CONDITION OF OMAHA'S TRADE

Consumers Buy More Freely of Most All Kinds of Merchandise.

BANK CLEARINGS SHOW A LARGE INCREASE

Increased Confidence Everywhere Apparent, While Greater Activity is Noted in Many Lines—Business at South Omaha Better.

The principal feature of the week as regards local business circles is the general expression that there is a better feeling prevailing and that the improvement in that direction already noted has continued. Commercial sentiment is slowly but surely drifting in the right direction once more and as the feeling of confidence grows it may be expected to increase its speed, so that the change from one week to the next may be more marked than at the present time.

The prevailing sentiment for some time among business men has been in the direction of improved conditions, but of late the general public is becoming infected to some extent, and when once consumers come to believe that the period of hard times is over, large purchases may be expected in all directions. A business man remarks that the people generally have denied themselves so many luxuries and even necessities during the past two years that they will very quickly give themselves greater latitude as soon as they feel that it is safe to do so. There is apparently a slight change in this direction already, as evidenced by the increase in the volume of business as compared with a year ago.

The weather has been favorable for a good business and without exception local jobbers are reporting a very fair movement of merchandise into all sections of tributary territory. In some localities the demand has increased very materially as compared with a year ago, owing to the revival of local industries.

The bank clearings, with the heavy increase over the corresponding week of 1895, point in the same direction as the reports from the jobbing houses.

NEBRASKA PELTRY.

While the season in some lines of business is just opening with the coming of summer, it is the reverse with other lines, the busy season of which is already past. The latter is true in respect to the handling of furs, and though small shipments of furs will continue to arrive for some days, the season is practically at an end. The trapping of wild animals for their skins is still quite an extensive business, though nothing to what it was in the early days, when whole boat loads of skins were shipped down the river to St. Louis, and when fortunes were made by the traders in a single season. Omaha is the market to which the most of the furs taken in this state are shipped and from here they are forwarded to the greater manufacturing markets.

The number of furs taken in this state the past year was smaller than usual, owing to the fact that the drouth of the two years past caused a good many streams to go dry, thus scattering the fur-bearing animals. Then, too, prices have been very low and there has not been the incentive for trappers to work hard that there is when prices are way up.

A good many beaver were taken last year, but they are pretty well exterminated in this state. Occasionally one is taken in the Platte, and last winter a fine specimen was caught in the Papio a few miles from Omaha. They still linger about here and there, but not many years ago a trapping party could be reasonably sure of taking hundreds of skins in a single season. Their extermination in this section has been almost as complete as in the case of the buffalo.

Mink is still quite plentiful, and a good many skins taken from that animal were brought in the past season. The mink is one of those animals that appears to be able to hold its own in spite of the hostility of man, and has never been driven out of the old eastern states. Mink fur has been in better demand and the market has shown some improvement in consequence, but still good pelts brought only about 75 cents each the past season. A little over twenty years ago mink was so fashionable that the skins of the eastern mink, which is a little larger than the western, sold at $10, and even above.

Another fur-bearing animal that refuses to be exterminated is the muskrat, which is the most plentiful of all in this section of the country, at least. The fur is generally worked up into imitations and is used in the manufacture of caps, gloves, capes, etc., in fact, for most any purpose where a cheap article is demanded. Good pelts are worth only 5 to 12 cents each, and it would hardly seem possible that any one could be found who would trap them for that price, but there are plenty of men living along the rivers who follow the business all winter.

Civilization appears to benefit the skunk population, which seems to increase in numbers as the country fills up with people. The coming of civilized man, with the accompanying chicken coops of high bred fowls, was just what the skunk wanted to make life bearable, and his race has flourished in spite of the war waged against him. Great bundles of skins were received here last year, but the demand was good at all times. Good black skins are worth 50@75 cents, and the white skins not so much. The fur is long, black and silky, and is very attractive to the feminine eye. When manufactured into cloaks, capes, etc., the skunk skin becomes black marten.

An occasional otter is taken in the state but they are pretty nearly all gone. During the past season only a dozen or fifteen skins were received. The buyers of furs have placed such a price upon the head of the otter that he has been hunted far and wide, and it has been hardly possible for him to find a hiding place. The skins received here the past season brought from $8 to $10 each.

The prairie wolf is to be found in all sections of the state, and one need not go out of sight of Omaha to find his haunts, but he is a hard animal to capture. His cunning saves him many times, but still hundreds are taken every season. The skins are used very largely in the manufacture of rugs and robes, and command about from 50 to 60 cents on the market.

A few coons, wildcats and badgers were taken last winter, but they are not very plentiful.

While the business in furs is a mere shadow of what it was in the days past, still, in connection with the hunting of game for the market, it affords a living to a great many people and helps out not a few farmers who otherwise would be idle during the greater part of the winter. The question has often been asked what the people will do for furs in a few years from now, when the fur-bearing animals are exterminated, as many kinds surely will be, but before that day arrives plenty of substitutes will be found. The supply of deer skins is already very limited and not sufficient to furnish a hundredth part of the buckskin demanded for the purposes of manufacture, but tanners have learned to make good buckskin out of horse hide and calf-skins that answer every purpose of the genuine article.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

The past week has witnessed a considerable revival in the live stock business at South Omaha. The arrivals of cattle, hogs and sheep have been considerably above the average of late, and the market has been on most days active. The consuming demand has been fully sufficient to absorb the increased receipts and every one connected with the business appears to be feeling very much encouraged. The only drawback is the extremely low range of prices, but that is common to all markets and to many products other than live stock.

