged at 21⅛c, sold up to from 21⅜c to 21½c and closed just steady at 21⅛c bid.

Provisions were heavy, said to be because of much long stuff offered in anticipation of a heavy run of hogs next week. May pork started at a decline of from 2½c to 15c, dropped another 10c and wound up at a net loss for the day of 12½c at $10.10 per barrel. May lard at the close was worth $5.60 as against $5.70 on Friday afternoon. May ribs, which closed yesterday at $5.35, rested at $5.22½ today.

Estimates for Monday: Wheat, 165 cars; corn, 300 cars; oats, 200 cars; hogs, 30,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat, No. 2				
Feb	63⅛	64	63	63⅛
May	65⅞	66⅛	65½	65¾
June	65⅝	66⅜	65½	66⅜
Corn, No. 2				
Feb				28⅛
May	30⅛	30⅛	30	30⅛
July	31⅛	31⅛	31⅛	31⅛
Sept	32¼	32⅜	32¼	32¼
Oats, No. 2				
Feb	19⅝	19⅝	19⅝	19⅝
May	21⅛	21½	21⅛	21⅛
July	21⅜	21⅜	21⅜	21⅜
Sept	21¼	21¼	21¼	21¼
Pork, per bbl				
Feb	10 00	10 00	9 87½	9 90
May	10 20	10 20	10 07½	10 10
July	10 37½	10 37½	10 25	10 25
Lard, 100 lbs				
Feb	5 50	5 50	5 42½	5 42½
May	5 67½	5 67½	5 60	5 60
July	5 80	5 82½	5 72½	5 75
Short Ribs—				
Feb	5 10	5 12½	5 05	5 05
May	5 27½	5 30	5 22½	5 22½
July	5 37½	5 40	5 30	5 30

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Steady; winter patents, $3.50@3.80; winter straights, $3.00@3.50; bakers, $2.10@2.40; spring patents, $3.10@3.40; spring straights, $2.60@2.80.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 63@63⅜c; No. 3 spring, 63½c; No. 2 red, 67½@68c.

CORN—No. 2, 28½c; No. 2 yellow, 28½c.

OATS—No. 2, 19⅝c; No. 2 white, 21¼@22¼c, f. o. b.; No. 3 white, 20@20½c, f. o. b.

RYE—No. 2, 38½c.

BARLEY—No. 2, nominal; No. 3, 27@36c, f. o. b.; No. 4, 26c, f. o. b.

FLAX SEED—No. 1, 91½c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $3.87½@3.90.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $10.00@10.10. Lard, per 100 lbs., $5.42½@5.45. Short ribs sides (loose), $5.10@5.15. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4.75@5.00. Short clear sides (boxed), $5.37½@5.50.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.22.

SUGARS—Unchanged; cut loaf, $5.81; granulated, $5.19; standard "A," $5.06.

POULTRY—Quiet; turkeys, 11½@13½c; chickens, 7½@9½c; ducks, 10@12c.

The following were the receipts and shipments today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	6,000	6,030
Wheat, bu	19,000	46,003
Corn, bu	175,000	51,000
Oats, bu	210,000	118,000
Rye, bu	2,000	3,000
Barley, bu	50,000	20,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was firm: creamery, 14@18½c; dairy, 8@16c. Eggs, weak; fresh, 12½@13c. Cheese, quiet; 9½@10½c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKETS.

Closing Quotations on the Principal Commodities and Staples.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—FLOUR—Receipts, 16,500 bbls.; exports, 13,300 bbls.; dull and easy on spring patents and unchanged on other brands; city mill patents, $4.35@4.55; winter patents, $3.85@4.00; Minnesota patents, $3.60@3.75; Minnesota bakers, $2.90@3.20; spring low grades, $1.90@2.60. Rye flour, dull; superfine, $2.60@2.75; fancy, $2.70@2.90; buckwheat flour, dull; $1.25 spot.

BUCK WHEAT—Dull; 39@41c.

CORN MEAL—Dull; yellow western, lower at 72c; Brandywine, $2.25.

RYE—Quiet at 40@43c.

BARLEY—Quiet; malting, 41@47c; feeding, 33@37c.

BARLEY MALT—Firmly held; western, 47@54c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 900 bu.; exports, 23,800 bu. Spot, market firm; No. 2 red, 80⅛c, f. o. b.; No. 1 hard, 75⅝c, delivered. Options opened lower on heavy Argentine shipments and weak cables, rallied sharply on talk of Armour buying, which led to hurried covering by room shorts, but finally sold off under liberal realizing and closed heavy at ⅛@⅜c net loss; No. 2 red, February, closed at 73½c; May, 72⅛@72¼c, closed at 72⅛c.

CORN—Receipts, 56,600 bu.; exports, 300 bu. Spot, dull; No. 2, 36⅛c. Options opened steady, advanced on good local country buying, finally eased off with wheat, and closed at ⅛@¼c net advance; February closed at 36⅜c; May, 36⅛@36 7-16c, closing at 36⅜c.

OATS—Receipts, 45,200 bu.; exports, 3,100 bu.; futures; 19,000 bu. spot. Spot, dull; No. 2, 25¼@25⅜c. Options, dull and nominal, and closing unchanged to ⅛c up; February closed at 25½c; May closed at 25⅜c.

HAY—Steady; shipping, $7.50@8.00; good to choice, $8.00@9.00.

HOPS—Quiet; common to choice 1894 crop, 2½@3½c; 1895 crop, Pacific coast, 4@8c.

HIDES—Quiet; wet salted New Orleans, selected, 45 to 65 lbs., 11c; Galveston, 20 to 25 lbs., 11c; Buenos Ayres, dry, 20 to 24 lbs., 16c; Texas, dry, 24 to 30 lbs., 9c; California, 21 to 25 lbs., 14c.

LEATHER—Firm; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavy, 20c; acid, 21@23c.

