CONDITION OF OMAHA'S TRADE

Better Feeling Manifested in Almost All Lines of Business.

BANK CLEARINGS SHOW A DECIDED GAIN

Movement of Goods in a Jobbing Way Very Fair for the Latter Half of April—Depression in Live Stock Industry.

A week of fine weather with occasional showers in different sections of the country has had a beneficial effect upon trade generally, both retail and jobbing. The retail trade of the city and of the larger towns throughout tributary territory has been more active and of a fairly satisfactory character. The jobbing trade has naturally improved under the same conditions and without exception all local houses are making a very good report.

It may be truthfully said that the past wek has afforded unmistakable evidences of improvement in the general business conditions in this section of the west, though the change has not been very great or of a character calculated to raise false hopes as to the future. The improvement has been sufficient, however, to strengthen the feeling of encouragement that has sprung into existence during the past few weeks and that has been gradually growing ever since the coming of spring weather. The spirit of hopefulness is very noticeable among all classes of business men and was remarked upon even before it was hardly possible to detect the reason for its existence.

FARMERS FEELING BETTER.

The jobbers appear to have caught the infection from the retail trade of the country. Every country merchant that has visited the city during the past week has had only good news to relate of splendid prospects, fine rains, soil in excellent condition, and farmers hopeful and energetic. "We are not buying much now, they wait until a little later in the year and then you will hear from us," has been the substance of the remarks most frequently heard from visiting merchants the past week. They are not buying for the future, but are placing upon their shelves only such merchandise as is wanted for current consumption, but all reports agree that the country is short of goods of all kinds and that with a favorable season the demand will be greater than was ever experienced in the history of this section. The jobbers are generally preparing for a rush of business this fall and are buying in anticipation heavier than for several years. Every one appears to realize that in the event of anything like a revival of business prosperity there will be such an urgent demand for merchandise that the local jobbers are preparing to be in a position to take care of the business that would necessarily come to this city.

The dead timber in the retail trade of the state has been pretty well cleared away and business is nearer a cash basis than it ever was before. The whole country is in excellent condition for a revival of business and all that is required to bring on a period of great activity is a bountiful yield of farm crops and good prices.

Bank clearings at this point show a large gain over last year, while most other western cities are running behind their record of a year ago. Omaha is considerably ahead of the average for the whole country and everything would seem to indicate that Omaha is holding her own as compared with the most prosperous cities in other localities.

LIVE STOCK VALUES LOW.

The depression that has held down the live stock industry for some time still continues, and the past week has witnessed the lowest prices of any time. As fine corn fed beeves as were ever produced have sold during the past week for less money than they cost six months or a year ago as feeders, causing heavy losses to their owners. Even cheap corn has not been sufficient to make up for the heavy shrinkage in values. The worst feature of the situation is that even with prices unprecedentedly low no apparent stimulus has been given to the demand for the product. It must be borne in mind that this is a general condition and is not peculiar to the live stock industry of Omaha alone. The fact is that Omaha has held up fully as well as other markets, and bids fair to continue along the same line in the future. During the past week it was announced that the Cudahy Packing company had been unable to effect a renewal of its lease in Chicago, and in consequence will be forced to handle all their business from this point from now on. This will create a much larger local demand for live stock of all kinds.

Values on hogs have been fully as low in proportion as cattle and while the market at one time in December last went as low, aside from that it touched the lowest point in years during the past week. The packers all claim that the demand for the product is very light and their indifference as to the purchase of stock would bear out their assertions.

Country produce has also been low, especially eggs, which are hardly worth taking to market in the country, and butter never was so low in this city as now. Poultry brings good prices for the simple reason that very little is coming forward. The game season is practically at an end and very little has been received during the past week or ten days. While values on produce have been low, there has been no such slaughter of prices here as at some larger markets. Last week fancy veals sold in New York City at 2 cents per pound and carcasses that were good enough to escape condemnation at the hands of the inspectors, sold there still a little off, sold at 50 to 75 cents apiece.

Fruits of all kinds and most early vegetables, owing to the scarcity at this season, have commanded good prices. The coming week promises to witness a big reduction in the price of strawberries, as the Arkansas crop will soon be thrown upon the market and the supply is said to be large. The Texas crop is exhausted and what Mississippi berries are left are mostly too soft to stand shipment to so distant a market.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Choice stock, 7½@8c.