The announcement that Swift and company had closed down their Kansas City packing house and would transfer their business to this point was a subject for a good deal of comment. It has been known for some time that Swift and company were having a good deal of trouble with their laborers at Kansas City, and a strike has been anticipated for the past two weeks or more. They have been gradually cutting down their business at Kansas City and increasing their purchases of stock at South Omaha. Should the company decide to keep the house closed any length of time it could hardly help being of a considerable help to South Omaha.

Liverpool Market.

LIVERPOOL, May 9.—WHEAT—Spot, steady; demand poor; No. 2 red, winter, 5s 6½d; No. 2 red, spring, stocks exhausted; No. 1, California, 5s 5d. Futures closed steady, with July ¼d lower and other months ¼d lower; business about equally distributed; May, 5s 3¼d; June, 5s 3¼d; July, 5s 3¾d; August, 5s 4d; September and October, 5s 4¼d.

CORN—Spot, steady; American mixed, new, 3s ¾d. Futures closed steady, with July ¼d lower and other months ¼d lower; business about equally distributed; May, 3s; June, 3s ¼d; July, 3s ½d; August, 3s 1½d; September, 3s 2d; October, 3s 2½d.

FLOUR—Steady; limited demand; nothing offering; St. Louis fancy, winter, 7s 6d.

PROVISIONS—Bacon, quiet; demand poor; Cumberland cut, 28 to 30 lbs., 26s 6d; short ribs, 28 lbs., 27s 6d; long clear, light, 38 to 45 lbs., 25s 6d; long clear, heavy, stocks exhausted; short clear backs, light, 18 lbs., 26s; short clear middles, heavy, stocks exhausted; short clear backs, light, 18 lbs., 26s; short clear middles, heavy, 55 lbs., 25s 6d; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs., 24s 6d. Shoulders, square, 12 to 18 lbs., 23s 6d. Hams, short cut, 14 lbs., 40s. Tallow, fine North American, 17s 9d. Beef, extra India mess, 56s 3d; prime mess, 46s 3d. Pork, prime mess, fine western, 47s 6d; medium, western, 40s. Lard, quiet; prime western, 25s 3d; refined, in pails, 26s.

CHEESE—Quiet; demand poor; finest American, white, 45s 6d; finest American, colored, 47s.

BUTTER—Finest United States, 70s; good, 50s.

OILS—Turpentine spirits, 22s; rosin, common, 4s 9d; linseed oil, 19s 6d.

REFRIGERATOR BEEF—Forequarter, 2¾d; hindquarter, 5½d.

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

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

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

Good hay is in demand and sells freely at quotations. Poor stock is not wanted at any price. Quotations:

EGGS—Choice stock, 6½@7c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 6@7c; choice to fancy country, 10@12c.

VEAL—Choice fat, 80 to 120 lbs., are quoted at 7@7½c; large and coarse, 4@5c.

CHEESE—Domestic brick, 13c; Edam, per doz., $9.50; club house, 1-lb. jars, per doz., $3.50; Limburger, fancy, per lb., 13c; Roquefort, ½-lb. jars, per doz., $3.60; Young Americas, 10c; twins, winter make, 8@9c; October make, 9@10c.

POULTRY—Live—Hens, 7c; cocks, 3@5c; turkeys, 7@9c; ducks, 8@10c; geese, 5@7c; spring chickens, per doz., $2.00@4.00.

HAY—Upland, $6.50; midland, $6; lowland, $5.50; 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., 2½c; choice green, running to hurl, 2¼c; common, 1½c.

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

VEGETABLES.

A car of Mississippi cabbage is reported to arrive on Tuesday and the stock is described as very good. It will probably sell at $3.50 to $3.75 per crate. The market has been bare of cabbage for the past ten days, until this morning, when a car of California stock arrived. The market is bare of cauliflower. Quotations:

TOMATOES—Florida stock, 6-basket crates, $3.25.

PEAS—Boxes, ⅓ bu., 65@75c.

TOP ONIONS—Per doz., bunches, 10c.

CUCUMBERS—Per doz., $1.25.

WAX BEANS—Per ⅓ bu. box, $1.00.

STRING BEANS—Per ⅓ bu. box, $1.

SPINACH—Per bu., 30@40c.

PIE PLANT—Home grown, per lb., 1@1½c.

CAULIFLOWER—Per crate, 1 doz., $1.75@2.00.

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

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

SWEET POTATOES—Choice stock, $2.25@2.50; per bbl.; seed sweet potatoes, $2.00.

LIMA BEANS—Per lb., 4c.

WATER CRESS—Per 16-qt. case, $1.25@1.50.

POTATOES—Native stock, 20@25c; Minnesota, 20@25c; Red River valley seed potatoes, 40@45c; early Ohio seed, 35@40c; California new potatoes, per lb., 2½c.

BERMUDA ONIONS—Per crate, $2.00.

FRUITS.

There were quite a good many Nevada, Mo., berries in, which were good, and sold at $2.75 to $3.00. The common stock sold at $2.50. Quotations:

STRAWBERRIES—Arkansas stock, per case of 24 qts., $2.50; Missouri stock, $3.