WOOL—Quiet; domestic fleece, 16@22c; pulled, 19@26c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady; family, 10@12c; extra mess, 8c; beef hams, 16c. Cut meats, dull; pickled hams, 8½@9c. Lard, weak; western steam, closed at $5.77½; May, $5.95, nominal. Pork, quiet; mess, $10.50@10.75; family, $11; short clear, $11.50@12.50.

TALLOW—Steady; city, 3⅝@3 13-16c; country, 3⅝@3 15-16c, as to quality.

PETROLEUM—Lower; United closed at $1.42 bid; refined, New York, $7.25; Philadelphia and Baltimore, $7.30; Philadelphia and Baltimore, in bulk, $4.80.

ROSIN—Quiet; strained, common to good, $1.60@1.62½.

TURPENTINE—Quiet at 29½@30c.

BUTTER—Receipts, 3,175 pkgs.; market steady; western creamery, 12@19c; state creamery, 13@18½c; Elgins, 19c.

EGGS—Receipts, 6,984 pkgs.; market steady; state and Pennsylvania, 14½@14½c; western, 14½c; southern, 13½@14c.

RICE—Firm; domestic, fair to extra, 3½@6c; Japan, 3⅜@4c.

MOLASSES—Quiet; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 29@37c.

METALS—Pig iron, quiet; southern, $11.75@13.25; northern, $12.00@12.50. Copper, steady; brokers, $10.50. Lead, steady; brokers, $3. Tin plates, quiet.

COTTON SEED OIL—Dull and heavy; prime crude, 22@22½c; prime crude, f. o. b., 17@20c; off grades, 20@21½c.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Decided Heaviness Characterized the Final Trading of the Week.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Decided heaviness characterized the final trading of the week. This condition resulted partly from the efforts of the professional dealers, and, to a less extent, from liquidation for both domestic and foreign accounts. Manhattan, Tobacco and Leather preferred were the features of the speculation, and displayed notable weakness on moderate offerings. The emphatic denials of the recent favorable rumors in circulation about Manhattan and the unfavorable character of the quarterly report of earnings, published today, provoked a vigorous and effective attack by the traders. The stock dropped 3½ per cent to 104⅝, after an early gain of a point. The professionals raided Tobacco on the detection of realizing by insiders incidental to the encouraging annual statement of operations. The resulting loss reached 2⅝ per cent, with a subsequent rally of ⅝ per cent. A decline of 2¼ per cent in Leather preferred, despite reports of improvement in the leather trade and of large recent sales by the company, caused some surprise, but the room scalpers brought out the old argument of the passage of the dividend against the stock. The concessions in the general market were mainly fractional.

Sugar improved about a point on further advances in foreign beet and domestic refined sugars, but eventually lost the gain, in sympathy with the weakness in the other shares. The closing was moderately active and heavy in tone. The week's speculation has been unsatisfactory to all but the brokers, who devote their exclusive attention to quick turns in the market. There has been general complaint among commission men over the dullness of business. The progress making toward replenishing the gold reserve of the treasury, incidental to the latest government bond issue and the reports and gossip in relation thereto, have been the pivotal influence in Wall street. In the last few days it has become clear to experienced financiers that the net gold receipts to the treasury from the new $100,000,000 issue will fall considerably short of early anticipation, excited by the exceptionally large oversubscriptions. This, of course, is due to the fact that a fairly large proportion of the successful bidders will, in all probability, draw their gold from the treasury, and thus defeat the very object of the loan.

Investors have adopted a cautious policy until the course of the money, exchange and mercantile paper markets can be more clearly forecast than at present. The failure of the free silver defeat in congress to stimulate foreign purchasing of our securities and the selling for the same interest attributed to increased friction over the Transvaal situation, together with the predictions of prominent European financiers of an early sharp revival of gold exports, exert a depressing influence upon the local speculative leaders. Trade reports are less encouraging, although returns of railroad traffic are mainly favorable.

The general market movement has been fairly active, in spite of the holiday interruption, and the course of prices erratic. The industrials attracted the greatest speculative attention, with Sugar and Tobacco, and fluctuating widely. Evidence of active manipulation by insiders was manifest in each case. The first named was marked up 2 per cent to 115¼, in anticipation of the early declaration of the regular dividends. A reaction to 111¼ followed, on fear of a bill in the United States senate, providing for the removal of the differential on the staple. Subsequently, on successive advances in foreign and domestic grades of the staple, the price rallied to 113⅞.

The annual report of the American Tobacco company was much more favorable than the street had anticipated, and covering of shorts coincident with its publication caused a rally to 83¾, as against 75½, the early low point. A reaction to 78⅝ occurred on realizing sales, but the net gain was 3⅝ per cent. Manhattan jumped five points to 113½ on reports of a lease to the Metropolitan Traction company. Denials of the story, and the unfavorable report for the December quarter were responsible for a slump to 104⅝. The final quotation was 105⅛. The aggregate sales were 1,289,504 shares.

The railway bond market today was fairly active, with a downward tendency in prices. The dealings amounted to $609,000. The speculation of the week was moderate in volume, and a firm tone prevailed, although some irregularity in values was noted. The total business was $6,712,000. The market for governments was strong, with the exception of a ½ per cent drop in the old 4s. Marked strength and exceptional activity characterized the dealings in the new 4s coupon. A single transaction of $507,000 took place, and the aggregate sales reached $1,029,000. For the week the unusually large total of $3,267,000 was recorded, the business being chiefly in the new 4s coupon. Slight concessions in prices were generally made, and reports of the liquidation of the interests that had secured a large proportion of the new loan were current.