BUTTER—Fair to good stock, 7c; choice to fancy country, 10@12c.

VEAL—Choice fat, 70 to 100 lbs., are quoted at 7@7½c; 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, 10c; twins, winter make, 8@9c; October make, 9@10c.

POULTRY—Live—Hens, 7½@8c; old cocks, 3@4c; turkeys, 10@11c; ducks, 8@10c; geese, 6@7c; spring chickens, per doz., $3.00@5.00.

HAY—Upland, $4; midland, $4.50; lowland, $4.50; rye straw, $4; color makes the price on hay; light hales 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, 1½c.

GAME—Mallard ducks, $2.50; redheads, $2.50; canvasback ducks, $2.00@2.25; teal, blue winged, $1.50@1.75; teal, green winged, $1.25@1.50; mixed, $1.25@1.50; Canada geese, $3.50@4.50; small geese, $2.00@3.00; speckled brants, $2.00@3.00; jack snipe, $1.00@1.25.

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

VEGETABLES.

TOMATOES—Florida stock, 6-basket crates, $6.00.

PEAS—Boxes, ⅝ 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, $1.50.

SPINACH—Per box, 75c; per bbl., $2.00.

PIE PLANT—Home grown, per lb., 2c.

CAULIFLOWER—Per crate, 1 doz., $2.

CABBAGE—California stock, per lb., 2½c.

ONIONS—Per bu., 75@50c.

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

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

LIMA BEANS—Per lb., 4c.

WATER CRESS—Per 16-qt. case, $1.75.

POTATOES—Native stock, 20@25c; Colorado stock, 35@40c; Burbank River valley seed potatoes, 50c; early Ohio seed, 60@50c; California new potatoes, per lb., 2½c.

BERMUDA ONIONS—Per crate, $2.00.

HOME GROWN ASPARAGUS—Per doz. bunches, 50@65c.

FRUITS.

About twenty to thirty cases of strawberries came in yesterday, but quite a good many of them were in poor condition, being Mississippi stock.

There is considerable variety to the reports from California concerning the condition of the fruit crop. The frosts which were reported about the first of the present month did more or less damage throughout the state, entirely destroying some fruit in many places and materially shortening the yield in many others. Throughout the Sacramento valley these frosts were heavy and in some places did great damage. The almond crop appears to be most seriously affected. In several places it is reported that the entire crop has been wiped out, while in other portions of the valley the crop will be extremely small at best. The apricot crop appears also to have suffered a good deal, although on the high ground the trees of this fruit escaped serious injury. In some few localities this crop will be a total failure, although on the whole the probabilities are that there will be a fair yield, as in many places the crop is looking fine. Peaches, pears and cherries generally look well, although in low lands, where the frost was more severe, there was some damage sustained. Late rains have helped conditions a good deal, and the fruit not destroyed by frost is coming out in fine shape. In the Napa, Sonoma and Santa Clara valleys, the frosts on the 1st of the month did some damage, nipping peach, almond and apricot buds, but the early varieties of these fruits are in good shape. Late showers and warm weather have done a good deal toward overcoming the damage sustained. In the San Joaquin valley, the late frosts did a little damage in the lower orchards, but on the whole it was slight. Some complaint of the high north winds having blown considerable fruit from off the trees is heard, but this occurred only in the more exposed positions. In southern California there is expected only a moderate yield of apricots, owing to the frost which occurred while this fruit was in bud. Other fruits are doing well, being now in full bloom and enjoying forcing weather. Everywhere the fruit trees look thrifty. In the east counties fruit is fully two weeks ahead of the season, and, being in bloom, considerable apprehension of damage by late frosts is felt. At the moment, however, the outlook is favorable. Quotations:

STRAWBERRIES—Texas, per case of 24 qts., $3.50@6.00.

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

CRANBERRIES—Jersey, $1.50@3.00; boxes, $2.00.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

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; California, $2.75@3.00.

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

MISCELLANEOUS.

HONEY—Fancy white, per lb., 14c; choice, 12c; California amber color, 10c.

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

SAUER KRAUT—Per bbl., $7; half bbl., $4.75.