APPLES—Choice to fancy Ben Davis, $4.00@4.50; choice willow twigs, $4.50@4.75.

CRANBERRIES—No shipping stock.

CALIFORNIA CHERRIES—Per 10-lb., box, $2.00.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

Riverside has about 12,000 acres of oranges, 75 per cent or more of which are Navels. They are planted 100 trees to the acre, which would make about 1,000,000 trees. In three years they will be all in bearing, the oldest of them being at least twelve years old. To this, add 6,600 acres of solid Navals at Redlands, 660,000 trees, all of which will practically be in bearing in four years, and allow say, two boxes to the tree average, and we have 3,320,000 boxes, or 11,000 cars in Riverside and Redlands. Then, say you begin shipping December 1, and end the 1st of June, that gives six months to market them in, and making 1,830 cars to be shipped per month for six months. This is just to market the Riverside and Redlands crop. If a full crop, and no frost, this will give an idea of what to expect within three years when it is considered that the two sections named above contain only one-third of the acreage in Southern California. 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, $3.50@3.75; extra fancy, $4.00; choice, $3.25@3.50.

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

PINEAPPLES—Per doz., $3.00.

MISCELLANEOUS.

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.

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

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

SAUER KRAUT—Per bbl., $3; half bbl., $1.75.

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

COCOANUTS—Per 100, $4.50; each, 5c.

FIGS—Imported fancy, 5 crown, 20-lb. boxes, 14c; choice 10-lb. boxes, 3 crown, 9@10c.

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

MAPLE SUGAR—Choice, per lb., 9c.

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

DRESSED MEATS.

BEEF—Good steers, 400 to 600 lbs., 6½@7c; western steers, 6@6½c; good cows and heifers, 6@6½c; medium cows and heifers, 5@5½c; good forequarters, cows and heifers, 3¾@4½c; good hindquarters, cows and heifers, 7½@8½c; good hindquarters, steers, 8½@10c; cow rounds, 5½c; cow plates, 3c; boneless chucks, 4c; cow chucks, 3c; steer chucks, 3¾c; 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, 10c; beef trimmings, 3c; rump butts, 5c; shoulder clods, 5c.

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

PORK—Dressed hogs, 4¾c; pork loins, 6¾c; spare ribs, 3½c; ham sausage butts, 4½c; pork shoulders, 4½c; pork shoulders, skinned, 4¾c; pork trimmings, 4c; leaf lard, not rendered, 5½c; tenderloins, 12c.

HIDES AND TALLOW.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 4c; No. 2 green hides, 2½c; No. 1 green salted hides, 5c; No. 2 green salted hides, 4c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 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@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, 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@22c; rough tallow, 1¼c.

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.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKETS.

Quotations of the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, May 9.—FLOUR—Receipts, 15,100 bbls.; exports, 12,600 bbls.; sales, 2,500 bbls.; market quiet, but held firmly on the advance today in wheat; Minnesota patents, $3.65@4.00; winter extras, $2.40@2.90. Rye flour, quiet; superfine, $2.60@2.70.

BUCKWHEAT—Dull at 39@41c.

RYE—Nominal at 43@45c.

CORN MEAL—Dull; yellow western coarse, 73c; Brandywine, $2.15@2.20.

BARLEY—Steady; malting, 38@43c; feeding, 35@36c.

BARLEY MALT—Nominal; western, 45@55c.

RYE—Quiet at 43@45c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 232,000 bu.; exports, 10,000 bu. Spot, firmer; No. 1 hard, 73¾@74¼c. Options advanced this morning on continued unfavorable winter wheat news, helped by the presence of a large short interest, which covered vigorously. There were also rumors that Money's government report might be bullish. Finally prices yielded a little to realizing, but closed ¼@⅝c net higher for the day; No. 2 spot, May, 69½@70½c, closed at 69¾c; July, 69⅝@70⅝c, closed at 70¼c.

CORN—Receipts, 320,800 bu.; exports, 18,000 bu. Spot, nominal; No. 2, 35⅝c. Options firmer in sympathy with wheat, and closed ¼c net higher; May closed 35⅝c; July, 36¼@36½c, closed at 36⅜c.

OATS—Receipts, 200,400 bu.; exports, 21,200 bu.; 20,000 futures; 18,000 bu. spot. Spot, firm; No. 2, 24¾@25c. Options quiet, but firm; closing at ¼c net advance; May, 24½@24⅝c, closed at 24⅝c; July, 24½@24¾c, closed at 24¾c.

HAY—Quiet; good to choice, $9.00@10.00.

HOPS—Quiet; state, common to choice, 1894, 2½@4½c; 1895 crop, 3@8c; Pacific coast, 1894 crop, 2½@4c; 1895 crop, 3@7c.

HIDES—Quiet and steady; Galveston, 11c; Buenos Ayres, dry, 16c; Texas, dry, 10c; California, 12@12½c.

LEATHER—Quiet; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavy weights, 19@20c; acid, 17@23c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, quiet; family, $9.50@10.00; extra mess, $7. Beef hams, $15; cut meats, easy; pickled bellies 4¼@4¾c; pickled hams, 8¾c. Lard, weak; western steam closed at $4.80@4.90; May, $4.90, nominal. Pork, weaker; short clear, $10.25@11.25; family, $10.50@11.00.

