CONDITION OF OMAHA'S TRADE

Local Jobbers Report Very Little Change in the Volume of Business.

BANK CLEARINGS SHOW A LARGE INCREASE

Encouraging Reports from the Country—All Classes of Business Men Have Unbounded Confidence in the Future.

The condition of business in a general way may be said to be stationary, so far as operations in this section of the country are concerned. No decided improvement in the volume of trade is to be noted, business being neither better nor worse than it has been for the past few weeks. As compared with a year ago, most all houses agree in reporting a considerable gain. This applies to the actual volume of business doing.

If the feeling among business men is taken into consideration it can be truly said that there has been a very great change for the better during the past few weeks. The continued rains have revived confidence in the future prosperity of the state and those who a few weeks ago were doubtful and almost discouraged are now decidedly enthusiastic. Every jobber in the city is overwhelmed with letters from his friends in the country, all breathing a spirit of confidence and hope that has not been manifest in several years.

During the past week the convention brought quite a good many business men into the city, who took advantage of the occasion to call upon the local jobbers, and while they did not buy such a very great amount of goods their talk was decidedly encouraging and they would have been welcomed as the bearers of good news if for no other reason. It is said that stocks of merchandise in all sections of the country are very light and it is noticed that a great many of the orders coming to hand are for goods which are wanted immediately. Eastern jobbing houses note the same thing and the importers and manufacturers say that the jobbers are almost invariably anxious for prompt shipment when they place orders, showing that the whole country is doing business with stocks of merchandise unusually light.

UNSATISFACTORY MARKETS.

The markets of the country are far from satisfactory, the demand for most all kinds of country produce as well as manufactured goods being light and values very low in consequence. Producers are complaining of losses, but the pressure to sell keeps values down. In some instances combinations among manufacturers have succeeded in bringing about the much desired stiffening of prices as in the case of iron and steel. The bicycle manufacturers are now trying to organize for the purpose of maintaining prices.

As noted a week ago, live stock is selling at unusually low prices and hogs during the past week reached the lowest point touched in some years. Cattle and sheep are also selling away down and cereals of all kinds are low.

In the line of manufactured goods the makers of woolens are complaining very loudly. The foreign manufacturer gained a very strong foothold in the country last year through a combination of circumstances and the home manufacturers are feeling the results in a reduced demand and a stagnant market. Most of the woolen mills of the country are running on short time and the prospect is that quite a good many will close down for some time during the summer months.

The cotton manufacturers are doing no better, owing to the high price of the raw material and the very low prices ruling for manufactured goods, together with the limited demand.

The shoe manufacturers in the western states at least are said to be doing a good business. At the same time the leather trade is languid and hides very low and slow sale.

Every section of the country appears to be in about the same condition and business men are becoming more and more convinced of the fact that the situation in Omaha is just as favorable for trade as in any other locality. This conviction, together with the splendid prospects in all sections of tributary territory, is accountable for the improved feeling noted above.

BANK CLEARINGS.

As a further evidence that Omaha is a long way from the rear of the procession attention might be called to the large increase in the clearings of the local banks, which show a very large gain over the previous year. The amount of increase at this point is far beyond the average for the whole country and far larger than that reported for other western cities.

The bottom appears to have been touched and from now on there is no reason apparent at the present time why there should not be a steady recovery.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

An effort is being made among the commission men of New York City to secure united action to abolish what is known in the trade as the "half cent above" commission, in other words, the practice of offering to producers of creamery butter in the west a premium of ½ a cent a pound over the market quotations. The practice originated about three years ago, when some dealers offered the inducement to producers in the west. As a result the producers generally soon began to demand the premium from their commission merchants, and the practice of granting the "half cent above" has increased during the past three years, until it is almost impossible for dealers in New York to secure fancy creamery butter unless they will guarantee the premium. Quotations:

EGGS—Choice stock, 9c.

BUTTER—Fair to good stock, 7@9c; choice to fancy country, 12c.

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; Limberger, fancy, per lb., 11½c; Roquefort, ½-lb. jars, per doz., $3.60; Young Americas, 11½c; Twins, fancy, 11c.

POULTRY—Live—Hens, 8@8½c; old cocks, 3@4c; turkeys, 10@11c; ducks, 8@10c; geese, 6@7c; spring chickens, per doz., $5.

HAY—Upland, $4; midland, $5.50; lowland, $4.50; rye straw, $4; 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., 2¼c; choice green, running to hurl, 2¼c; common, 1¼c.

GAME—Mallard ducks, $2.00@2.50; redheads, $2.00@2.25; canvas back ducks, $2.00@2.25; teal, blue winged, $1.00@1.25; teal, green winged, $1.00@1.25; mixed, $1.00@1.25; Canada geese, $3.50@4.50; small geese, $2.00@3.00; speckled brants, $2.00@3.00.

PIGEONS—Live, $1.20@1.25; dead pigeons not wanted.

VEGETABLES.

TOMATOES—Florida stock, 6-basket crates, $3.50.

PEAS—Boxes, ⅓ bu., $2.

TOP ONIONS—Per doz. bunches, 20@25c.

CUCUMBERS—Per doz., $1.25@1.50.

WAX BEANS—Per bu. box, $4.50.

STRING BEANS—Per bu. box, $3.50.

SPINACH—Per box., $1.10@1.25; per bbl., $2.50@3.00.

PIE PLANT—Illinois stock, 50-lb. box, $2.

CAULIFLOWER—Per crate, 2 doz., $3.50.

CABBAGE—California stock, per lb., 2¼c.

ONIONS—Per bu., 35@50c.

BEANS—Hand picked navy, per bu., $1.40.

SWEET POTATOES—Choice stock, $2.50@3.00 per bbl.; seed sweet potatoes, $2.25.

CELERY—California, per doz., No. 1, $1; No. 2, 80c; No. 3, 60c.

LIMA BEANS—Per lb., 4@4½c.

WATER CRESS—Per 16-qt. case, $1.75.

POTATOES—Native stock, 20@25c; Colorado stock, 35@40c; Red River valley seed potatoes, 50c; Early Ohio, seed, 40@50c; Florida new potatoes, per bu. crate, $1.50; California new potatoes, per lb., 3½c.

BERMUDA ONIONS—Per crate, $3.

CALIFORNIA ASPARAGUS—Per 20-lb. crate, $2.50.

FRUITS.

STRAWBERRIES—Texas, per case of 24 qts., $6.00@7.00; per 24 pts., $3.00@3.50.

APPLES—Choice to fancy Ben Davis, $4.00@4.50; choice wine saps and willow twigs, $4.50@5.00.

CRANBERRIES—Jersey, $4.50@5.00; boxes, $2.00.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

Heavy arrivals of lemons at ports of entry during the past six weeks or two months have had a demoralizing influence upon the market, and the lowest prices on record have been established. The crop was large, and that in itself would be sufficient to explain the increase in shipments. The low prices, which, it is claimed, have been made at the expense of profits in the effort to dispose of the fruit, have caused a larger increase in the consumption. Goods have been shipped everywhere on consignment, and have sold freely because of their cheapness. Yet the importers have received little benefit from the enlarged consumption. Quotations:

ORANGES—California budded seedlings, fancy, $2.75@3.00; choice, $2.50@2.75; fancy navels, $3.75@4.00; choice, $3.50@3.75.

LEMONS—Messinas, fancy, $3.25@3.50; choice, $3.00@3.25; Californias, $2.75@3.00.

BANANAS—Choice large stock, per bunch, $2.00@2.25; medium sized bunches, $1.50@2.00.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The oyster season is practically over, and no one is trying to do much in that line. There is, however, stock still to be had on the market. Quotations:

HONEY—Fancy white, per lb., 14c; choice, 13c; California amber color, 10c.

CIDER—Clarified juice, per half bbl., $3; per bbl., $5.

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

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; medium size, 10c; filberts, per lb., 10c; pecans, polished medium, 8c; large, 10c; peanuts, raw, 6¼@7c; roasted, 7½c.

SAUER KRAUT—Per bbl., $3.50; half bbl., $2.