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

COCOANUTS—Per 100, $4.50; each, 5c.

FIGS—Imported fancy, 5 crown, 50-lb. boxes, 14c; choice 10-lb. boxes, 3 crown, 9@10c.

MAPLE SYRUP—Five gal. cans, each, $2.75; gal. cans, per doz., $12; ½ gal. cans, $6.25; quart cans, $2.50.

MAPLE SUGAR—Choice, per lb., 9c.

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, 6½@7c; roasted, 7½c.

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

DRESSED MEATS.

BEEF—Good steers, 400 to 600 lbs., 6¼@6½c; medium steers, 6c; good cows and heifers, 5¾@6c; medium cows and heifers, 5¼@5½c; good forequarters, cows and heifers, 4@4½c; good hindquarters, cows and heifers, 7@7½c; good hindquarters, steers, 7¼@8½c; cow rounds, 5½c; cow plates, 3½c; boneless chucks, 4c; cow chucks, 2½c; 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, rump butts, 5c; shoulder clods, 5c.

MUTTON—Dressed lambs, 7½c; dressed mutton, 6½c; racks, 8c; legs, 9c; saddles, 9c; stews, 3c; sheep plucks, 2c; sheep tongues, per doz., 25c.

POUK—Dressed hogs, 5c; pork loins, 6½c; spare ribs, 4½c; ham sausage butts, 4½c; pork shoulders, 4½c; pork shoulders, skinned, 4¾c; pork trimmings, 4c; leaf lard, not rendered, 5½c; tenderloins, 14c.

HIDES AND TALLOW.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 5½c; No. 2 green hides, 3½c; 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, 6@7c; No. 2 dry flint hides, 4@5c; No. 1 dry salted hides, 6c; part cured hides, ½c per lb. less than fully cured.

SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each 25@50c; green salted shearlings, short wooled early skins, 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, 2¾c; tallow, No. 2, 2c; grease, white A, 2¾c; grease, white B, 2¼c; grease, yellow, 1½c; grease, dark, 1½c; old butter, 2@2½c; beeswax, prime, 15@25c; rough tallow, 1¼c.

BONES—In car lots weighed and delivered in Chicago: dry Buffalo, per ton, $12.50@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, 06@7c; fine light, 8@9c; quarter blood, 10@12c; seedy, burry and chaffy, 8@9c; coted and broken, coarse, 7@9c; coted and broken, fine, 6@8c. Fleece, washed—Medium, 15@18c; fine, 14@16c; tub washed, 16@18c; black, 3c; 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 beat'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 (fur to beauty)	50@52				
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@70	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 25.—FLOUR—Receipts, 15,500 bbls.; exports, 18,700 bbls.; dull and easy. The extreme views of spring wheat mills check business. Minnesota patents, $3.75; bakers, $2.70@3.15; western patents, $3.50@4.00. Rye flour, dull; superfine, $2.00@2.70.

BUCKWHEAT—Dull; 52@40c.

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

RYE—Steady; 44@45c.

BARLEY—Steady; malting, 39@45c; feeding, 35@36c.

BARLEY MALT—Nominal; western, 45@55c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 25,000 bu.; exports, 60,400 bu.; spot, dull; No. 2 red, 76@77c; No. 1 hard, 73¼@74¼c. Options opened steady and advanced on good buying, but shortly turned weak, declining under better crop news regarding winter wheat, disappointing cables and liquidation, closing ½@¾c net lower. April closed 75½c; May, 71@71⅝c, closing 71c.

CORN—Receipts, 119,900 bu.; exports, 9,800 bu.; spot, dull; No. 2, 38c. Options, dull and weaker, owing to small exports and talk of increasing receipts, closing ¼@⅝c lower. April closed 35⅞c; May, 35¾@36c, closing 35¾c.

OATS—Receipts, 31,600 bu.; exports, 71,300 bu.; spot, dull; No. 2, 25½c. Options, dull and nominal, closing ¼c net lower. May closed 24⅝c.

HAY—Dull; shipping, $7.00@7.50; good to choice, 19.00@19.50.

HOPS—Dull; state, common to choice, 1894 crop, 2½@; Pacific coast, 1894 crop, 2½@4½c; 1895 crop, 9@8c.