TALLOW—Quiet; country, 3⅝@3 7-16c.

OILS—Petroleum, dull; United closed $1.22½. Rosin, quiet; strained, common to good, $2.00. Turpentine quiet at 27½@27¾c. Cottonseed, crude, f. o. b., mills, 17@19c; off grades, 19½@20c; butter grades, 27@28c; prime summer yellow, 25½c.

RICE—Steady; domestic, fair to extra, 3½@6c; Japan, 3⅝@4½c.

MOLASSES—Steady; New Orleans, 27@29c.

BUTTER—Receipts, 9,000 pkgs.; steady; western dairy, 8@11c; western creamery, 11@16c; Elgins, 16c.

EGGS—Receipts, 8,189 pkgs.; steady; state and Pennsylvania, 10½@11c; western, 8½@10½c; southern, 8@8½c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 2,517 pkgs.; steady; large, 5@9¾c; small, 4½@10c; part skims, 3@4½c; full skims, 2@2½c.

METALS—Pig iron, quiet; southern, $10.75@12.00; northern, $11.00@13.50. Copper, easy; brokers, $10.75. Lead, easy; brokers, $2.90. Tin plates, quiet.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Wheat Was Firmer on Report of Bug Damage.

THERE WAS A GOOD TRADE IN THAT CEREAL

Fluctuations Covered Over One Cent Range, Though the Feeling Developed Was Stronger During Early Hours.

CHICAGO, May 9.—Wheat was firmer today on reports of chinch bugs in Illinois, Hessian flies in Indiana and conflicting reports from the other wheat states. July closed at 63⅝c, or ½c above yesterday. Corn and oats also came in for an advance on account of unfavorable weather. Provisions alone sulked and declined to join the advance.

There was a good trade and active market in wheat, fluctuations covering a 1⅛c range. The feeling developed was considerably stronger during the early hours, and higher prices ruled, after which there was a moderate reaction, and the close was steady at from ½c to ⅝c advance. The early strength was due chiefly to bug stories from Indiana, reports of damage coming from that section due to the Hessian fly, and, as the advices came from the same parties who were the first to forward the damage last year, the same had a good deal of effect and offset the other bear news at hand. There was a good active buying by prominent operators and offerings for awhile were small. Exports for the week made a better showing. The small Argentine shipments also had a like effect on the market. The Ohio report made the condition 55 per cent, against 57 per cent a month ago. Outside markets were higher. Among the bear influences at hand were the rains in Texas and Kansas, where moisture was badly needed, and the Michigan state report was quite favorable. Cables, too, were ¼d lower, reflecting yesterday's decline on this side. There was but little rain in the northwest and receipts in that section were as liberal as the same week a year ago. The weather forecast had a weakening effect and caused prices to recede some.

There was a good general trade in the corn market, ranging active within a 1⅛c range. The feeling developed was stronger and higher prices ruled early in the day, after which an easier tone was manifested, but the close was steady at from ⅝c to ½c advance. There was a good demand from shorts from the start and some of the leading sellers of yesterday were the most active buyers today. The selling was scattered, but a good share of the same was for country account. The strength came chiefly from the action of wheat.

There was a good trade in oats, shorts bought liberally and there was also a fair number of outside buying orders, which were, it was said, due to fears of damage to the crop by bugs. Offerings early were light and it required but little buying to advance prices 1c. On the bulge offerings were increased and prices reacted ⅜c, but closed with a net gain of ½c. Trading was entirely in July and September.

Prices in provisions had a farther decline today, July pork, which closed yesterday at $7.80, declining to $7.62½ and closing at $7.70. Lard was even more conspicuously weak, July getting as low as $4.60 and closing at $4.62½. July ribs, which closed on the day before at $4.17½, left off today at $4.07½.

Estimated receipts for Monday are: Wheat, 10 cars; corn, 115 cars; oats, 145 cars; hogs, 40,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat, No. 2				
May	62	63	61⅞	62⅝
June	63	64	62⅝	63⅝
July	63½	64½	63⅜	63⅝
Sept	64¼	65¼	64	64⅝
Corn, No. 2				
May	28⅝	29	28⅝	28⅞
July	29⅞	30½	29⅞	30¼
Sept	31	31⅜	31	31⅜
Oats, No. 2				
May	18⅞	18⅝	18⅝	18⅝
June	19¼	19⅜	19⅛	19⅜
July	19⅝	20	19¼	19⅜
Sept	19⅞	20⅜	19⅜	20⅛
Pork, per bbl				
May	......	......	......	7 57½
July	7 75	7 75	7 62½	7 70
Sept	7 95	7 95	7 80	7 90
Lard, 100 lbs				
May	......	......	......	4 55
July	4 75	4 75	4 60	4 62½
Sept	4 90	4 90	4 75	4 75
Short Ribs—				
May	......	......	......	3 97½
July	4 15	4 15	4 07½	4 07½
Sept	4 30	4 30	4 20	4 20

Cash quotations were as follows:

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 62⅝c; No. 3 spring, 63½c; No. 2 red, 66¾@67¼c.

CORN—No. 2, 29c.

OATS—No. 2, 19c; No. 2 white, 21½c; No. 3 white, f. o. b., 19⅝@21c.

RYE—No. 2, 36½c.

BARLEY—No. 2, nominal; No. 3, 33@34c; No. 4, f. o. b., 28½c.