FIGS—Imported fancy, 5 crown, 30-lb. boxes, 14c; choice 10-lb. boxes, 3 crown, 9@10c.

DATES—Halloween, per lb., 5c; fards, 10-lb. boxes, per lb., 7c.

MAPLE SYRUP—Five gal. cans., each, $2.75; gal. cans, per doz., $12; ½ gal. cans, $6.25; quart cans, $3.50.

MAPLE SUGAR—Choice, per lb., 9c.

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

COCOANUTS—Per 100, $4.50; each, 5c.

DRESSED MEATS.

BEEF—Good steers, 400 to 600 lbs., 6¼@6½c; medium steers, 6c; good cows and heifers, 5½@6c; medium cows and heifers, 5¼@5½c; good forequarters, cows and heifers, 4@4½c; good hindquarters, cows and heifers, 7@7½c; good hindquarters, steers, 7½@8½c; cow rounds, 5¼c; cow plates, 3¼c; boneless chucks, 4c; cow chucks, 3½c; steer chucks, 4c; beef tenderloins, 22c; beef rolls, boneless, 9c; sirloin butts, boneless, 9c; loin backs, boneless, 9c; loin backs, 7½c; cow ribs, No. 3, 8c; cow loins, No. 3, 9c; beef trimmings, 2½c; rump butts, 6c; shoulder clods, 5c.

MUTTON—Dressed lamb, 7½c; dressed mutton, 6¼c; racks, 8c; legs, 9c; saddles, 9c; stews, 3c; sheep plucks, 3c; sheep tongues, per doz., 25c.

PORK—Dressed hogs, 5c; pork loins, 6¼c; spare ribs, 4½c; ham sausage butts, 4½c; pork shoulders, 4½c; pork shoulders, skinned, 4¾c; pork trimmings, 4c; leaf lard, not rendered, 5¼c; tenderloins, 14c.

HIDES AND TALLOW.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 3½c; No. 2 green hides, 2½c; No. 1 green salted hides, 4½c; No. 2 green salted hides, 3½c; 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, 3c; tallow, No. 2, 3c; grease, white A, 3c; grease, white B, 2½c; grease, yellow, 1½c; grease, dark, 1½c; 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 beauty)	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	20	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@82				
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					
Winter	8@10	9	7		
Fall		7	6		
Kits	2		3		

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKETS.

Quotations of the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, April 18.—FLOUR—Receipts, 8,900 bbls.; exports, 15,500 bbls.; market, dull and easy in response to the decline in wheat; winter patents, $3.90@4.00; winter straights, $3.65@3.75; Minnesota patents, $3.75@4.05; winter extras, $2.60@3.00; Minnesota bakers, $2.70@3.15; winter low grades, $2.20@2.35; spring low grades, $2.00@2.60. Rye flour, steady; superfine, $2.65@3.25; fancy, $2.75@3.00.

BUCKWHEAT—Dull; 40c.

CORN MEAL—Dull; yellow western, coarse, 77c; city, 79c; Brandywine, $2.20.

RYE—Steady; 40@43c.

BARLEY—Steady; 39@45c.

BARLEY MALT—Nominal; western, 44@45c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 7,400 bu.; spot, weaker; No. 1 hard, 76¾c, f. o. b., afloat. Options opened easier under large Argentine shipments and dull trade, afterwards declining sharply on active liquidation, prospects of heavy Russian shipments and absence of clearings; closed ⅛@⅝c net lower; No. 2 red, April, closed 75⅝c; May, 73 1-16@73 9-16c, closing 73⅛c.

CORN—Receipts, 15,000 bu.; exports, 3,100 bu.; spot, weak; No. 2, 38½c. Options opened steady on light receipts, but later declined with wheat, closing ⅛@½c net lower; April closed 37c.

OATS—Receipts, 120,800 bu.; exports, 13,250 bu.; spot, firm; No. 2, 25¾c. Options, quiet, active and steady, closing unchanged; May closed 25c.

HAY—Dull; shipping, $7.50@8.00; good to choice, $9.00@10.00.

HOPS—Quiet; state, common to choice, 1894 crop, 2½@4½c; 1895 crop, 3@8c; coast, 1894 crop, 2½@4c; 1895 crop, 3@8c.

HIDES—Slow; Galveston, 11c; Buenos Ayres, dry, 16c; Texans, dry, 9c; California, 14c.

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock sole, B. A., light to heavy weights, 19@20c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, quiet; family, $10.00@11.00; extra mess, $8.50@9.00; beef hams, $11.50; packet, $9.00@9.50. Cut meats, steady; pickled bellies, 4⅝@5¼c; pickled shoulders, 4¾c; pickled hams, 8½@9c. Lard, steady; western steam closed $5.20 asked; refined, steady. Pork, steady; old and new mess, $9.25@10.25; short clear, $10.00@11.50; family, $10.50@10.75.

BUTTER—Receipts, 3,061 pkgs.; market, quiet; western dairy, 8@11c; western creamery, 10@15c; Elgins, 15c.

EGGS—Receipts, 11,000 pkgs.; market steady; state and Pennsylvania, 11½@12c; western, 10¾@11½c; southern, 10½c.

TALLOW—Quiet; city, 3⅝c; country, 3⅝c.

OILS—Petroleum, dull; United closed $1.21; refined, $6.80; Baltimore and Philadelphia, $6.80; refined, in bulk, $4.25. Rosin, firm; strained, common to good, $1.25. Turpentine, 29@29½c. Cottonseed oil, slack and uninteresting; prime crude, 21@22c; prime crude, f. o. b., mills, 17@18c; off grades, 19½@20c; butter grades, 27@23c; prime summer yellow, 25½c.

RICE—Quiet; domestic, fair to extra, 3⅜@6c; Japan, 3¾@4¼c.

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

METALS—Pig iron, steady; southern, $10.75@13.00; northern, $11.00@13.50. Copper, quiet; brokers, $10.87½. Lead, firm; brokers, $2.90. Tin plates, quiet, but steady.

St. Louis General Market.

ST. LOUIS, April 18.—FLOUR—Easy and lower; patents, $2.65@3.75; extra fancy, $3.35@3.45; fancy, $2.90@3.00; choice, $2.55@2.65.

WHEAT—Weather conditions were more favorable, buying was light and the selling enough to put prices down at the opening. Heavy clearances of flour and wheat also had a bearish effect on the market, which later became steady and rallied slightly, but closed tame ⅝c to 1c below yesterday. Spot, dull; No. 2 red, cash, 68c, bid, elevator; 76½c, track; May, 59⅝@59¾c; July, 62c, bid; August, 63¾c, bid.

CORN—Futures, weak, with considerable more offered than the demand called for until May declined ⅝c, and July ½c. The market then steadied and recovered ⅛c; closing ¼c under yesterday. Spot, lower; No. 2 mixed, cash, 27¼@27⅜c; May, 27½c; July, 28⅝@28⅝c.

OATS—May was weak on call and sold ¼c lower, but later had buyers ⅛c better; July, ⅛c lower. Spot, dull and lower; No. 2 cash, 18⅝c, bid; May, 18⅝c, bid; July, 19⅛c, bid.

RYE—37c, bid, elevator, east track.

CORN MEAL—$1.40@1.45.

FLAXSEED—Steady at 82c.

TIMOTHY SEED—$2.50@3.10.

HAY—Quiet, strong and higher for choice; prairie, $6.00@9.50; timothy, $6.00@13.50, this side.

POULTRY—Steady; chickens, 7½c; turkeys, 10c; ducks, 9c.

BUTTER—Easier; creamery, 14@18c; dairy, 12@14c.

EGGS—Lower at 8¼c.

WHISKY—$1.22.

PROVISIONS—Pork, lower; standard mess, jobbing, new, $8.87½; old, $8.37½. Lard, lower; choice, $4.72½@4.87½. Shoulders, boxed, $4.87½; longs, $5; ribs, $5.25; shorts, $5.25. Dry salt meats, boxed shoulders, $4.50; ribs, $4.75; shorts, $4.75.