HIDES—Quiet and steady; Texas dry, 8c; California, 12@12½c.

CHEESE—Quiet; state, large, 5¾@10c; small, 6@10c; part skims, 3@5½c; full skims, 2@2½c.

BUTTER—Receipts, 3,900 pkgs.; steady; western dairy, 8½@11½c; western creamery, 10½@15c; Elgins, 15c.

EGGS—Receipts, 10,000 pkgs.; steady; state and Pennsylvania, 11½@12c; western, 12@12½c; southern, 11½@10½c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady; family, $10.00@12.00; extra mess, $7.50@8.00. Beef hams, $15.00@15.50. Cut meats, steady; pickled bellies, 4½@5c; pickled hams, 8½@9c. Lard, steady; western steam closed $5.12½@5.15; May, $5.12; nominal. Pork, dull; old to new mess, $9.00@9.50; short clear, extra prime, $10.00@11.50; family, $10.50@10.75.

TALLOW—Dull; city, 3¼c; country, 3⅜c, as to quality.

OIL—Petroleum, dull; United closed $1.21½ bid. Rosin, firmer; strained, common to good, $1.95@2.00. Turpentine, steady, 29¾@29½c. Cottonseed oil, slack and uninteresting; prime crude, 21@22c; prime crude, f. o. b., mills, 17@18c; off grades, 19¼@20c; butter grades, 27@28c; prime summer yellow, 25½c.

RICE—Firm; domestic, fair to extra, 3¾@4c; Japan, 3¾@4¼c.

MOLASSES—Firm; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 26@31c.

METALS—Pig iron, steady; southern, $10.75@13.00; northern, $11.00@13.50. Copper, steady; brokers, 12¼c. Lead, steady; brokers, $3. Tin plates, firm.

Peoria Markets.

PEORIA April 25.—CORN—Market steady; No. 2, 29c; No. 3, 28½c.

OATS—Market dull, lower; No. 2 white, 19½@19¾c; No. 3 white, 18¾@18½c.

RYE—Scarce; No. 2, 38½c.

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

RECEIPTS—Corn, 56,000 bu.; oats, 39,250 bu.; rye, 600 bu.; whisky, none; wheat, 3,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Corn, 29,300 bu.; oats, 29,450 bu.; rye, 600 bu.; whisky, 5,3 gals.; wheat, 1,800 bu.

Toledo Grain Market.

TOLEDO, April 25.—WHEAT—Active; lower; No. 2 cash and May, 70¾c; July, 67¾c.

CORN—Dull; steady; No. 2 mixed, 30c; May, 30¾c.

OATS—Quiet; No. 2 mixed and May, 20½c.

RYE—Dull; No. 2 cash, 38½c.

CLOVER SEED—Active; steady; prime cash, $4.65; April, $4.60.

Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, April 25.—Very good mail orders for purely seasonable stuffs and staples, chiefly brown cottons and colored goods, were received today. The market is better all around, and prices are steadier. Agents have advanced Williston and Granitteville sheetings and drills ¼c.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Prospective Weather Was the Feature of the Session.

THERE WAS A MODERATE TRADE IN CORN

Business in Oats Was Mostly in Changing from May to July with a Fractional Difference.

CHICAGO, April 25.—The prospective weather was the burning question in the wheat pit today and it looks as if rain or no rain in the far northwest and hot, dry weather in the winter wheat country, or cooler slowly ripening conditions might govern the market fluctuations for some time to come. The closing price for July was 64⅝c against from 65c to 65¼c yesterday. Corn and oats were easier, and provisions broke previous low price records for the season.

There was just a fair trade in wheat and moderately active market, prices having a ⅞c to 1c range. The feeling developed was easier and lower prices ruled early and a fair recovery occurred, the change showing a loss of from ¼c to ⅝c. The price was influenced some at the start by the rather easy tone of cables, they coming unchanged in prices, which, in the face of the rise on this side, was disappointing, as was the total exports from both coasts for the week. Weekly clearings were the smallest since 1895, or 1,286,000 bu., against 2,017,000 bu. last week, and 2,431,000 bu. for the same period in 1895. The weather map showed better conditions in the northwest than for some time, being clear and warm, with only a trace of rain. July was quite freely offered in a professional way and prices gradually sold off. Values were steadied by the moderate Argentine shipments.