FLAXSEED—No. 1, 86c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $3.30.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $7.60@7.65. Lard, per 100 lbs., $4.55. Short ribs, sides (loose), $4.00@4.10. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4.50@4.62½. Short clear sides (boxed), $4.75@4.87½.

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

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $6.25; granulated, $5.62½@5.75; standard "A," $5.25.

POULTRY—Fairly active; turkeys, 9½@10c; ducks, 8@8½c; geese, 11@13c.

The following were the receipts and shipments today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	4,000	8,000
Wheat, bu	5,000	53,000
Corn, bu	100,000	337,000
Oats, bu	165,000	385,000
Rye, bu	2,000	......
Barley, bu	14,000	4,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was steady; creamery, 11@15c; dairy, 9@13c. Eggs, weak; fresh, 7@9c.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Usual Covering Incident to a Half Holiday Was Noted Today.

NEW YORK, May 9.—The usual covering movement incident to the half holiday was noted today in the stock market. There was absolutely no news bearing on the financial situation, but the appearance of very moderate commission orders helped a cheerful sentiment. The market opened higher, but soon eased off a fraction under realizing orders. The inquiry from the shorts, however, served to sustain values and on the subsequent operations some share advances were scored. The absence of foreign selling and a slightly higher tendency in American stocks in London were favorably regarded. The industrial list furnished the chief movements, sharp rallies being noted in some of the shares which had suffered severely in the depression early in the week. Rubber preferred jumped 2 per cent to 80, and Laclede Gas improved to 28. Bay State Gas moved irregularly within a range of about a point, but left off only slightly changed. Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg preferred advanced 7 per cent to 58, being influenced by the rise in the common to 20. Street gossip does not account for the strength of the stocks mentioned. The grangers and other leading railway shares were featureless, aside from the fact that St. Paul reached the largest total of any in the entire list. The export probabilities were but lightly touched upon, but bankers, usually well informed, look for at least one shipment of $1,000,000 by Tuesday's German steamer. The speculation closed firm in tone at general fractional gains. Purely fractional considerations were the important factors in shaping Wall street sentiment during the week.

The withdrawal of $5,850,000 in gold from the treasury during the week and the indications that the drafts upon the government reserve would probably be continued caused some apprehension which would appear to be premature at this time, owing to the fact that the treasury holdings of free gold at this time amount to $112,-398,491. Experienced bankers contend that this reserve will be abundantly sufficient until the balance of trade shall have turned in favor of the United States.

It should be recalled that the efflux of gold at this season of the year is normal, and that the gold is simply forwarded in the settlement of international trade balances. At the moment the cheapest form of remittance is the precious metal. At the outset it was believed the shipments would be checked by a general advance to 2-32c in gold freights by the steamship lines, but the action taken failed to stop the exports. The advance referred to involved a rise of about 7/8c in the gold point for bills. The adoption of the gold standard by the Russian government and the efforts now being made to complete this most important financial project have resulted in the payment of a premium for the metal forwarded to Germany, regardless of exchange conditions. In addition to the outward movement to Germany, gold was also shipped to Paris, although unchanged rates barely allowed the transactions. In the early dealings there was some spirited selling, both for foreign and domestic account, and general material concessions occurred, which were the more pronounced on the international stocks and the industrials. The trend of prices was checked for a time by rumors of an early adjournment of congress, but reports that the senate would not concur to the resolution adopted by the house, together with apprehension of revived Cuban belligerency agitation, started renewed selling. The crop news was conflicting, and was reflected in changing prices in wheat and stock values.

A favorable item was the heavy oversubscription to $4,000,000 of the New York City 3½ per cent bonds, and the expectations that the issue would probably go abroad. Railroad earnings were satisfactory in the main including some of the annual reports of the Vanderbilt lines, and although the last mentioned were very favorable, they were unable to prevent the respective stocks from recording important declines. In the specialties, Great Northern preferred was conspicuous for a rise of 8 per cent on reported acquisition by the company of large anthracite coal fields. Tennessee Coal, Colorado Fuel and Illinois Steel and Sugar, reacting sharply on rumors of a finite acquisition of a leading competitor, jumped 7 per cent to 33. Realizing sales caused a recession to 29¼. Laclede Gas securities reflected liquidation. Rubber broke sharply on reported impending strong opposition, and Tobacco was depressed in connection with the indictment of the president and other officials of the company. The railroad list sagged in response to general conditions, but the losses were less severe than in the industrial group. All money rates touched 4 per cent toward the end of the week, but liberal offerings sent the rate down to 2½ and 3 per cent, the normal quotations. The final prices recorded net losses, although sharp recoveries occurred over the early low figures in some instances. The sales were 71,834 shares. The bond trading today was dull, but firm. The sales were $668,000. The market reacted during the week on the local and foreign selling. The speculative issues sustained sharp declines with the extreme losses, however, in the inactive bonds. Transactions were $5,694,000. Governments were active and irregular, with the new 4s generally under pressure. The aggregate dealings were $337,500.

The Evening Post's London cablegram says: The stock markets were quiet, but steady today. Brown, Shipley & Co.'s issue of £4,000,000 of New York City 3½ per cent bonds was well received. They are issued on a basis to yield 3 per cent. Americans were better today, notwithstanding the gold shipments.