METALS—Lead, nominal at $2.77½. Spelter, nominal at $3.80.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 5,000 bbls.; wheat, 28,000 bu.; corn, 45,000 bu.; oats, 43,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 4,000 bbls.; wheat, 9,000 bu.; corn, 13,000 bu.; oats, 8,000 bu.

London Grain Review.

LONDON, April 18.—The weather during the past week has been variable, but has not injured the crops. In the market wheat offers were light in quantity and the tone was firmer. The demand was not active. Spot trade was fairly good. Parcels were slow. California cargo wheat, prompt delivery, was quoted at 28s 3d. Maize was steady, with light offers and poor demand; mixed American maize, June and July delivery, was quoted at 15s 9d. Barley was firm and slow. Oats were firm; American clipped oats, April and May delivery, were at 12s 10½d. 320 lbs.

Minneapolis Wheat.

MINNEAPOLIS, April 18.—WHEAT—Slow; May, 61½@61⅝c; July, 63¼c.

FLOUR—Quiet; first patents, $3.35@3.50; second patents, $3.10@3.20; first clears, $2.35; second clears, $2.25.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Fine Growing Weather Caused Wheat to Rule Weaker.

CORN SUFFERED SOME IN CONSEQUENCE

Provision Market Started Firm, but Very Soon Weakened, Getting Into Line with the Tendency of Grain.

CHICAGO, April 18.—Fine growing weather, lack of export and milling demand and the denial of chinch bug damage caused wheat to rule weaker today. May closed at 65⅝c, or ⅞c below yesterday's close. Corn and oats declined ⅜c and ¼c respectively. Pork was quiet, 12½c under yesterday; lard, 2½c, and ribs, 5c.

The very favorable weather now prevailing and prospects for the next few days had much to do with the weakness of wheat at the opening and during the forenoon. Crop reports also covering the period since the close of the previous month gave a good account of the progress made by the wheat plant since it came under the influence of growing weather. Added to the favorable crop news was the unsympathetic tone of the foreign markets to yesterday's advance here. The public cablegram quoted spot wheat in Liverpool unchanged and futures ¼d higher. May wheat opened at from 66⅜c to 66¼c, declined to 66⅛c, recovered to 66½c and then began a decline, which took it down to 65⅝c, with a subsequent recovery to 66c and 65⅞c, the closing quotation. One of the weak features of the day's statistical news was that no wheat was cleared from New York in the last twenty-four hours. Demand for winter wheat from country millers at a premium over May prices practically ceased; in fact, some previously purchased has been ordered resold. The visible statement Monday has possibilities of a comparatively heavy decrease and from 1,000,000 bu. upward was the generally expressed expectation of it. The backward state of spring wheat seeding in the northwest was again a matter of frequent comment, but the extra moisture, which is the present chief barrier to the rapid completion of the seeding, was generally considered more than ample compensation for two weeks' delay in getting the seed in.

Corn suffered from the weakness of the wheat market and the generally favorable outlook for the planting time. May corn opened at from 30⅝c to 30½c, declined to 30c and closed 30⅛c, sellers.

For a Saturday the oats market was very active. Good offerings and sympathy with wheat made the feeling easier. May opened at 20c, sold off to 19¾c and closed at that price bid.

The provision market started firm, but very soon weakened, getting into line with the tendency of the grain markets.

Estimated receipts for Monday are: Wheat, 10 cars; corn, 360 cars; oats, 220 cars, and 27,000 head of hogs.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat, No. 2				
April	65¾	66	65⅛	65⅝
May	66¼@⅜	66⅛	65⅝	65⅞
July	67⅛@¼	67¼@⅜	66¾	67
Corn, No. 2				
April	30½@¼	30¼	29¾	29¾
May	30⅝@½	30½	30	30⅛
July	31½	31½	31⅛	31¼
Sept	32⅝	32⅝	32¼	32⅜
Oats, No. 2				
May	20	20	19¾	19¾
July	20¼@⅜	20⅜	20⅛	20¼
Sept	20¾	20¾	20⅝@½	20⅝@½
Pork, per bbl				
May	8 72½	8 72½	8 60	8 60
July	8 92½	8 92½	8 80	8 80
Lard, 100 lbs				
May	4 97½	4 97½	4 92½	4 92½
July	5 10	5 10	5 07½	5 07½
Short Ribs—				
May	4 42½	4 42½	4 37½	4 37½
July	4 57½	4 57½	4 50	4 50

Cash quotations were as follows:

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 65⅝c; No. 3 spring, 65@65½c; No. 2 red, 68⅞@70c.

CORN—No. 2, 30¼@30⅜c.

OATS—No. 2, 19¾c; No. 2 white, 19¾@20c; No. 3 white, 19¼@20½c.

RYE—No. 2, 37½c.

BARLEY—No. 2, nominal.

FLAXSEED—No. 1, 91½c.

PRIME TIMOTHY SEED—$3.30.

POULTRY—Steady; turkeys, 11@12½c; chickens, 8½@11c; ducks, 11@12c.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $8.60@8.65; lard, per 100 lbs., $4.90@4.92½; short ribs, sides, loose, $4.35@4.40; dry salted shoulders, boxed, $4.50@4.62½; short clear sides, boxed, $4.50@4.62½.

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

The following were the receipts and shipments today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	7,000	11,000
Wheat, bu	14,000	536,000
Corn, bu	113,000	1,740,000
Oats, bu	186,000	291,000
Rye, bu	......	1,000
Barley, bu	19,000	11,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was steady; creamery, 11@15c; dairy, 9@13c. Eggs, 8@10c.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Speculation Centered in the Industrial Shares Yesterday.

NEW YORK, April 18.—Speculation today centered in the industrial shares, covering of shorts being the chief motive power. Only two stocks, Sugar and Tobacco, reached noteworthy activity. The dullness in the regular railway list can be figured from the fact that St. Paul was most active in the group with only 3,400 shares. Substantial advances were scored in the industrials as a result of the covering of the shorts referred to. Sugar was the pivotal stock, and also led the entire market in point of activity. Inside purchasers started a rush by the bears, with the effect of causing a 2 per cent advance. Tobacco jumped 3⅜ per cent to 72, and receded to 71. Consolidated Gas rose 3½ per cent to 161½ on investment purchases induced by the belief that all danger of hostile legislation at this session in Albany was at an end. The Cotton Oil shares rallied on the publication of reassuring advices regarding the earnings of the company. The common gained 1⅝ per cent and preferred 1⅝ per cent. Manhattan was well supported, advancing 1½ per cent, regardless of the decision rendered yesterday in favor of the tax commissioners. Despite the dullness in the railroad list the grangers, Missouri Pacific and Kansas & Texas preferred gained sharp fractions, and other important shares improved slightly. The closing was moderately active, with prices ruling at the top.

The movement of the stock market during the past week has in the main been encouraging to the owners and holders of securities. The continued and increasing ease of money, the more seasonable weather, the complete subsidence of apprehension of a revival of gold exports upon an extensive scale, more favorable advices regarding the crop indications and fairly satisfactory returns of railroad earnings have all contributed toward a more cheerful speculative sentiment. Additional gratifying developments have been the disappearance of pressure in commercial paper on the market, and a more general disposition on the part of bankers and money lenders to discount the choice grades and indications of a revival of buying by commission houses and by London. A noteworthy feature has been comparative activity in a great many of the specialties and usually inactive shares, but it is still to be regretted that the attention of operators is more particularly bent upon the industrials. Conservative financiers prefer to take an attitude of caution during the pendency of wild manipulation in the industrials, while the standard railroad stocks are allowed to remain much in the background. They are influenced by a desire to see more clearly defined the financial planks in the platforms of respective political parties, and also are disposed to restrict business until the season has advanced sufficiently to enable an intelligent estimate of the crop outcome to be made. Reports regarding the commercial situation are more encouraging, but there is still room for improvement, and in a great many cases, the backwardness of the spring has resulted in an accumulation of stocks. The opinion is general that the Cuban difficulty will be treated, so far as intervention by this government is concerned, with conservatism.