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

Atchison	16¼	N. Y. Central	97¼
Adams Ex.	148	N. Y. & N. E.	48
Alton, T. H.	58	Ontario & W.	15¼
Am. Express	112½	Oregon Imp	2¾
Baltimore & Ohio	36	Oregon Nav	11
Canada Pacific	57	O. S. L. & U. N.	8
Canada Southern	50	Pacific Mail	29¾
Central Pacific	15¼	P. D. & E.	3⅜
Ches. & Ohio	17⅜	Pittsburg	160
Chicago & Alton	154	Pullman Palace	159
C., B. & Q.	79⅛	Reading	13¼
Chicago Gas	67⅛	R. G. W.	16
Consolidated Gas	157	R. G. W. pfd	45
C., C., C. & St. L.	38	Rock Island	72
Colo. Coal & Iron	3⅛	St. Paul	76⅝
Cotton Oil Cert	17⅛	do pfd	128¾
Delaware & Hud	127⅞	St. P. & Omaha	40¼
Del., Lack. & W	161½	do pfd	122
D. & R. G. pfd	46⅜	Southern Pacific	20
D. & C. F. Co.	18⅛	Sugar Refinery	113⅞
Erie	16¼	Tenn. Coa. & Iron	33¼
Erie pfd	26	Texas Pacific	8½
Fort Wayne	162	T. & O. Cent. pfd	65
G. Northern pfd	110	Union Pacific	6⅜
C. & E. I. pfd	96	U. S. Express	43
Hocking Valley	17¾	W. St. L. P.	7⅛
Illinois Central	95	W. St. L. & P. pfd	18⅛
St. P. & Duluth	25	Wells Fargo Ex	100
K. & T. pfd	29⅝	Western Union	85¼
Lake Erie & West	21⅛	Wheeling & L. E.	12⅝
do pfd	73½	do pfd	39⅛
Lake Shore	144⅛	M. & St. L.	20
Lead Trust	27⅝	D. & R. G.	12⅝
Louisville & N.	50¼	G. E.	30⅜
L. & N. A.	9⅝	N. L.	19
Manhattan Con	104⅝	C. F. & I.	29½
Memphis & C.	15	do pfd	100
Michigan Cent	96	H. & T. C.	1¼
Missouri Pacific	23⅞	T. St. L. & K. C.	6
Mobile & Ohio	23⅞	T. St. L. & K. C. pfd	10
Nashville Chat	65	S. R. R.	10⅛
National Cordage	5⅝	S. R. R. pfd	31⅛
Nat. Cordage pfd	11⅛	Am. Tob. Co.	79⅞
N. J. Central	106	do pfd	101½
N. & W. pfd	7	Am. Tel. & C. Co.	92
North Am. Co.	5⅛	Com'l Cable Co.	150
Northern Pacific	4	Am. Sugar pfd	100⅛
N. Pacific pfd	14⅞	U. S. Cordage gtd	23
U. P. D. & G.	5	U. S. Leather pfd	65¼
Northwestern	103⅝	U. S. Rubber	26⅝
do pfd	145	do pfd	85

* offered.

The total sales of stocks today were 104,300 shares, including: American Sugar, 21,630; American Tobacco, 16,900; Burlington, 4,000; Chicago Gas, 2,400; General Electric, 4,400; Louisville & Nashville, 3,800; Manhattan Consolidated, 7,900; Missouri Pacific, 2,000; National Lead, 1,600; Rock Island, 2,100; St. Paul, 8,400; United States Leather preferred, 5,400; Western Union, 1,900; Wheeling & Lake Erie, 5,800.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—MONEY ON CALL—Nominally 3 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—5½@7 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Quiet, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.87½@4.87¾ for demand, and $4.87¼@4.87½ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.87@4.88 and $4.88½@4.89; commercial bills, $4.85½.

BAR SILVER—67⅝c.

MEXICAN DOLLARS—53½c.

BONDS—State bonds, dull; railway bonds, easier; government bonds, lower for old 5s, others steady; new 4s, reg., 115¾; coupon, 115⅞; 5s, reg., and coupon, 112; 4s, reg., 108½; coupon, 109; 2s, reg., 95.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. 4s, reg., new	115¾	C. P. 1sts of '95	101
U. S. 4s coup., new	115⅞	D. & R. G. 7s	113⅛
U. S. 5s, reg	112	D. & R. G. 4s	90
U. S. 5s, coup	112	Erie 2ds	72
U. S. 4s, reg	108½	G. H. & S. A. 6s	102
U. S. 4s, coup	109	G. H. & S. A. 7s	100
U. S. 2s, reg	95	H. & T. C. 5s	106
Pacific 6s of '95	102	do 6s	104
Ala., class A	108¾	M., K. & T. 1st 4s	85⅛
Ala., class B	108	do 2d 4s	60½
Ala., class C	100	Mutual Union 6s	115
Ala. Currency	95	N. J. C. Gen. 5s	119⅛
La. New Con. 4s	98¾	No. Pacific 1sts	115⅜
Missouri 6s	100	do 2ds	108¾
N. C. 6s	122	N. W. Consols	137
N. C. 4s	103½	do S. F. Deb. 5s	110
S. C. nonfund	½	R. G. West. 1sts	77¼
Tenn. new set 3s	86	St. P. Consols 7s	127⅛
Tenn. new set 5s	111	do C. & P. W. 5s	112⅛
Tenn. old 6s	60	St. L. & I. M. Gen. 5	81
Va. Centuries	61½	St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6	106⅛
do deferred	6½	Texas Pac. 1sts	87
Atchison 4s	77	do 2ds	22
Atchison 2d A	23⅛	U. P. 1sts of '76	102¼
Canada So. 2ds	103	West Shore 4s	105½
L. & N. unified 4s	79⅞	N. Pac. 3ds	73
O. R. & N. 1sts	108⅛	Southern 5s	92¾