There was a moderate trade in corn and a somewhat easier market, though the undertone was firm on the whole, steady, and final figures showed tut a ⅛c loss. Corn sympathized with wheat to a noticeable extent. Trade was chiefly in the way of changing. Shippers took May and sold September, the difference being 2⅜c.

There was not as large a trade in oats with prices of in the way of changing from May to July at from ⅛c to ⅝c difference. May showed the most weakness, declining ¼c, and closed at almost the bottom. July was rather steady, but closed at from ⅛c to ¼c low and September ⅛c lower. The big shorts covered yesterday and the market had no help from the little ones.

Provisions were sick, or at least the holders of the goods were feeling that way, judging from the way they were throwing up their holdings. Hog receipts were 5,000 over the estimates for the day and 140,000 are expected as next week's run. In addition pickers reported no inquiry to amount to anything for the spot products. Pork suffered a loss of 20c, lard 7½c and ribs 10c. The following closing quotations for July are the lowest for the season, and as regards lard it breaks previous low priced records: July, pork, $8.57½; lard, $4.95@4.97½; ribs, $4.35.

Estimated receipts for Monday: Wheat, 12 cars; corn, 280 cars; oats, 190 cars; hogs, 35,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat, No. 2				
April	63⅝	63⅝	62¾	63⅛
May	63⅝	64	63⅛	63½
June	64⅝	64⅝	63¾	64⅛
July	64¾	65⅝	64⅜	64⅝
Sept	65⅝	65⅝	64¾	65⅝
Corn, No. 2				
April	.....	.....	.....	29⅜
May	29⅝	29⅝	29⅛	29⅜
July	30¼	30⅜	30⅛	30¼
Sept	32⅛	32⅛	31⅞	32
Oats, No. 2				
April	.....	.....	.....	19
May	19¼	19¼	19⅛	19¼
June	19⅛	19⅛	19⅛	19⅛
July	19⅛	19⅛	19⅛	19⅛
Sept	20¼	20¼	20⅛	20⅜
Pork, per bbl				
April	8 52½	8 52½	8 37½	8 37½
May	8 52½	8 52½	8 37½	8 37½
July	8 70	8 70	8 57½	8 57½
Sept	8 85	8 87½	8 75	8 77½
Lard, 100 lbs				
April	4 85	4 85	4 80	4 80
May	4 85	4 85	4 80	4 80
July	5 00	5 00	4 95	4 95
Sept	5 12½	5 17½	5 10	5 10
Short Ribs—				
April	4 25	4 25	4 20	4 20
May	4 25	4 25	4 20	4 20
July	4 40	4 40	4 35	4 35
Sept	4 52½	4 52½	4 47½	4 47½

Cash quotations were as follows:

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 63½c; No. 2 red, 66½@67½c.

CORN—No. 2, 29½@29⅝c; No. 2 yellow, 30@30¼c.

OATS—No. 2, 19½c; No. 2 white, 18½@18½c; No. 3 white, 19½@21½c.

RYE—No. 2, 36½@37c.

BARLEY—No. 2, nominal.

FLAXSEED—No. 1, 92c.

PRIME TIMOTHY SEED—$2.20@3.40.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $8.37½@8.50; lard, per 100 lbs., $4.80; short ribs, sides, loose, $4.20@4.30; dry salted shoulders, boxed, $4.50@4.62½; short clear sides, boxed, $4.50@4.62½.

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

POULTRY—Steady; turkeys, 9@10c; chickens, 8@8½c; ducks, 11@12c.

The following were the receipts and shipments today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	5,000	14,000
Wheat, bu	14,000	94,000
Corn, bu	196,000	363,000
Oats, bu	295,000	181,000
Rye, bu	7,000	1,000
Barley, bu	16,000	7,000

On the Produce exchange to-day the butter market was steady; creamery, 10@14c; dairy, 9@13c. Eggs, steady; 8@10c.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Securities Were Above the Recent Half Holiday Average.