Officials of the great standard railway systems say that while the work of seeding has been delayed by copious rains in the great crop producing sections of the country that condition is very much more favorable than if early seeding had been general and the soil had lacked the necessary moisture.

The gains among the specialties were material in most cases, and in the railways, the grangers and international shares recorded noteworthy improvements. The heavy and almost unprecedented glut of money in London encourages expectations of increased purchases of our securities in the near future. Buying for this account during the week included Southern 5s, Erie generals, Chesapeake & Ohio 5s, and the Atchison and Northern Pacific issues. The advance in prices culminated on Thursday, and in the ensuing days a general moderate reactionary movement occurred, due chiefly to realization of profits. The upward movement, however, was resumed Saturday, when covering of shorts again advanced prices, and the closing was at about the top level. Sugar was the main feature of the speculation, and advanced 3½ per cent to 125¾. Subsequently profit taking caused a reaction to 123, but the stock left off at 125¼. The early closing of the books for the dividends on Tobacco and a decided scarcity of the stock for loaning purposes, a premium of ¼ per cent being exacted for use, caused an advance of 2¾ per cent to 86¾. Revived rumors of injunctions resulted in a decline to 84. The first transaction of ex-dividend was at 71, against 84, the previous day's closing. Later a decline occurred to 67¼, then a rally to 72.

The final transaction was at 71. Trading in the scrip was notable, but on a parity with the price of the stock. The Lead shares were exceptionally strong on improved trade conditions and expectation of a dividend disbursement on the common stock, settlements between the Northern Pacific managers and the Chicago & Northern Pacific interests and between the St. Louis & San Francisco and Atchison interests regarding matters at issue and the publication of the reorganization plan of the St. Louis & San Francisco require mention. The aggregate sales were 970,9?1 shares.

Trading in bonds today footed up $990,000, an unusually large total for a Saturday. The market was firm and slight gains were noted in some issues. The market during the week ruled higher and was favorably affected by foreign purchases and by a good local investment. Southern 5s exceptionally gained 3 per cent. Material improvement was also scored in other prominent bonds. The sales were 10,370,000. Governments were strong and higher on dealings of $554,000.

The New York Financier says this week: The statement of the associated banks of New York for the week ending April 18 shows that the receipts of currency during the week from the interior were lighter than had been estimated. The actual net increase in the cash holdings of the banks only amounts to $434,500, and as $1,000,000 was sent abroad, it is evident that the week's receipts from domestic sources can barely have exceeded $1,000,000. In general business circles the week indicated a gain, although not as perceptible at eastern cities as west of the Mississippi valley. In that section and also in Baltimore and Pittsburg, there has been extensive retail buying and this has naturally resulted in a better demand at wholesale. The general tone of the financial week, however, indicates that there is no abatement in the almost universal disposition to deal with unusual conservatism and not to anticipate future wants. The fact, however, that the country bank clearings for the week are 6 per cent greater than the preceding one and 5½ per cent larger than the same week a year ago, is evidence of a slow but general increasing volume of trade. Should out of town remittances to New York reach a very considerable magnitude, it is likely to result in the secretary of the treasury calling upon the depository banks to turn over further installments of the $12,650,100, which they still hold on the bond account. The depository banks originally held $21,500,000, and should the remaining $12,000,000 be called for, it would naturally stiffen the money market and lessen gold shipments. In the week's currency movement the shipments from the west have been heavy and had undoubtedly an offset in remittances of this city's funds against New England districts. Manufacturing interests are responsible for this demand, which has played a part in the apparent more liberal discounting of commercial paper.

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

Atchison	16¼	N. Y. Central	96¼
Adams Ex	149	N. Y. & N. E.	48
Alton, T. H.	58	Ontario & W.	15⅛
Am. Express	113	Oregon Imp	1
Baltimore & Ohio	18⅛	Oregon Nav	20
Canada Pacific	58¾	Pacific Mail	27¾
Canada Southern	49½	Peoria Dec. & E.	2
Central Pacific	15¼	Pittsburg	160
Ches. & Ohio	16⅜	Pullman Palace	159
Chicago & Alton	154	Reading	12⅛
C., B. & Q.	79	R. G. W.	18
Chicago Gas	68¾	R. G. W. pfd	45
Consolidated Gas	160½	Rock Island	71⅝
C., C., C. & St. L.	35	St. Paul	76¾
Colo. Coal & Iron	2	do pfd	126¾
Cotton Oil Cert	13¾	St. P. & Omaha	39¾
Delaware & Hud	127	do pfd	122
Del., Lack. & W.	159	Southern Pacific	19½
D. & R. G. pfd	47⅝	Sugar Refinery	125¾
D. & C. F. Co.	18¼	Tenn. Coal & Iron	30¾
Erie	15	Texas Pacific	8⅛
do 1st pfd	40	T. & O. Cent. pfd	73
do 2d pfd	23	Union Pacific	8⅜
Fort Wayne	160	U. S. Express	40
G. Northern pfd	111	W. St. L. P.	7
C. & E. I. pfd	99	W. St. L. & P. pfd	18⅝
Hocking Valley	16¼	Wells Fargo Ex	99
Illinois Central	93¼	Western Union	84½
St. P. & Duluth	24	Wheeling & L. E.	9⅛
K. & T. pfd	27⅝	do pfd	34⅛
Lake Erie & West	18	M. & St. L.	19½
do pfd	70	D. & R. G.	12
Lake Shore	147½	G. E.	33¾
Lead Trust	27⅝	N. L.	18
Louisville & N.	51¼	C. F. & I.	30¾
L. & N. A.	8½	do pfd	100
Manhattan Con	109¼	H. & T. C.	2½
Memphis & C.	15	T. St. L. & K. C.	5
Michigan Cent	95	T. St. L. & K. C. pfd	10
Missouri Pacific	26⅜	S. R. [illegible]	9⅝
Mobile & Ohio	[illegible]	[illegible] R. pfd	30¾
Nashville Chat	68	Am. Tob. Co.	70¾
National Cordage	4⅛	do pfd	95
Nat. Cordage pfd	9⅝	Am. Tel. & C. Co.	93⅛
N. J. Central	106¼	Com'l Cable Co.	158
N. & W. pfd	5⅜	Am. Sugar pfd	102¾
North Am. Co.	5⅜	U. S. Cordage gtd	18⅝
Northern Pacific	1¼	U. S. Leather pfd	61⅛
N. Pacific pfd	18⅛	U. S. Rubber	26¼
U. P., D. & G.	3⅛	do pfd	85⅛
Northwestern	104⅛	S. L. S. & E. 1st T. R.	38@42
do pfd	146		

Total sales of stocks today were 66,020 shares, including: American Tobacco, 8,700; American Sugar, 22,800; Missouri Pacific, 2,400.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, April 18.—MONEY ON CALL—Easy at 2½@3 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—5@6 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Dull but steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.88½@4.88¾ for demand and $4.87¾@4.88 for sixty days; posted rates, $4.88½@4.89 and $4.89½@4.90; commercial bills, $4.87.

BAR SILVER—67⅝c.

MEXICAN DOLLARS—54c.