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Feb. 15.—Call loans, 6@8 per cent; time loans, 5@7½ per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F.	16⅜	Wis. Central	3⅛
Am. Sugar	113⅞	Edison Elec. Ills	130
Am. Sugar pfd	100¼	Gen. Elec. pfd	60
Bay State Gas	9¼	Atchison 2ds	25¾
Bell Telephone	203½	Atchison 4s	77
Boston & Albany	213½	New England 6s	112⅛
Boston & Maine	169	Gen. Electric 5s	85
C. B. & Q.	79¾	Wis. Cent. 1sts	43
Fitchburg	90	Allouez Mining Co	40
Gen. Electric	30⅛	Atlantic	18
Illinois Steel	69⅝	Boston & Montana	74⅝
Mexican Central	11	Butte & Boston	4⅞
Old Colony	177	Calumet & Hecla	295
Ore. Short Line	8¼	Franklin	14
Rubber	26½	Kearsarge	12
San Diego	50	Osceola	24⅛
Union Pacific	6⅝	Quincy	121
West End	68	Tamarack	113
West End pfd	89¾	Wolverine	6⅝
W. Elec. pfd	52		

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—4 p. m. closing:

Consols, m'y	108 13-16	Mexican ordinary	19
Consols, acc't	108 13-16	St. Paul com	78⅝
Can. Pacific	58⅝	N. Y. Central	100¾
Erie	16⅝	Pennsylvania	54⅛
Erie 2ds	75⅝	Reading	6⅝
Ill. Central	98¾	Mex. Cen. new 4s	72

BAR SILVER—30⅝d.

MONEY—½ per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short and three months' bills is 1⅛@1½ per cent.

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta	13	Gould & Curry	41
Alpha Con	14	Hale & Norcross	120
Andes	15	Justice	10
Belcher	24	Kentucky Con	5
Best & Belcher	78	Mexican	58
Bodie Con	35	Mount Diablo	15
Bullion	12	Occidental Con	97
Bulwer Con	15	Ophir	125
Caledonia	6	Overman	15
Challenge Con	38	Potosi	51
Chollar	62	Savage	48
Confidence	100	Scorpion	2
Con. Cal. & Va	200	Sierra Nevada	41
Con. Imperial	1	Union Con	54
Crown Point	17	Utah Con	11
Exchequer	5	Yellow Jacket	39

Silver bars, 67⅝c; Mexican dollars, 53⅝@54½c. sight drafts, par; telegraphic, par.

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—The following are the closing mining quotations:

Bulwer	14	Ophir	115
Con. Cal. & Va	190	Plymouth	20
Deadwood	75	Quicksilver	175
Gould & Curry	38	Quicksilver pfd	1550
Hale & Norcross	115	Sierra Nevada	40
Iron Silver	20	Standard Con	210
Mexican	54	Union Con	52
Ontario	905	Yellow Jacket	35

Financial Notes.

BOSTON, Feb. 15.—Clearings, $14,496,199; balances, $1,980,368.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 15.—Clearings, $2,556,289; balances, $321,452.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 15.—Clearings, $9,584,730; balances, $1,602,911; week, $58,578,361; balances, $8,769,549.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 15.—Clearings, $2,862,566; balances, $409,238; money, 6@8 per cent; New York exchange, 25c discount asked; par bid.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Today's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, $205,024,650; gold reserve, $79,930,259.

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—Clearings, $15,481,405; money, on call, steady at 6 per cent; on time, 6@7 per cent; New York exchange, before clearings, nominal; after clearings, 5c discount; foreign exchange, bankers' London sterling $4.87½@4.86¾.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—The exports of specie from the port of New York for the week amounted to $518,000 in gold and $977,885 in silver. The imports were: Gold, $1,487,731; silver, $56,064; dry goods, $3,356,088; general merchandise, $4,405,098. Clearings, $112,284,969; balances, $7,526,002.

Foreign Financial Affairs.

BERLIN, Feb. 15.—Exchange on London, eight days' sight, 20 marks, 46 pfg.

PARIS, Feb. 15.—Three per cent rentes, 102f 95c for the account; exchange on London, 25f 29c for checks.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—Gold is quoted at Buenos Ayres today at 213.60; Madrid, 17.62; Lisbon, 25; St. Petersburg, 50; Athens, 77; Rome, 108.90; Vienna, 103. The amount of bullion gone into the Bank of England on balance today is £15,000.

New York Weekly Bank Statement.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—The weekly bank statement shows the following changes: Reserve, decrease, $3,363,550; loans, increase, $3,311,300; specie, decrease $7,142,500; legal tenders, increase, $3,844,200; deposits, increase $261,000; circulation, decrease $239,400. The banks now hold $36,818,875 in excess of the requirement of the 25 per cent rule.

London Consols.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—Closing: Consols for both money and the account, 108 13-16.

St. Louis General Market.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 15.—FLOUR—Dull and easy; patents, $3.70@3.80; extra fancy, $3.45@3.55; fancy, $3.00@3.10; choice, $2.60@3.75.

WHEAT—Opened with free offerings, which were well taken and the market, which was first inclined to weakness, steadied; later advanced on a stiff rally in Chicago, but during the last hour the market showed great weakness on liquidation by longs here and elsewhere, and closed at the bottom at ⅛@⅜c lower than elsewhere. Spot, dull and lower; No. 2 red, cash, 72c; No. 2 hard, 62⅜c; February, 61⅝c; May, 64⅝c; July, 62⅛c.

CORN—Firm and higher, with wheat, early May was bid up ⅜@½c, but later, with relapses elsewhere went off and closed ⅛c under yesterday for futures. Spot, lower; No. 2 mixed, cash and February, 26⅛c; May, 27@27⅛c; July, 28⅜c.

OATS—Futures, firm during most of the session and May sold ⅛@¼c higher, but eased off later and closed about the same as yesterday. Spot, firm; No. 2 cash and February, 19c; May, 20⅛c; July, 19⅝c.

RYE—Quiet; No. 3, 37c.

CORN MEAL—$1.35@1.40.

BRAN—Dull; steady; two cars, sacked, sold east track at 45½c.

FLAX SEED—Quiet at 85c.

TIMOTHY—$2.75@3.60.

HAY—Quiet, with demand only for choice grades; prairie, $6.50@10.00; timothy, $6.75@13.50.