NEW YORK, April 25.—Today's stock market was above the recent half-holiday average in point of activity. The course of prices was reactionary, chiefly in sympathy with sugar. The stock mentioned figured for almost one-half of the dealings. The erratic range of this speculity bore evidence of adroit professional manipulation. The initial prices were fractionally above yesterday's finals, Sugar leading with a gain of almost a point. This improvement was only momentary, but later effective support was advanced, and the stock rallied 1½ per cent, to 123⅝. A subsequent reaction occurred under heavy selling, to 121⅜c. In addition to the liquidation, there was free selling for the short account on Washington advices of the probability of the introduction of a bill in the senate providing for the repeal of the ¼c differential. The pressure against the railway list was marked in some instances, reflecting realization of profits acuring from the advance. The grangers, Louisville & Nashville, Tabocco, Tennessee Coal and Missouri Pacific were prompt to the reflection of movement, yielding 1 per cent each. In the closing dealing there was a general fractional rally on covering of shorts. Sugar and Tobacco recovered an exceptional 1¾ per cent. The closing was steady, at the improvements noted, with the net changes recording several fractional declines. A decided tendency toward improvement in stocks pric s was noted. Commission house business broadened and purchas s on a large scale were made in the early dealings, for London account. At times the speculation verged upon positive buoyancy. The foreign demand for first class bonds was especially noteworthy, and large blocks of speculative issues were also taken. This condition was the logical outcome of the congestion of capital, both in this country and in London, where removals advanced to almost unprecedented figures. This accumulation of funds caused money rates to become nominal.

The government bond market also evinced European investment. The steady improvement in the mercantile situation, satisfactory railroad returns, encouraging reports regarding the crop outlook, and substantial progress made toward closing up the reorganization proceedings of several important bankrupt systems, imparted a confident tone. In financial circles, at home and abroad, the belief is firmly established upon sound gold standard platforms by leading political parties. Another consideration that has been brought to bear on speculation is the prospect of an early adjournment of congress. The influences mentioned counteracted the later extensive selling movement by London and a revival of discarded assumptions regarding the outcome of the Venezuelan negotiations. Wall street has not taken this last named at all seriously. Chicago advices, indicating heavier grain receipts and expectations of an early corn movement on an extensive scale, encouraged purchases of the grangers, in which group the best prices of the present rise were recorded. The unqualified success of the Northern Pacific reorganization, and intimations of favorable progress in several other important properties, served to bring the railway list out of the rut in which it had been held. The Gould and Vanderbilt shares were prominent in dealings, with decided favorable sympathetic influence on the other shares. Foreign exchange conditions were not a speculative factor, owing to the fact that rates ruled below the call shipping point. A small amount of gold was shipped on special transactions. The high priced industrial shares were the especial features of the trading. The market generally felt the influence of profit taking in the closing dealings, but the recessions were material only in a few instances. For the week most leading railway stocks show liberal net gains. The aggregate sales were 1,291,323 shares.

Bonds ruled slightly lower today, in sympathy with the concessions in the share list. Trading was in good volume, the sales amounting to $620,000. The bond market in the week advanced on an increased scale of activity. Foreign houses bought liberally, and substantial improvement in chases imparted a tone of decided strength. The Northern Pacific issues were the features, and advanced sharply on the success of the reorganization. Spasmodic spurts of activity at higher prices were noted in several of the usually inactive mortgages. The sales were $1,277,000.

Government bonds were strong and active on investment buying. The sales were $67,000, largely of the new 4s.