BONDS—State bonds, inactive, railroad bonds, firm; government bonds, strong; new 4s, reg., 116⅝; coupon, 117⅝; 5s, reg., 112½; coupon, 112¾; 4s, reg., 108¾; coupon, 109¼; 2s, reg., 95; Pacific 6s of '97, 103.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. 4s, reg. new	116⅝	*C. P. 1sts of '95	100½
U. S. 4s coup. new	117⅝	D. & R. G. 7s	114
U. S. 5s, reg	112½	D. & R. G. 4s	88½
U. S. 5s, coup	113¾	Erie 2ds	66½
U. S. 4s, reg	108¾	†G. H. & S. A. 6s	104¾
U. S. 4s, coup	109¼	G. H. & S. A. 7s	100
*U. S. 2s, reg	95	H. & T. C. 5s	108
*Pacific 6s of '95	103	do 6s	100
†Ala., class A	110	M., K. & T. 1st 4s	85¾
Ala., class B	106	do 2d 4s	59
Ala., class C	101	Mutual Union 6s	114
*Ala. Currency	100	N. J. C. Gen. 5s	118¾
La. New Con. 4s	98¾	No. Pacific 1sts	115
Missouri 6s	100	do 2ds	112
*N. C. 6s	124	*N. W. Consols	139½
*N. C. 4s	15	do S. F. Deb. 5s	111
*S. C. nonfund	¼	R. G. West. 1sts	75¾
Tenn. new set 6s	85	St. P. Consols 7s	128
Tenn. new set 5s	108	do C. & P. W. 5s	114
*Tenn. old 6s	60	St. L. & I. M. Gen. 5	77½
Va. Centuries	60½	St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6	108
do deferred	4¾	Texas Pac. 1sts	89½
Atchison 4s	79¼	do 2ds	23¾
Atchison 2d A	45⅜	U. P. 1sts of '95	105¾
†Canada So. 2ds	104½	West Shore 4s	106¾
L. & N. unified 4s	78	Southern 5s	92¾
O. R. & N. 1sts	110	N. Pac. 3ds	75

*bid †offered.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, April 18.—Call loans, 4@6 per cent; time loans, 4@6 per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F.	16⅛	W. Elec. pfd	52½
Am. Sugar	125⅛	Wis. Central	2⅝
Am. Sugar pfd	102¾	Edison Elec. Ills	139
Bay State Gas	9½	Gen. Elec. pfd	75
Bell Telephone	204½	Atchison 2ds	25¾
Boston & Albany	208	Atchison 4s	79¾
Boston & Maine	165½	New England 6s	112¾
C. B. & Q.	79	Gen. Electric 5s	89¾
Fitchburg	94	Wis. Cent. 1sts	43
Gen. Electric	37¼	Allouez Mining Co	1
Illinois Steel	72½	Atlantic	18
Mexican Central	10¼	Boston & Montana	75¾
N. Y. & N. E.	76	Butte & Boston	2
Old Colony	176	Calumet & Hecla	305
Ore. Short Line	8	Franklin	11
Rubber	26¼	Kearsarge	10½
San Diego	10	Osceola	26½
Union Pacific	8⅜	Quincy	121
West End	68¾	Tamarack	93
West End pfd	90	Wolverine	7
Westingh. Elec	29		

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

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

Alta	9	Hale & Norcross	125
Alpha Con	8	Julia	4
Andes	27	Justice	3
Belcher	43	Mexican	35
Best & Belcher	50	Mono	11
Bodie Con	45	Occidental Con	120
Bullion	12	Ophir	115
Bulwer Con	40	Overman	9
Caledonia	3	Potosi	23
Challenge Con	22	Savage	27
Chollar	41	Scorpion	2
Con. Cal. & Va	105	Sierra Nevada	60
Con. Imperial	1	Union Con	51
Crown Point	32	Utah Con	3
Exchequer	3	Yellow Jacket	32
Gould & Curry	24		

Silver bars, 67¼c; Mexican dollars, 54¾@55¼c. Sight drafts, 5c; telegraphic, 10c.

New York Mining Quotations.

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

Bulwer	25	Ontario	1300
Chollar	30	Ophir	100
Crown Point	25	Plymouth	20
Con. Cal. & Va	155	Quicksilver	150
Deadwood	100	Quicksilver pfd	1500
Gould & Curry	20	Sierra Nevada	55
Hale & Norcross	115	Standard Con	190
Homestake	2500	Union Con	42
Iron Silver	20	Yellow Jacket	28
Mexican	35		

Financial Notes.

BALTIMORE, April 18.—Clearings, $2,246,010; balances, $406,276.

PHILADELPHIA, April 18.—Clearings, $13,043,673; balances, $1,476,600.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—Today's statement of the condition of the treasury: Available cash balance, $270,148,706; gold reserve, $125,915,145.

ST. LOUIS, April 18.—Clearings, $3,097,350; balances, $627,911; money, 6@8 per cent; New York exchange, $1.10 premium bid; $1.25 premium asked.

CHICAGO, April 18.—Money, easy; on call, 6 per cent; on time, 6@7 per cent; New York exchange, 65c premium; sterling, posted rates, $4.90 on demand, $4.89 on sixty days' time; bank clearings, $13,287,387.

New York Weekly Bank Statement.

NEW YORK, April 18.—The weekly bank statement shows the following changes: Reserve, increase $208,100; loans, increase $607,400; specie, decrease $205,600; legal tenders, increase $640,100; deposits, increase $905,600; circulation, increase $10,600. The banks now hold $18,139,350 in excess of the requirements of the 25 per cent rule.

London Consols.

LONDON, April 18.—Consols for money and account, 112½.

Sugar Market.

NEW YORK, April 18.—SUGAR—Raw, firmer; fair refining, 3⅜@3⅞c; centrifugal, 96 test, 4⅝c. Refined, firm; standard "A," 5⅝c; confectioners' "A," 4⅝c; cut loaf, 6¼c; crushed, 6¼c; powdered, 5⅝c; granulated, 5½c.

LONDON, April 18.—SUGAR—Cane, steady; centrifugal Java, 14s 4½d; Muscovado, fair refining, 12s 7½d. Beet, firm, but quiet; April, 12s 9d; May, 12s 10½d.

Wool Market.

NEW YORK, April 18.—WOOL—Quiet; domestic fleece, 16@22c.

LONDON, April 18.—The wool arrivals for the fourth series, which opens June 30, aggregate 4,968 bales of Cape of Good Hope and Natal wools, including 1,500 bales sent direct. The imports for the week are as follows: New South Wales, 31,263 bales; Victoria, 11,622 bales; South Australia, 2,368 bales; New Zealand, 41,687 bales; Cape of Good Hope and Natal, 5,140 bales; China, 10 bales; India, 34 bales; France, 1,489 bales; Portugal, 25 bales; Belgium, 40 bales; Germany, 20 bales; Buenos Ayres, 32 bales; Philadelphia, 500 bales, by steamer Barromere; Boston, 10 bales, by steamer British Queen, making a total of 95,464 bales.

Liverpool Market.

LIVERPOOL, April 18.—WHEAT—Spot, firm; demand moderate; No. 2 red, winter, 5s 8d; No. 2 red, spring, stock exhausted; No. 1 hard, Manitoba, 5s 8d; No. 1 California, 4s 7d. Futures closed dull, with near and distant positions ¼d higher; business heaviest on middle positions; April, 5s 6¾d; May, 5s 7d; June, 5s 7d; July, 5s 7d; August, 5s 7d; September, 7s ¼d.

CORN—Spot, firm; American mixed, new, 3s 3d. Futures closed firm, with April ¼d higher, and other months unchanged from yesterday's closing, business heaviest on early positions; April, 3s 1¾d; May, 3s 2d; June, 3s 2d; July, 3s 2¼d; August, 3s 3d; September, 3s 3¼d.

FLOUR—Steady; demand moderate; St. Louis fancy, 7s 6d.

PEAS—Canadian, 4s 7d.

PROVISIONS—Firm; demand moderate; Cumberland cut, 28 to 30 lbs., 31s; short ribs, 28 lbs., 30s; long clear, light, 38 to 45 lbs., 28s 6d; long clear, heavy, 55 lbs., stock exhausted; short clear, 18 lbs., 27s; short clear middles, heavy, 55 lbs., 25s 6d; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs., 28s. Shoulders, square, 12 to 18 lbs., 24s. Hams, short cut, 14 to 16 lbs., 41s. Tallow, fine North American, 19s 3d. Beef, extra India mess, 60s; prime mess, 50s. Pork, prime mess, fine western, 50s; prime mess, medium, 42s 9d. Lard, steady; prime western, 25s 9d; refined, in pails, 26s 9d.

CHEESE—Steady; demand moderate; finest American, white and colored, 24s 6d.

BUTTER—Finest United States, 75s; good, 50s.

OILS—Turpentine spirits, 21s 3d. Rosin, common, 4s 9d. Cottonseed oil, Liverpool refined, 17s. Linseed oil, 19s 6d.

REFRIGERATOR BEEF—Forequarters, 3¼d; hindquarters, 5¼d.