POULTRY—Turkeys, 10@11c; chickens, lower, 7@8c; ducks, better, 9@11c; geese, quiet, 5@6c.

BUTTER—Market steady; creamery, 15@21c; dairy, 12@16c.

EGGS—Market lower at 10½c.

WHISKY—$1.22.

METALS—Lead, quiet and steady; sales, two 2 cars spot, $2.90; chemical, $2.95. Spelter, weak; sellers at $3.70.

PROVISIONS—Pork, lower; standard mess, jobbing, $9.62½; new, $10.12½. Lard, lower; prime, steady at $5.25; choice, $5.37½. Bacon, boxed shoulders, $4.75; longs, $5.75; ribs, $5.87½; shorts, $6. Dry salt meats, boxed shoulders, $4.75; longs, $5.25; ribs, $5.37½; shorts, $5.50.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 4,000 bbls.; wheat, 13,000 bu.; corn, 77,000 bu.; oats, 15,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 6,000 bbls.; wheat, 6,000 bu.; corn, 7,000 bu.; oats, 18,000 bu.

Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 15.—1:30 close: WHEAT—Quiet; demand poor; No. 2 red winter, 5s 8½d; No. 2 red spring, stocks exhausted; No. 1 hard, Manitoba, 5s 7½d; No. 1 California, 5s 9d. Futures closed easy, with February ¼d lower and other months 1d lower; business about equally distributed; February, 5s 7½d; March, April, May and June, 5s 7½d; July, 5s 7¾d.

CORN—Spot steady; American mixed new, 3s 1½d. Futures closed weak with near positions ½d lower and distant positions ¼@½d lower; business about equally distributed; February, 3s; March, 3s ½d; April, 3s 1d; May, 3s 1½d; June, 3s 1½d; July, 3s 1½d.

FLOUR—Dull, demand poor; St. Louis fancy winter, 7s 9d.

PROVISIONS—Bacon, steady; demand, moderate; Cumberland cut, 28 to 30 lbs., 28s; short ribs, 28 lbs., 26s; long clear, light, 38 to 45 lbs., 27s; long clear, heavy, 55 lbs., 26s 6d; short clear backs, light, 18 lbs., 26s; short clear middles, heavy, 55 lbs., 26s; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs., 28s. Shoulders, square, 12 to 18 lbs., 25s 6d. Hams, short cut, 14 to 16 lbs., 29s. Tallow, fine North American, 20s 9d. Beef, extra India mess, 72s 6d; prime mess, 57s 6d. Pork, prime mess, fine western, 52s 6d; prime mess, medium, 46s 3d. Lard, dull; prime western, 28s; refined, in pails, 28s 6d.

CHEESE—Quiet; demand moderate; finest American white and colored, 45s.

BUTTER—Finest United States, 95s; good, 60s.

OILS—Turpentine spirits, 20s 9d. Rosin, common, 4s 4½d. Cotton seed oil, Liverpool refined, 17s. Linseed oil, 20s.

REFRIGERATOR BEEF—Forequarters, 3½d; hindquarters, 4¾d.

BLEACHING POWDER—Hardwood, f. o. b., Liverpool, £7.

HOPS—At London (Pacific coast), £2 5s.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—COFFEE—Options opened steady, with prices unchanged to 5 points lower; ruled dull and heavy under an unsatisfactory spot demand and foreign cables; trading mostly local; decline checked by full warehouse deliveries; closed quiet at a net decline of 5@10 points; sales, 9,250 bags, including March, $12.40@12.45. Spot coffee, Rio, quiet; No. 7, $13.12½. Mild, quiet; Cordova, $16.75@17.75. Warehouse deliveries from New York yesterday were 12,716 bags; New York stock today, 215,914 bags; United States stock, 276,104 bags; afloat for the United States, 177,000 bags; total visible supply for the United States, 453,104 bags, against 476,983 bags last year.

SANTOS, Feb. 15.—Quiet; 14,400 reis; receipts, 5,000 bags; stock, 321,000 bags.

HAMBURG, Feb. 15.—Quiet; ¼ pfg decline.

HAVRE, Feb. 15.—Closed unchanged; sales, 8,000 bags.

RIO, Feb. 15.—Steady; No. 7, $13.20; exchange, 9 1-16d; receipts, 4,000 bags; cleared for the United States, 8,000 bags; for Europe, 3,000 bags; stock, 196,000 bags.

Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 15.—WHEAT—Excessively dull; nominally ½@1c lower; No. 2 red, 74@75c; No. 2 hard, 65@66c; No. 3, nominally 50@55c; rejected, 25@40c.

CORN—Fair demand; prices unchanged; No. 2 mixed, 23c; No. 2 white, 23½@25⅛c.

OATS—Lower; No. 2, 17¾@18⅛c; No. 2 white, 19½@20c.

RYE—No. 2, 35c.

HAY—Steady; timothy, $10.00@11.50; prairie, $5.50@7.00.

BUTTER—Creamery, weak, 16@17c; dairy, steady, 13@15c.

EGGS—Weak, unsettled; 10½c.

Toledo Grain Market.

TOLEDO, Feb. 15.—WHEAT—Lower; weak; No. 2 cash and February, 73c; May, 74⅛c; July, 70½c.

CORN—Active; higher; No. 2 mixed, 29c; No. 3 mixed, 28½c; May, 30½c.

OATS—Quiet; steady; No. 2 mixed, 20½c; No. 2 white, 22c; May, 22½c.

RYE—Dull; No. 2 cash, 41c.

CLOVER SEED—Active; steady; prime cash and March, $4.52½.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 1,500 bu.; corn, 12,000 bu.; clover seed, 380 bags.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 2,000 bu.; corn, 6,000 bu.; clover seed, 486 bags.

Peoria Markets.

PEORIA, Feb. 15.—CORN—Market steady; new No. 2, 27c; new No. 3, 26½c.