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

Atchison	16	N. Y. Central	98¾
Adams Ex	160	N. Y. & N. E.	40
Alton, T. H	55	Ontario & W	15⅝
Am. Express	113	Oregon Imp	1
Baltimore & Ohio	16⅝	Oregon Nav	18
Canada Pacific	49	O. S. L. & U. N.	7⅝
Canada Southern	51	Pacific Mail	27
Central Pacific	15¼	Peoria Dec. & E.	2⅝
Ches. & Ohio	17⅝	Pittsburg	160
Chicago & Alton	158	Pullman Palace	162
C., B. & Q.	81⅝	Reading	12⅝
Chicago Gas	68⅛	R. G. W.	16½
Consolidated Gas	101	R. G. W. pfd	43
C., C., C. & St. L.	34⅛	Rock Island	72⅝
Colo. Coal & Iron	1⅝	St. Paul	78⅝
Cotton Oil Cert	14⅝	do pfd	127⅝
Delaware & Hud	122⅝	St. P. & Omaha	43⅝
Del., Lack. & W.	153⅝	do pfd	123
D. & R. G. pfd	48⅝	Southern Pacific	20⅝
D. & C. F. Co	10⅝	Sugar Refinery	122⅝
East Tenn	15	Tenn. Coal & Iron	30⅝
Erie	16⅝	Texas Pacific	8⅝
Erie pfd	23⅝	T. & O. Cent. pfd	72
Fort Wayne	160	Union Pacific	8⅝
G. Northern pfd	110	U. S. Express	44
C. & E. I. pfd	91	W. St. L. & P.	7⅝
Rocking Valley	17⅝	W. St. L. & P. pfd	19⅝
Illinois Central	97	Wells Fargo Ex	99
St. P. & Duluth	24	Western Union	86⅝
K. & T. pfd	28⅝	Wheeling & L. E.	10⅝
Lake Erie & West	19⅝	do pfd	36
do pfd	72⅝	M. & St. L.	19⅝
Lake Shore	150	C. & N. W.	104
Lead Trust	27	G. E.	37⅝
Louisville & N.	52	N. L.	17⅝
L. & N. A.	0	C. F. & I.	30⅝
Manhattan Con	109⅝	do pfd	100
Memphis & C.	13	H. & T. C.	28
Michigan Cent	96⅝	T. St. L. & K. C.	5⅝
Missouri Pacific	28⅝	T. St. L. & K.C. pfd	10
Mobile & Ohio	22	S. R. R.	9⅝
Nashville Chat	94	do pfd	31⅝
National Cordage	5⅝	Am. Tob. Co.	71⅝
Nat. Cordage pfd	10⅝	do pfd	96
N. J. Central	107⅝	Am. Tel. & C. Co.	94
N. & W. pfd	4⅝	Com'l Cable Co.	158
Norfolk & W. pfd	5⅝	Am. Sugar pfd	102⅝
Northern Pacific	14⅝	U. S. Cordage pfd	21⅝
Northern Pacific pfd	12⅝	U. S. Leather pfd	63
U. P. D. & G.	3⅝	U. S. Rubber	26⅝
Northwestern	106⅝	do pfd	85
do pfd	147⅝		

The total sales of stocks today were 123,600 shares, including: American Tobacco, 3,200; American Sugar, 37,000; Baltimore & Ohio, 5,300; Distilling, 6,700; Louisville & Nashville, 4,000; Missouri Pacific, 4,000; St. Paul, 10,800; Union Pacific, 5,000; Wabash & Lake Erie, 4,900.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, April 25.—MONEY ON CALL—Easy at 2½ per cent; last loan, 2½; closed 2½.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—4½@5½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.88½@4.88¾ for demand and at $4.84½@4.84¾ for sixty days. Posted rates, $4.88½@4.89. Commercial bills, $4.86¾.

BAR SILVER—67⅝c.

MEXICAN DOLLARS—54c.

STATE BONDS—Inactive.

RAILROAD BONDS—Easier.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Firm; new 4s reg., 117⅝; coupon, 118⅝; 5s reg., 112½; coupon, 113⅝; 4s reg., 108⅝; coupon, 109½; 2s reg., 95; Pacific 6s of '97, 103.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. 4s reg. new	117⅝	C. P. 1st s of '95	101⅝
U. S. 4s coup. new	118⅝	D. & R. G. 7s	113
U. S. 5s reg.	112½	D. & R. G. 4s	91
U. S. 5s coup.	113⅝	Erie 2d	66⅝
U. S. 4s reg.	108⅝	G. H. & S. A. 6s	105
U. S. 4s coup.	109½	G. H. & S. A. 7s	100
U. S. 2s reg.	95	H. & T. C. 5s	108
Pacific 6s of '95	101	do 6s	102⅝
Ala., class A	106⅝	K. C. & T. 1st 4s	85⅝
Ala., class B	106	do 2d 4s	50⅝
Ala., class C	100	Mutual Union 6s	114
Ala. Currency	100	N. J. C. Gen. 5s	118⅝
La. Stamped Con. 4s	98⅝	No. Pacific 1st 6s	117⅝
Missouri 6s	100	do 4s	90⅝
N. C. 6s	122