The New York Financier says this week: The statement of the associated banks of New York City for the week ending May 9 is in marked contrast with the one preceding it. The change is due mainly to the continued exports of gold, which have drawn from the banks a large amount of funds which otherwise would have been counted in the excess reserve. The noteworthy expansion in loans of $3,393,200 was also an appreciable factor in this connection, and was one of the most favorable features of the statement, indicating, as it does, a demand to a great extent from mercantile sources. The market for loans during the week was on a steadier basis, despite the gold shipments, and the demand for commercial paper is without doubt increasing, and the business of the banks has taken on a broadening character. Another event which has had a bearing on the situation has been the payment of several millions in the subtreasury by the depository banks, so that, altogether, the week's operations prevented an accumulation of superior funds, which are still moving heavily in this direction, and reduced the surplus reserve of the preceding market. The present condition of the market is more normal than at this time last year, or the year previous. The surplus reserve on May 11, 1895, stood at $31,000,000, and on May 12, 1894, at $80,000,000, which shows the changed conditions to a nicety. The immediate future of the New York money market rests largely on the continuance and amount of gold exports, the disposition of the remaining government funds in national banks, and the extent of the movement of interior funds. The apparent growing demand for loans is also a certain factor. It is doubtful whether the statement reflects in full the real changes of the week. The reported loss in legal tenders was $2,835,200, and the increase in deposits was $11,400. The banks gained in specie $136,900, and the excess reserve stands at $20,-243,145.

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

Stock	Price	Stock	Price
Atchison	14⅞	N. Y. Central	97¼
Adams Ex	148	N. Y. & N. E.	56
Alton, T. H.	55	Ontario & W.	14⅝
Am. Express	113	Oregon Imp.	1
Baltimore & Ohio	17½	Oregon Nav.	15
Canada Pacific	59¼	O. S. L. & U. N.	7½
Canada Southern	50	Pacific Mail	26½
Central Pacific	14⅝	Peoria Dec. & E.	2¼
Ches. & Ohio	16¾	*Pittsburg	162
Chicago & Alton	158	Pullman Palace	159
C., B. & Q.	79⅜	Reading	12
Chicago Gas	69⅛	R. G. W.	16¼
Consolidated Gas	160	R. G. W. pfd	43
C., C., C. & St. L.	35	Rock Island	70⅝
Colo. Coal & Iron	1	St. Paul	77⅜
Cotton Oil Cert	13⅝	do pfd	127⅜
Delaware & Hud	126	St. P. & Omaha	43¼
Del., Lack. & W.	161⅝	do pfd	123
D. & R. G. pfd	48	Southern Pacific	19¼
D. & C. F. Co	18⅛	Sugar Refinery	123⅞
East Tenn	14⅛	Tenn. Coal & Iron	29
Erie	37⅛	Texas Pacific	8⅛
Erie pfd	19⅝	T. & O. Cent. pfd	73
Fort Wayne	160	Union Pacific	8⅛
G. Northern pfd	115	U. S. Express	40
C. & E. I. pfd	99½	W. St. L. & P.	6⅜
Hocking Valley	16	W. St. L. & P. pfd	18
Illinois Central	96½	Wells Fargo Ex	97
St. P. & Duluth	24	Western Union	85½
K. & T. pfd	29	Wheeling & L. E.	9⅞
Lake Erie & West	17⅛	do pfd	35⅝
do pfd	70½	M. & St. L.	19
Lake Shore	149⅝	D. & R. G.	12½
Lead Trust	25⅜	G. E.	34⅞
Louisville & N	50¼	N. L.	17⅛
L. & N. A.	9⅜	C. F. & I.	29⅛
Manhattan Con	107¼	do pfd	100
Memphis & C.	14	H. & T. C.	2½
Michigan Cent	95	T. St. L. & K. C.	5½
Missouri Pacific	26	T. St. L. & K. C. pfd	10
Mobile & Ohio	19	S. R. R.	9⅛
Nashville Chat	68	S. R. R. pfd	30⅛
National Cordage	5	Am. Tob. Co.	64
Nat. Cordage pfd	10½	do pfd	97
N. J. Central	106	Am. Tel. & C. Co.	94
N. & W. pfd	4⅜	Com'l Cable Co.	150
North Am. Co.	5⅜	Am. Sugar pfd	103
Northern Pacific	⅜	U. S. Cordage gtd	19
N. Pacific pfd	12¾	U. S. Leather pfd	64⅜
U. P., D. & G.	3⅝	U. S. Rubber	23⅝
Northwestern	105	do pfd	78
do pfd	148		

The total sales of stocks today were 50,003 shares, including: American Tobacco, 4,200; American Sugar, 8,300; Burlington & Quincy, 3,500; St. Paul, 8,300.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, May 9.—MONEY ON CALL—Easy at 3 per cent; last loan, 3 per cent; closed, 3 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—4@5½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.88¼@4.89 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—53⅝c.