OATS—Market firm, inactive; No. 2 white, 20½@20½c; No. 3 white, 19⅝c.

RYE—Market dull, nominal; No. 2, 38@39c.

WHISKY—Market steady; finished goods on the basis of $1.22 for high wines.

RECEIPTS—Corn, 51,600 bu.; oats, 28,350 bu.; rye, none; whisky, 75 gal.; wheat, 18,600 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Corn, 21,050 bu.; oats, 26,700 bu.; rye, none; whisky, 825 gal.; wheat, 8,400 bu.

Sugar Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—SUGAR—Raw, strong; fair refining, 3⅝c; centrifugal, 96 test, 4c. Refined, firm; mould "A," 5¼c; standard "A," 4⅞c; confectioners' "A," 4¾c; cut loaf, 5⅝c; crushed, 5⅝c; granulated, 5c.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—SUGAR—Cane, firm; centrifugal Java, 14s; Muscovado, fair refining, 12s. Beet, active; February, 12s 4½d; March, 12s 6d.

Minneapolis Wheat.

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 15.—WHEAT—Weak; February, 60c; May, 60⅝c; July, 62c bid. On track, No. 1 hard, 61c; No. 1 northern, 60c; No. 2 northern, 59c; receipts, 225 cars.

FLOUR—Dull; first patents, $3.15@3.60; second patents, $3.00@3.10; first clears, $2.60; second clears, $2.10@3.00.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET

Another Very Marked Decrease in Receipts for the Week.

GOOD DEMAND FOR THE CATTLE OFFERED

Buyers Eager and Trading Brisk on the Limited Receipts—Hogs Close an Uneven Week with a Slump.

SATURDAY, Feb. 15.

Receipts for the days indicated are:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.	Horses.
February 15	804	4,189	1,152	....
February 14	1,008	3,355	140	....
February 13	829	2,241	232	26
February 12	985	2,476	61	....
February 11	2,134	4,194	227	7
February 10	1,210	1,564	285	....
February 8	913	2,869	475	....

The receipts for the week are:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Receipts this week	6,939	18,019	2,096
Receipts last week	8,375	17,852	3,113
Same week 1895	7,763	35,882	1,923
Same week 1894	11,646	23,451	10,383
Same week 1893	14,755	22,961	9,945

A heavy falling off in the receipts of both cattle and hogs will be noted as compared with a year ago. One and two years ago the receipts of cattle were more than double what they were the past week.

CATTLE—The receipts were fairly liberal for a Saturday, there being 804 head, as against 1,008 yesterday and 918 on Saturday of last week. It seemed like quite a run as compared with the receipts at other points, Chicago reporting only 400 head and Kansas City 250. Like yesterday, the market was in sellers' favor, and was of a very satisfactory character.

For a Saturday the demand was good and the buyers made short work of clearing the yards. Everything sold early at good strong prices. There was nothing very prime among the offerings of beef steers, so that the sales did not show up very well.

About twelve loads of cows and heifers were on sale and the buyers were not long in gathering them in at prices that were strong, as compared with yesterday, in some cases a little stronger. Everything changed hands early.

The trade in stockers and feeders was of small importance, owing to the few cattle of that kind on sale. The prices paid did not show any material change from yesterday. Representative sales:

BEEF STEERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	850	$3 00	5	1184	$3 60	14	1048	$3 70
58	1102	3 45	17	1181	3 60	35	1380	3 70
10	816	3 45	21	1208	3 60	20	1387	3 75
1	1150	3 50	5	1180	3 60	20	1234	3 75
33	900	3 50	29	1383	3 60	16	1461	3 80
19	1142	3 55	5	1298	3 65	29	1417	3 85
12	1102	3 55	21	1314	3 65			

COWS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	850	1 50	6	1028	2 45	8	1216	2 90
1	963	1 75	1	1230	2 50	1	1310	2 90
2	1000	2 00	5	1120	2 50	4	1265	2 90
3	1033	2 00	2	1060	2 55	9	860	2 90
1	930	2 00	1	870	2 60	2	900	2 90
1	1130	2 00	1	1160	2 60	4	950	2 90
3	866	2 00	1	1210	2 65	10	1088	2 95
1	1030	2 20	3	1306	2 65	1	1060	3 00
2	970	2 20	1	1140	2 70	2	1120	3 00
3	1016	2 25	5	790	2 70	1	1120	3 00
1	1290	2 30	1	1030	2 75	15	1108	3 05
9	1025	2 35	1	1080	2 75	8	900	3 10
2	970	2 35	2	1070	2 75	1	1230	3 10
3	1203	2 35	2	725	2 80	10	1096	3 15
2	1170	2 40	5	1192	2 85	4	1232	3 15
5	1170	2 45	2	1485	2 85	2	955	3 25
1	780	2 45	30	1149	2 85	1	1690	3 70
2	1260	2 45						

HEIFERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	450	2 00	3	486	2 65	1	1020	3 25
1	370	2 00	1	740	2 65	3	966	3 25
4	915	2 50	2	665	2 65	24	843	3 25
3	486	2 50	1	840	2 75	2	805	3 25
1	550	2 60	1	650	2 90	48	802	3 25
5	632	2 60	9	888	3 00	1	880	3 30
2	450	2 60	1	840	3 10	2	575	3 35
6	368	2 65	8	861	3 15			

BULLS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	1119	2 60	1	1870	2 70	1	1420	2 85
1	1070	2 25	1	1440	2 75	1	1610	2 85
1	1460	2 35	1	1290	2 75	1	860	2 85
1	1500	2 50	1	1230	2 75	1	1580	2 85
1	1590	2 65	1	1080	2 80	1	1600	3 00
1	1610	2 65	15	1697	2 80	1	1560	3 00
1	1500	2 70	19	1625	2 80	1	1630	3 25

CALVES.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
2	275	2 85	1	180	4 00	1	160	5 00
1	250	3 25	1	120	4 50	1	210	5 00
7	354	3 50						

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
9	436	3 50	2	400	3 00	9	870	3 55
7	520	3 55	2	770	3 00	16	538	3 55
8	488	3 60	5	576	3 10	10	669	3 55
2	615	2 75	3	906	3 50	7	495	3 70

HOGS—It was an off day for the sellers of hogs. Provisions were lower and prices on hogs took a tumble at all the market points. Owing to the lower prices offered by the buyers the market was a little slow at the opening, but when the trade was once fairly under way it was reasonably active and the pens were cleared in good season.