BLEACHING POWDER—Hardwood, f. o. b., Liverpool, 17.

HOPS—At London (Pacific coast), £1 15s.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, April 18.—COFFEE—Options opened firm at 5@15 points advance, ruled fairly active on foreign buying and local selling, with European and Brazilian news regarded as bullish; closed steady for near months and firm for late months, with a net advance of 5@25 points. Sales, 19,250 bags; March, $10.65@10.70. Spot coffee, Rio, firmer; No. 7, $13.75. Mild, steady; Cordova, $16.75@18.00. Total warehouse deliveries from the United States, 10,530 bags, including 8,753 bags from New York; New York stock today, 264,164 bags; United States stock, 297,725 bags; afloat for the United States, 106,250 bags; total visible supply for the United States, 403,975 bags, against 430,000 bags last year.

SANTOS, April 18.—Good average Santos, 14,800 reis; receipts, 2,000 bags; stock, 122,000 bags.

HAMBURG, April 18.—Quiet; ¼ pfg decline; sales, 3,000 bags.

HAVRE, April 18.—Closed steady; ½f advance; sales, 13,000 bags.

RIO, April 18.—Dull; No. 7, 13,900 reis; exchange, 9¼d; receipts, 2,000 bags; cleared for the United States, 5,000 bags; for Europe, 1,000 bags; stock, 77,000 bags.

Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, April 18.—WHEAT—Nominally, steady; No. 2 hard, 63c; No. 3, 50@54c; rejected, 35@40c; No. 2 red, 74@75c; No. 3, 65@70c; No. 2 spring, 61@62c; No. 3, 57@60c.

CORN—Weak, lower; No. 2 mixed, 23¼@23½c; No. 2 white, 23½@23¾c.

OATS—Unchanged, dull.

RYE—No. 2, 33½c.

HAY—Steady; timothy, choice, $11.00@11.50 other grades, $5.50@10.00; prairie, choice, $7.00@8.00; others, $3.00@6.00.

BUTTER—Very weak; creamery, 15@16c; dairy, 10@12c.

EGGS—Lower, fresh, 8½c.

Cotton Market.

NEW ORLEANS, April 18.—COTTON—Steady; middling, 7 11-16c; low middling, 7½c; good ordinary, 6 2-16c; net receipts, 643 bales; gross receipts, 645 bales; exports, to Great Britain, 1,800 bales; coastwise, 22 bales; sales, 1,000 bales; stock, 166,802 bales.

NEW YORK, April 18.—COTTON—Quiet; middling, 7 15-16c; receipts, 1,241 bales; forwarded, 39 bales; sales, 113 bales, all spinners; stock, 151,988 bales.

ST. LOUIS, April 18.—COTTON—Dull; middling, 7 9-16c; sales, 806 bales; receipts, 38 bales; shipments, 489 bales; stock, 54,091 bales.

Peoria Markets.

PEORIA, April 18.—CORN—Market steady; No. 2, 29⅝c; No. 3, 29¼c.

OATS—Market firm; No. 2 white, 20¼@20⅜c; No. 3 white, 19¼@19½c.

RYE—Market firm, higher; No. 2, 38½c.

WHISKY—Market steady, $1.22.

RECEIPTS—Corn, 101,700 bu.; oats, 24,600 bu.; rye, 600 bu.; whisky, none; wheat, 1,200 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Corn, 12,000 bu.; oats, 1,300 bu.; whisky, 600 gals.; wheat, 1,800 bu.

'Frisco Wheat Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 18.—WHEAT—Inactive; December, $1.08⅝; May, $1.08⅝.

THEIR REQUEST IS DENIED.

Bondsmen Will Not Be Allowed to See Snyder's Books.

A big grist of routine business, which included the passage of the appropriations on account of March bills, was transacted by the Board of County Commissioners yesterday.

The report of the county judge for the first quarter of 1896 showed the receipts of the office to have been $1,781.15; expenditures, $1,408.35; balance, $371.80. Approved.

On recommendation of the finance committee the request of the bondsmen of ex-Treasurer Adam Snyder for three months' time in which to make an expert examination of the books was denied.

The report of the county clerk for the first quarter of 1896 was approved. It indicated that the expenditures of the office had exceeded the receipts by $197.

On recommendation of the committee on charities the services of T. W. Hotchkiss as clerk at the county coal yard were dispensed with in the interests of economy. This takes effect at once.

A communication was received from the superintendent of the Hospital for the Insane at Norfolk in response to a request for information from the board. As the information was not given, the county clerk was directed to apply to Governor Holcomb for the facts required. In this connection Chairman Jenkins stated that there were some features of this institution that should be shown up. He said he had information that led him to believe that they did not have the number of inmates they claimed.

The county treasurer asked to be allowed to employ two additional men to make up the delinquent tax index. He was authorized to employ two men for sixty days at $75 per month each, the salaries to be paid out of the fees of the office.

The contract and bond of the Lauder Baking company for furnishing bread at the poor farm were approved.

The application of A. R. Hensel for a position as keeper of the court house grounds was referred.

A long report from Dr. S. D. Mercer on the sanitary condition of the poor farm was referred to the committee of the whole. The general conditions were reported as satisfactory, but the objection was made that the ventilation was entirely insufficient. An overhauling of the fan system was recommended, and also the promulgation of a set of rules for the government of the institution. The committee of the whole will meet at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon to consider the subject.

Frederick Howell was appointed day fireman at the county poor farm at a salary of $20 a month.

A resolution by Hoctor directed the superintendent of the poor farm to afford all possible assistance to clergymen of all religious denominations who wished to offer religious consolation to the inmates.

Stenberg wanted to know why such a resolution was necessary. Williams stated that he had been informed that restrictions had been placed on some clergymen, and he thought this should be corrected. Every inmate should be allowed to worship as his conscience dictated, and clergymen of all creeds should receive equal courtesy. The resolution was adopted.

ANOTHER OMAHA PIONEER GONE.

Out at Great Falls S. W. Ferguson Passes Away.

Judge A. N. Ferguson received a telegram yesterday, conveying the sad intelligence that his brother, S. W. Ferguson, had died Friday night at Great Falls, Mont., after an illness of but a few days' duration.

S. W. Ferguson was the youngest son of Hon. Fenner Ferguson, Nebraska's first chief justice of the supreme court. He came to Nebraska in 1854, when a mere child, residing at Bellevue, Lincoln and Omaha. He attended the local schools and remained here until two years ago, when he went to Montana and engaged in the real estate business. Prior to leaving for the west, he was in the employ of the United States, serving in the postal service. The cause of death was heart troubles. The interment will be at Great Falls. The deceased leaves a wife.

Plans for Another Hotel.

Charles Kirchhoff, jr., architect for the Schlitz Brewing company, Milwaukee, is in the city to prepare plans for the reconstruction of the company's building at the corner of Sixteenth and Harney streets. As a saloon and roof garden the property has yielded small returns on the investment, and it is purposed to convert it into a hotel.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET

Liberal Supply of Cattle with a Market Weak and Lower.

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS RULE STEADY

Hog Receipts Only Fair and an Active Demand Forced Prices Up 5 Cents—Week Closed 5 to 10 Cents Below the Opening.

SATURDAY, April 18.

Receipts for the days indicated are:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.	Horses.
April 18	1,817	2,058	....	8
April 17	1,446	2,844	846	15
April 16	1,299	4,652	2,911	1
April 15	1,795	6,898	931	....
April 14	1,923	4,550	196	....
April 13	1,278	952	....	14
April 11	1,567	3,806	....	....