STATE BONDS—Inactive; railroad bonds, firm; government bonds, steady; new 4s reg., 117¼; coupon, 117¼; 5s reg., and coupon, 112⅝; 4s, coupon, 110; 2s reg., 94½; Pacific 6s of '97, 103½.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

Bond	Price	Bond	Price
U. S. 4s, reg. new	117¼	C. P. 1sts of '95	102
U. S. 4s coup. new	117¼	D. & R. G. 7s	110
U. S. 5s, reg	112⅜	D. & R. G. 4s	91
U. S. 5s, coup	112¾	Erie 2ds	65¾
U. S. 4s, reg	108⅝	G. H. & S. A. 6s	105
U. S. 4s, coup	110	G. H. & S. A. 7s	100
U. S. 2s, reg	94¼	H. & T. C. 5s	109
Pacific 6s of '95	103½	do 6s	100
Ala., class A	103⅜	M., K. & T. 1st 4s	80¼
Ala., class B	106	do 2d 4s	59
Ala., class C	100	Mutual Union 6s	111
Ala. Currency	100	N. J. C. Gen. 5s	119¼
La. New Con. 4s	97	No. Pacific 1sts	116⅝
Missouri 6s	10	do 2ds	113
N. C. 6s	125	N. W. Consols	138¼
N. C. 4s	104	do S. F. Deb. 5s	109
S. C. nonfund	1	R. G. West. 1sts	76½
Tenn. new set 6s	85	St. P. Consols 7s	130⅜
Tenn. new set 5s	108	do C. & P. W. 5s	114
Tenn. old 6s	60	St. L. & I. M. Gen. 5	78¼
Va. Centuries	61¼	St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6	112¾
do deferred	6	Texas Pac. 1sts	89
Atchison 4s	79⅜	do 2ds	22¼
Atchison 2d A	41⅛	U. P. 1sts of '96	103
Canada So. 2ds	104½	West Shore 4s	106
L. & N. unified 4s	80¼	Southern 5s	93
O. R. & N. 1sts	110	N. Pac. 3ds	72½

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 9.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Stock	Price	Stock	Price
Alta	17	Gould & Curry	82
Alpha Con	23	Hale & Norcross	125
Andes	37	Kentucky Con	8
Belcher	52	Lady Wash. Con	6
Best & Belcher	100	Mexican	65
Bodie Con	60	Mono	14
Bullion	28	Occidental Con	155
Bulwer Con	30	Ophir	170
Caledonia	14	Overman	18
Challenge Con	47	Potosi	99
Chollar	200	Savage	62
Confidence	139	Scorpion	7
Con. Cal. & Va	275	Sierra Nevada	99
Con. Imperial	2	Silver Hill	4
Con. New York	5	Union Con	81
Crown Point	62	Utah Con	12
Exchequer	14	Yellow Jacket	55

Silver bars, 68c; Mexican dollars, 54¼@55c. Sight drafts, 7½c; telegraphic, 10c.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, May 8.—Call loans, 4@5½ per cent; time loans, 3@5½ per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

Stock	Price	Stock	Price
A. T. & S. F.	14⅛	W. Elec. pfd	52⅛
Am. Sugar	123⅞	Wis. Central	2⅜
Am. Sugar pfd	103	Edison Elec. Ills	135
Bay State Gas	14⅜	Gen. Elec. pfd	72
Bell Telephone	205	Atchison 2ds	22¼
Boston & Albany	209	Atchison 4s	79⅜
Boston & Maine	165	New England 6s	112
C. B. & Q.	79⅜	Allouez Mining Co	1
Fitchburg	95	Atlantic	17
Gen. Electric	34⅞	Boston & Montana	76
Illinois Steel	70	Butte & Boston	2⅜
Mexican Central	10	Calumet & Hecla	301
N. Y. & N. E.	73	Franklin	11
Old Colony	179	Kearsarge	9⅛
Rubber	23⅜	Osceola	24⅛
San Diego	16	Quincy	110
Union Pacific	8	Tamarack	85
West End	72¼	Wolverine	6⅜
Westingh. Elec	29		

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, May 9.—4 p. m. closing:

Stock	Price	Stock	Price
Consols, money	111 11-16	Mexican ordinary	18⅛
Consols, acc't	111⅝	St. Paul com	79⅛
Can. Pacific	61⅛	N. Y. Central	99⅝
Erie	14½	Pennsylvania	55⅛
Erie 1st pfd	38⅛	Reading	6⅛
Ill. Central	99	Mex. Cen. new 4s	72⅛

BAR SILVER—31d per ounce.

MONEY—3@4 per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills, 2¼@13-16 per cent; for three months' bills, ¾ per cent.

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, May 9.—The following are the closing mining quotations:

Stock	Price	Stock	Price
Bulwer	35	Ontario	1350
Chollar	200	Ophir	175
Crown Point	60	Plymouth	20
Con. Cal. & Va	270	Quicksilver	100
Deadwood	100	Quicksilver pfd	1500
Gould & Curry	75	Sierra Nevada	100
Hale & Norcross	125	Standard Con	170
Homestake	2600	Union Con	80
Iron Silver	20	Yellow Jacket	60
Mexican	70		

New York Weekly Bank Statement.

NEW YORK, May 9.—The weekly bank statement shows the following changes: Reserve, decrease, $2,701,501; loans, increase, $3,398,200; specie, increase, $136,900; legal tender, decrease, $2,835,200; deposits, increase, $11,400; circulation, decrease, $19,900. The banks now hold $20,243,135 in excess of the requirements of the 25 per cent rule.

Financial Notes.

BALTIMORE, May 9.—Clearings, $2,761,218; balances, $568,718.

PHILADELPHIA, May 9.—Clearings, $9,212,832; balances, $1,253,351.