The prices paid showed a decline of about 5c on heavy hogs, which sold largely at $3.90@3.95, as against $3.95@4.00 yesterday and a decline of 5@10c on light weights, which brought $3.95 principally, as against $4.00@4.05 on yesterday. The top was $4, as against $4.05 yesterday.

The hog market of the past week has been somewhat uneven, the fluctuations being quite large. At the opening of the week the hogs sold at $3.82½@3.95, with the bulk at $3.85@3.90. On Tuesday the market was lower, a good share of the sales being reported at $3.80@3.85. On Wednesday the market went back again to about where it was on Monday. The upward course of the market was continued on Thursday and Friday, the highest point of the week being touched on the last mentioned day, when a few good light loads sold at $4.05. The demand has been good all the past week and the arrivals of each day have met with prompt sale. Representative sales:

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
47	427	120	$3 85	73	223	120	$3 92½
51	345	120	3 85	70	255	...	3 92½
57	271	120	3 90	58	257	...	3 92½
54	280	80	3 90	61	248	40	3 92½
62	270	120	3 90	67	226	40	3 92½
115	287	40	3 90	68	247	...	3 92½
49	254	40	3 90	60	267	160	3 95
66	251	...	3 90	64	229	...	3 95
50	324	40	3 90	60	243	...	3 95
75	278	80	3 90	68	225	80	3 95
47	328	80	3 90	67	217	40	3 95
211	265	80	3 90	71	265	...	3 95
59	270	40	3 90	61	258	...	3 95
52	311	80	3 90	74	243	...	3 95
64	269	...	3 90	84	276	...	3 95
53	291	280	3 90	64	234	80	3 95
62	305	...	3 90	85	208	80	3 95
62	293	80	3 90	55	304	...	3 95
53	293	...	3 90	12	308	...	3 95
67	259	...	3 90	55	272	...	3 95
11	205	...	3 90	76	218	...	3 95
52	308	...	3 90	55	244	...	3 95
70	234	80	3 90	77	250	80	3 95
60	312	...	3 90	57	233	...	3 95
66	403	...	3 90	52	213	...	3 95
12	294	...	3 90	65	231	...	3 95
59	276	...	3 90	69	209	...	3 95
59	280	80	3 90	67	237	160	3 95
66	250	200	3 90	81	229	40	3 95
66	237	...	3 90	71	242	...	3 95
49	380	40	3 90	18	183	...	3 97½
61	254	120	3 92½	80	160	...	4 00
65	261	...	3 92½				

PIGS—ODDS AND ENDS.

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
1	270	...	2 75	3	210	...	3 90
1	300	...	3 80	102	126	160	3 90
1	280	...	3 80				

SHEEP—The receipts of sheep were the largest of any day of the week, and the market active at fully steady prices. The sheep market has been in fair shape the past week, the demand being good and the trade reasonably active on most days. Good to choice natives are quotable at $3.00@3.50; good to choice westerns, $2.75@3.40; fair to good stock sheep, $1.75@3.00; common to choice, 40 to 100-lb. lambs, $3.50@4.50. Representative sales:

No.		Wt.	Pr.
175	western wethers, fed	139	$3 25
178	western wethers, fed	120	3 25

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

Week Closed with Heavy Beeves Lower—Others About the Same.

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—The week closed with heavy beeves selling at 10c to 15c lower than last Saturday, others ruling about the same as a week ago. Medium weights are selling the best. Eastern shippers and exporters have bought freely, and a larger proportion of the cattle than usual has been shipped from here on the hoof. Prices today ruled as follows: Fancy beeves, $4.45@4.65; common to prime steers, $3.25@4.40; stockers and feeders, $2.60@3.90; bulls, cows and heifers, $1.75@3.85; veal calves, $5.50@6.50; Texas steers, $3.25@4.10.

HOGS—A decline of 5c today; buyers holding back for concessions and the supply was disposed of at the reduced prices. Common to prime heavy and medium weights sold today at $3.90@4.20, and prime light sold as high as $4.30. The bulk of the hogs sold at $4.10@4.20.

SHEEP—The few on sale today were sold early at firm prices, and quotations were about the same as a week ago, for good sheep, but somewhat lower for lambs. Common to choice native sheep are now salable at $2.75@3.80, westerns at $3.50@3.65 for good to choice and fair to prime lambs at $3.80@4.60.

RECEIPTS—Cattle, 400 head; hogs, 16,000 head; sheep, 1,900 head.

Kansas City Live Stock.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 15.—CATTLE—Receipts, 500 head; shipments, 1,300 head; market steady; Texas steers, $2.90@3.60; Texas cows, $2.00@2.70; beef steers, $3.00@4.20; native cows, $1.50@3.25; stockers and feeders, $2.55@3.75; bulls, $2.00@3.25.

HOGS—Receipts, 5,400 head; shipments, 200 head; market weak to 5c lower; bulk of sales, $3.90@3.95; heavies, $3.25@3.90; packers, $3.85@3.95; mixed, $3.80@3.95; lights, $3.50@3.92½; Yorkers, $3.85@3.92½.

SHEEP—Receipts, 2,000 head; shipments, none; market steady; lambs, $3.50@4.50; muttons, $2.50@3.60.