The receipts for the week, as compared with previous weeks were:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Receipts this week	9,538	21,954	4,884
Receipts last week	8,508	17,812	2,245
Same week last year	7,954	19,123	6,245
Same week 1894	18,152	34,256	7,646
Same week 1893	17,505	28,175	6,471
Same week 1892	18,200	28,150	2,465

The official number of cars of stock brought in today by each road was:

Road.	Cattle.	Hogs.
C., M. & St. P. Ry	2	1
O. & St. L. Ry	..	1
Missouri Pacific Ry	6	1
Union Pacific Ry	29	1
C. & N. W. Ry	..	1
B. & M. R. R. R	14	10
C., B. & Q. Ry	1	4
C., R. I. & P. Ry., east	1	..
C., R. I. & P. Ry., west	1	18
C., St. P., M. & O. Ry	6	3
F., E. & M. V. Ry	29	8
Total receipts	89	32

CATTLE—Omaha was the only market today that had enough cattle to really establish quotations, and the receipts here were quite liberal for the last day of the week. There were 1,817 head in, as against 1,567 on Saturday of last week. There were only a few feeders among the receipts and only about a dozen loads of butchers' stock, the great bulk of the offerings consisting of corn fed steers.

It being a Saturday, and the receipts large the buyers did not appear to care much about loading up with cattle unless they could get them enough lower to make it an object to carry them over. As salesmen were generally pricing their holdings as high as yesterday, and in some cases even higher, the market was slow and the forenoon was well advanced before much business was transacted. Some handy little cattle sold about steady, but the general market was weak and lower.

The market on cows and heifers was also slow, as salesmen were backward about making the reduction of 10@15c demanded by the buyers. She stuff has been selling very high here, as compared with other markets, owing to the very moderate receipts and the active demand. The tendency has been to gradually force the market up, "strong and active" being the general condition of the trade on most days. In consequence the buyers were only too willing to take off when the opportunity was presented.

Stockers and feeders were in very moderate supply; in fact, there were hardly enough to establish prices. Such as were here sold at about the same old prices, the market showing no quotable change. Representative sales:

BEEF STEERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	1480	$3 25	13	1243	$3 75	16	1106	$3 80
1	1050	3 25	20	1166	3 75	21	1321	3 80
3	855	3 40	16	1220	3 75	21	1220	3 80
19	971	3 55	15	1515	3 75	6	1250	3 85
40	1411	3 60	20	1257	3 75	20	1208	3 85
20	1084	3 60	13	1391	3 75	5	1412	3 85
27	865	3 60	13	1266	3 75	7	1315	3 85
26	1059	3 65	17	1418	3 75	14	1285	3 85
25	1266	3 70	19	1031	3 77½	20	1371	3 85
76	1251	3 70	42	1311	3 80	17	1533	3 85
15	1228	3 72½	21	1219	3 80	41	1217	3 90
18	1348	3 75	18	1333	3 80			

COWS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	850	1 75	6	1115	2 55	1	1170	2 95
1	970	2 00	2	980	2 65	10	920	3 00
1	1000	2 00	1	1140	2 70	2	1290	3 00
1	1160	2 40	6	1043	2 75	20	1165	3 05
1	1020	2 40	6	1100	2 75	7	1101	3 10
2	1190	2 50	1	1280	2 85	1	1240	3 25
1	1370	2 55	28	1100	2 90			

HEIFERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	590	2 60	8	528	3 20	27	750	3 35
1	640	2 65	6	618	3 20	5	762	3 35
1	750	3 00	1	780	3 25	4	897	3 35
1	750	3 00	1	610	3 35	1	770	3 50

BULLS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	1370	2 00	1	1350	2 80	1	1300	3 00
1	1530	2 50	1	1610	2 90	3	1680	3 00
1	1570	2 60	1	1570	2 90	1	830	3 00
1	2030	2 65						

STAGS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	1550	2 50	16	1551	3 25	1	1520	3 75
17	1496	3 05	1	1700	3 50			

CALVES.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	380	3 25	3	116	4 25	2	185	4 50
1	220	3 50	1	130	4 50	1	190	4 50
1	110	4 00	2	115	4 50	4	180	4 75
2	115	4 00	2	235	4 50			

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	840	2 75	1	1070	3 40	12	636	3 60
1	780	3 00	8	495	3 40	77	858	3 60
2	695	3 25	4	405	3 40			

WESTERNS.

OREGON.

R. L. Scott.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
3 steers tlg.	1180	$2 75	43 steers	1182	$3 40

HOGS—The receipts of hogs were light today, there being only 2,058 here, as against 2,787 yesterday and 3,086 on Saturday of last week. The light receipts and favorable advices from other markets were all on the side of the selling interests and better prices were the result.

The market opened with the buyers all in the field and all wanting hogs. The result was a fairly active market, with values 5c higher all around. The light hogs sold at $3.50@3.55, the top being 10c higher than yesterday. Hogs weighing over 400 pounds sold down to $3.30, but the great bulk of the medium weight to heavy hogs sold at $3.35@3.45, as against $3.30@3.40 yesterday. Everything sold early, the yards being cleared before 10 o'clock.

This has been a low week in the hog market, in fact a record breaker in that respect. At the opening of the week hogs were selling at $3.45@3.55, from which point the market went down rapidly until Thursday, when the bulk of the sales was reported at $3.25@3.30. That proved to be the low day of the week, as the market recovered some on Friday, and the further advance at the close left values only about 5@10c lower than at the opening of the week, or 10@15c lower than the close of the previous week. Representative sales:

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
41	423	...	$3 30	62	269	80	$3 40
49	321	80	3 35	64	272	160	3 40
51	307	...	3 35	56	277	...	3 42½
57	221	80	3 35	61	269	...	3 45
55	279	80	3 37½	74	258	...	3 45
58	283	40	3 40	67	274	...	3 45
65	283	80	3 40	63	246	...	3 45
70	297	200	3 40	65	245	80	3 45
54	301	80	3 40	61	253	80	3 45
62	311	...	3 40	69	264	...	3 45
28	290	...	3 40	75	252	...	3 45
71	261	240	3 40	69	250	80	3 45
50	301	...	3 40	65	251	120	3 45
55	297	...	3 40	62	255	80	3 45
49	272	...	3 40	64	239	...	3 50
55	302	...	3 40	60	234	40	3 50
56	280	80	3 40	84	223	...	3 50
67	236	120	3 40	65	234	80	3 50
68	261	80	3 40	123	183	80	3 55

PIGS—ODDS AND ENDS.

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
7	74	...	2 25	18	305	...	3 30
1	280	...	2 75	5	246	...	3 40
3	523	80	3 20	6	208	...	3 40
1	270	...	3 30	9	239	...	3 40
2	305	...	3 30				

SHEEP—There were no sheep received today.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

Shippers Were Good Buyers and Dressed Beef Was Firmer.

CHICAGO, April 18.—Dressed beef, firmer, and shippers have been very good buyers at from $3.20 to $4.40 for common to prime steers, sales being largely at from $3.75 to $4.15, with extremely few above $4.25. The government inspectors are condemning a great many light and common calves, and shippers are at last beginning to cease buying them at any price. Milkers and springers sell at $20 to $40 per head.

The demand for hogs was sufficient to absorb the limited offerings, as prices were strong and largely 5c higher for heavy medium and mixed lots, while light weights were steady. Common to choice heavy sold at from $3.30 to $3.70, packing lots selling largely at $3.65, while medium weights sold up to $3.85. Light hogs sold readily at $3.60 and $4.

In sheep the trade was moderately animated at the decline of 25c to 40c this week. Sheep are now selling at from $2.50 to $3.75 for poor to extra, largely at from $3 to $3.50, and lambs bring from $3.75 to $4.50.

Receipts: Cattle, 400 head; hogs, 11,000 head; sheep, 4,500 head.

Stock in Sight.

Record of receipts at the four principal markets for April 18, 1896:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
South Omaha	1,817	2,058	....
Chicago	400	11,000	500
Kansas City	3,000	6,000	1,700
St. Louis	3,000	5,000	400
Totals	8,217	24,058	2,600

St. Louis Live Stock.

ST. LOUIS, April 18.—CATTLE—Receipts, 3,000 head; market steady; native steers, $3.75@4.40; Texas steers, $2.75@3.70.

HOGS—Receipts, 5,000 head. Market steady; light, $3.40@3.70; mixed, $3.25@3.60; heavy, $3.30@3.60.

SHEEP—Receipts, 400 head. Market steady at the recent decline.

Kansas City Live Stock.