St. Louis Live Stock.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 15.—CATTLE—Receipts, 500 head; market steady but slow, owing to small supply; native beeves, $3.25@4.65; stockers and feeders, $2.00@3.60; cows and heifers, $2.00@3.25; Texas steers, $2.50@3.75 for grass and fed cattle.

HOGS—Receipts, 1,000 head; market 5c lower; heavy, $4.00@4.25; mixed, $3.80@4.15; lights, $4.00@4.20.

SHEEP—Receipts, 200 head; market strong; natives, $2.75@3.60; southern, $2.50@3.35; lambs, $3.00@4.50.

Stock in Sight.

Record of receipts at the four principal markets for Saturday, February 15:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
South Omaha	804	4,189	1,152
Chicago	400	16,000	1,000
Kansas City	300	5,400	2,000
St. Louis	300	1,000	300
Totals	1,804	26,589	4,452

LONDON WEEKLY GRAIN REVIEW.

Weather During the Period Mild and Fine.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—The weather during the past week has been mild and fine. In the market wheat was extremely quiet. During the week only five cargoes were sold. The statistical position is satisfactory to holders, and buyers are utterly indifferent. Values were 3d to 6d worse. The rate of consumption was low, and there was no speculative demand. White and Russian wheat were sparingly offered. Spot was slow. Duluth wheat, parcel on passage, was quoted at 27s. Flour found difficult sales. Maize was dull and dragging. Mixed American maize, February delivery, steamer, was quoted at 13s 3d. Barley was dull and easy. Oats were slow and unchanged.

DELUSIVE FORTUNES.

Some People Seriously Pursuing a Shadowy Estate.

Three hundred hopeful lunatics, representing several times as many equally fatuous persons resident in several states of this union and in Europe, met Monday last in Cleveland to begin systematic operations for the discovery of the pot of gold which everybody knows is buried at the end of the rainbow. They are not perhaps quite so frank nor nearly so picturesque in their description of their object, says the Chicago Chronicle. According to their statements they were assembled to form an international corporation made up of heirs of Anneke Jans and devoted to the purpose of securing for those heirs about 192 acres of land in New York City on which Burgher Jans once grew cabbages and on which now sixteen-story steel buildings sprout and thrive. For many decades hundreds of people have contributed money for lawyers' fees and other expenses incident to the prosecution of the claim for this property, yet are today as far from the end of the rainbow as ever. The gentlemen of the bar, however, have profited mightily and many of them will doubtless regard as highly unprofessional the action of ex-Governor Hoadly, who has declined to act as general counsel for the new association on the very unusual ground that its claim is preposterous and without warrant. What if all lawyers should be moved by such ridiculous scruples?

In the mind of man there is probably no conviction more firmly rooted than that somebody ought to have left him some money if the affairs of the world were only properly arranged. From that to the theory that somebody actually did leave him great property which by accident or design has been diverted from its proper testamentary channels is but a short step. No swindle finds more willing victims than the old one, frequently exposed, of deluding credulous Americans with the assertion that they are heirs to some huge estates in Europe and securing from them money for legal and other expenses incident to its recovery. From time to time the proportions of such swindles have become so huge that American ministers resident abroad have thought it proper to deny officially the existence of such estates. Such was the case with the famous Jennings estate, the would-be heirs to which were so numerous that they, too, formed an international association and finally caused an investigation to be made through the United States Department of State, with the result of discovering that no such estate existed. The Townely estate, supposed to consist of $800,000,000 lying in the Bank of England awaiting claimants, was another fiction. It seems scarcely credible that any considerable body of men could be so ignorant as to imagine that such an enormous sum could be left for decades idle and ownerless, but the swindlers who invented the mythical Townley estate profited hugely by the credulity of men of all nations.

Time and again the delusive nature of these supposed bequests has been exposed. Some are merely shrewd swindles, others spring from honest delusion, but in either case there are people who profit by them and who are interested in keeping up the humbug. There may be, as an eminent Chicagoan once said, a new "sucker" born every minute, but there is no indication that the supply of sharpers ready to prey upon their kind is falling short.

Michigan Editors on a Jaunt.

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—Publishers, editors and their families, to the number of 110 persons, members of the Michigan Press association, left here this afternoon over the Illinois Central for a trip to the City of Mexico on their thirty-ninth annual excursion. The party is under the leadership of Charles S. Osborne of Sault Ste. Marie, the president of the association. Among the leading people in the party are Governor and Mrs. Rich.

THE REALTY MARKET.

INSTRUMENTS placed on record February 15, 1896:

WARRANTY DEEDS.

C L Brenizer and wife to H E Brenizer, lot 8, block 1, Missouri Avenue park	$ 1,200
C F McCreary and wife to John McCreary, lot 3 and s½ lot 2, block 1, Idlewild add	1
H M Smith to J W Hempsted, n½ lots 8 and 9, block 3, C E Mayne's 1st add to Valley	351
William Thompson and wife to S W Boyd, w¼ 18-16-10	3,000
M E Schaffer and husband to H J Ross, sub lot 4, in tax lot 17, in 22-15-13	6,000
N S Brown to J M Hamilton, lot 11, block 3, Institute Place	500
Martin Larsen and wife to W K Potter, receiver, lot 29, block 2, West Side	454
A B Gibson and wife to E G O'Connell, lots 7 and 8, block 14, Carthage add, and lot 21, block 6, Orchard Hill	1,000
O F Jaynes and wife to J R Barker, lot 21, block 2, Sherman Avenue park	1
A K McKone to Francis and J H Kendall, w 44 feet lot 7, block 87, Omaha	500

QUIT CLAIM DEEDS.

Covert Lodge of Mason to Cathne Hartman, lots 7, 15 to 19, Beauvoir Place, and lot 17, block 2, Kilby Place	1
Inez Callahan and husband to J W Frogge, n½ of n½ sw and n½ nw se 31-16-14	1,000

DEEDS.

Special master to Omaha Loan and Building association, lot 12, Lewis sub	800
Total amount of transfers	$14,808

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