KANSAS CITY, April 18.—CATTLE—Receipts, 3,000 head; shipments, 2,000 head; market nominally steady; Texas steers, $3.00@3.50; Texas cows, $2.00@3.10; beef steers, $3.00@4.00; native cows, $1.75@3.30; stockers and feeders, $3.30@3.85; bulls, $2.00@3.10.

HOGS—Receipts, 6,000 head; shipments, 1,300 head; market strong, 5c higher; bulk of sales, $3.40@3.55; heavies, $3.00@3.55; packers, $3.40@3.55; mixed, $3.40@3.65; Yorkers, $3.55@3.65; pigs, $3.35@3.65.

SHEEP—Receipts, 1,700 head; shipments, 1,100 head; nominally steady; lambs, $3.10@4.20; muttons, $2.50@2.60.

MUST SETTLE WITH THE GROCER.

New Rules of the Commission Men to Be Vigorously Enforced.

During the past week the produce commission men of the city have carried into effect their resolution to insist upon weekly payments on the part of retail merchants buying goods of them, and the result has been entirely satisfactory. The grocers have in some instances found fault with the new arrangement, but the great majority have looked upon the matter as a plain business proposition and, as the commission men seemed to be asking only what was their due, have lived up to the new rules.

In order to meet payments for goods weekly the retail grocers will be forced to collect their bills more promptly and customers need not be surprised if the grocer should become so bold as to ask for his money if it is not forthcoming promptly.

The commission man is obliged to pay cash for about everything that he buys and on all consigned goods he has to make returns to the shipper on the day the goods are sold. To carry the grocer for thirty days or more under such circumstances is a hardship under which the commission men of the city have been struggling for some time.

With the possible exception of Boston and Toledo, Omaha has been about the most remiss in the matter of collections, covering the produce and fruit business, of any city in the country. Cities like Kansas City, Denver, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Cleveland and Buffalo all have weekly payments and reports from those cities indicate that the retail trade, after becoming accustomed to the change, is better pleased. Chicago has had the weekly payment system ever since the city was large enough to support commission houses and a move is now on foot to enforce it more rigidly than in the past. It is claimed that the commission business is coming nearer to a cash basis every year. The grower of produce and fruit wants his money as soon as the goods are shipped and in a good many cases he wants the receiver to advance money to pay the expenses before the goods are shipped. Owing to the small profits arising from fruit and produce growing, the shipper is always in a hurry for his money and the commission man is forced to fall back upon the retail dealer, who in his turn will have to urge more prompt payments on the part of customers.

OTTO BERGER GIVEN FIVE YEARS.

Judge Baker Disposed of the Reinhardt Burglar.

Otto Berger, who was convicted on April 4 of burglary, was brought into the criminal court yesterday for sentence. It was proven that Berger entered the house of J. B. Reinhardt on South Thirteenth street in the night time, effecting his entrance by means of a window opening directly upon the foot of the bed in which Reinhardt and his wife were sleeping. He crawled across the foot of the bed without disturbing the sleepers and went through the clothes of Reinhardt, which were upon a chair near the bed. He then passed into another room and awakened the occupants of the house by running against a piece of furniture. He was caught by Reinhardt and another man living in the house, after Berger notified them to keep away or he would shoot. Reinhardt responded to this warning by shooting at Berger, wounding him in the hand.

When asked if he had anything to say, Berger handed the court a document of several closely written pages, explaining his actions and appealing to the clemency of the court.

Judge Baker read the document and then proceeded to deliver a lecture to the prisoner. Berger is a young man, apparently about 25 years old, and during the talk of the judge hung his head and seemed to have great difficulty in repressing tears. At the conclusion of his remarks Judge Baker sentenced the prisoner to five years at hard labor in the penitentiary.

RAILWAY TIME CARD

Leaves Omaha	BURLINGTON & MO. RIVER. Union Depot, 10th & Mason Sts.	Arrives Omaha
8:30am	Denver Express	9:35am
4:35pm	Blk. Hills, Mont. & Puget Snd Ex.	4:05pm
4:35pm	Denver Express	4:05pm
7:05pm	Nebraska Local (except Sunday)	7:45pm
	Lincoln Local (except Sunday)	11:25am
2:55	Fast Mail (for Lincoln) daily	

Leaves Omaha	CHICAGO, BURLINGTON & Q. Union Depot, 10th & Mason Sts.	Arrives Omaha
5:00pm	Chicago Vestibule	8:00am
9:48am	Chicago Express	4:15pm
7:50pm	Chicago & St. Louis Express	8:00am
11:35am	Pacific Junction Local	6:10pm
	Fast Mail	2:50pm

Leaves Omaha	CHICAGO, MIL. & ST. PAUL. Union Depot, 10th & Mason Sts.	Arrives Omaha
6:00pm	Chicago Limited	8:05am
10:45am	Chicago Express (ex. Sunday)	3:25pm

Leaves Omaha	CHICAGO & NORTHWEST'N. Union Depot, 10th & Mason Sts.	Arrives Omaha
11:00am	Eastern Express	3:10pm
4:45pm	Vestibuled Limited	5:45pm
6:15pm	St. Paul Express	9:30am
5:40am	St. Paul Limited	9:05pm
7:30am	Carroll & Sioux City Local	11:10pm
6:30pm	Omaha Chicago Special	8:00am
	Missouri Valley Local	9:30am

Leaves Omaha	CHICAGO, R. I. & PACIFIC. Union Depot, 10th & Mason Sts.	Arrives Omaha
	EAST.	
10:40am	Atlantic Express (ex. Sunday)	5:35pm
6:25pm	Night Express	8:15am
4:50pm	Chicago Vestibuled Limited	1:35pm
4:50pm	St. Paul Vestibuled Limited	1:35pm
	WEST.	
6:45pm	Oklahoma & Texas Ex. (ex. Sun.)	10:35am
1:40pm	Colorado Limited	4:00pm

Leaves Omaha	C., ST. P., M. & O. Depot, 15th and Webster Sts.	Arrives Omaha
8:15am	Sioux City Accommodation	8:00pm
12:30pm	Sioux City Express (ex. Sun.)	11:55am
6:15pm	St. Paul Limited	9:10am

Leaves Omaha	F., E. & MO. VALLEY. Depot, 15th and Webster Sts.	Arrives Omaha
3:00pm	Fast Mail and Express	5:00pm
3:00pm	(ex. Sat.) Wyo. Ex. (ex. Mon)	5:00pm
7:50am	Norfolk Express (ex. Sunday)	10:25am
7:50am	Fremont Local (Sundays Only)	
6:15pm	St. Paul Express	9:10am

Leaves Omaha	K. C., ST. J. & C. B. Union Depot, 10th & Mason Sts.	Arrives Omaha
9:05am	Kansas City Day Express	6:10pm
10:00pm	K. C. Night Ex. via U. P. Trans.	6:30am

Leaves Omaha	MISSOURI PACIFIC. Depot, 15th and Webster Sts.	Arrives Omaha
10:40am	St. Louis Express	6:00am
9:30pm	St. Louis Express	5:53pm
5:00pm	Nebraska Local (ex. Sun.)	9:00am

Leaves Omaha	SIOUX CITY & PACIFIC. Depot, 15th and Webster Sts.	Arrives Omaha
6:15pm	St. Paul Limited	9:10am

Leaves Omaha	SIOUX CITY & PACIFIC. Union Depot.	Arrives Omaha
5:40am	St. Paul Passenger	11:10pm
7:30am	Sioux City Passenger	9:05pm
5:55pm	St. Paul Limited	9:20am

Leaves Omaha	UNION PACIFIC. Union Depot, 10th & Mason Sts.	Arrives Omaha
9:30am	Kearney Express	4:10pm
8:20am	Overland Limited	4:45pm
3:30pm	Beat'ce & Stromsb'g Ex. (ex Sun)	4:10pm
5:45pm	Grand Island Express (ex. Sun.)	12:05pm
3:30pm	Fast Mail	8:40am

Leaves Omaha	WABASH RAILWAY. Union Depot, 10th & Mason Sts.	Arrives Omaha
4:30pm	St. Louis Cannon Ball	11:55am

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