ST. LOUIS, May 9.—Clearings, $2,947,534; balances, $340,539. Money, 6@8 per cent; New York exchange, 15c premium bid, 90c asked.

CHICAGO, May 9.—Money, easier; on call, 6 per cent; on time, 6@7 per cent. New York exchange, 60c premium; sterling, posted rates, $4.90, on demand; $4.88¾, on sixty days; bank clearings, $13,757,880.

NEW YORK, May 9.—Clearings, $94,354,448; balances, $6,022,040. The following are the imports at the port of New York for the week: Gold, $21,045; silver, $37,337; dry goods, $1,744,523; merchandise, $8,000,487. The exports of specie for the week amounted to $5,815,207 in gold and $808,745 in silver.

Foreign Financial.

BERLIN, May 9.—Exchange on London, eight days' sight, 20 marks 43 pfg.

PARIS, May 9.—Three per cent rentes, 103f 5c for the account; exchange on London, 25f 16½c for checks.

LONDON, May 9.—The amount of bullion gone into the Bank of England on balance today was £7,000. Gold is quoted at Buenos Ayres today at 209; Madrid, 19.35; Athens, 174; Rome, 108.

St. Louis General Markets.

ST. LOUIS, May 9.—FLOUR—Dull and steady; patents, $2.65@3.75; extra fancy, $3.35@3.45; fancy, $2.90@3.00; choice, $2.55@2.65.

WHEAT—Speculative market higher on reports of bad weather in wheat regions; closing ⅝@¾c above yesterday. Spot, dull and steady; No. 2 red, cash, 69½@71c, track; elevator lots, nominal; May, 58⅝c; July and August, 60⅞@61c.

CORN—Strong and advancing for futures. Spot, weaker; No. 2 mixed, cash, 26¾c; May, 26c; July, 27¼c; September, 29⅝c.

OATS—There was no trading in futures, but the market was stronger. Spot, firm; No. 2 cash and May, 18c; July, 18⅝c.

RYE—Quiet at 37c, east track.

CORN MEAL—$1.35@1.40.

BRAN—Dull and easy; 38c bid, east track.

FLAXSEED—Nominally at 80c.

TIMOTHY SEED—$2.40@3.00.

POULTRY—Quiet; chickens, 6½c for old; 12@16½c for spring; ducks, 6½c.

BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 11@17c; dairy, 8@13c.

EGGS—Quiet and slow; fresh, 6½c.

WHISKY—$1.22.

METALS—Lead, firm at $2.80@2.82½. Spelter, sales, two cars at $3.70, but prime western not obtainable below $3.80.

COTTON TIES—72c.

BAGGING—4@5c.

PROVISIONS—Pork, lower; standard mess, jobbing, $7.75. Lard, lower; prime, $4.35; choice, $4.42½. Bacon, boxed shoulders, $4.75; longs, $4.75; ribs, $4.87½; shorts, $4.87½. Dry salt meats, boxed shoulders, $4.25; longs, $4.12½; ribs, $4.37½; shorts, $4.37½.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 4,000 bbls.; wheat, 9,000 bu.; corn, 42,000 bu.; oats, 25,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 9,000 bbls.; wheat, 98,000 bu.; corn, 58,000 bu.; oats, 12,000 bu.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, May 9.—COFFEE—Options opened dull and unchanged, ruled featureless, with small local trading in the absence of foreign news of consequence, and closed dull at unchanged prices to 5 points net advance; sales, 250 bags, including June, $12.70@12.75, and September, $11.55. Spot coffee, Rio, quiet; No. 7, $14. Mild, quiet. Total warehouse deliveries from the United States, 10,019 bags, including 9,163 bags from New York; New York stock today, 188,808 bags; United States stock, 211,171 bags; afloat for the United States, 120,500 bags; total visible supply for the United States, 331,671 bags, against 492,232 bags last year.

SANTOS, May 9.—Dull; good average Santos, nominal; receipts, 2,000 bags; stock, 83,000 bags.

HAMBURG, May 9.—Quiet and unchanged; sales, 5,000 bags.

RIO, May 9.—Dull; No. 7 Rio, $13.75; exchange, 9⅝d; receipts, 2,000 bags; cleared for the United States, 2,000 bags; stock, 68,000 bags.

Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, May 9.—WHEAT—Market steady; No. 2 hard, 56c; No. 3, 47@51c; No. 2 red, 63@64c; No. 3, 58@60c; No. 2 spring, 56c; No. 3, nominally, 53@55c.

CORN—Market firm; No. 2 mixed, 23⅜@23½c; No. 2 white, 24@24½c.

OATS—Market steady; No. 2 mixed, 15½@16c; No. 2 white, 19½c.

RYE—No. 2, 32c.

HAY—Market weak.

BUTTER—Market steady; creamery, 12@14c; dairy, 8@12c.

EGGS—Market steady; strictly fresh, 7½c.

Peoria Markets.

PEORIA, May 9.—CORN—Steady; No. 2, 29½c; No. 3, 29c.

OATS—Slow, firm; No. 2 white, 19½@19¾c; No. 3 white, 18⅝@19c.

RYE—Dull, nominal.

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

RECEIPTS—Corn, 27,650 bu.; oats, 26,850 bu.; rye, none; whisky, none; wheat, 2,400 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Corn, 5,600 bu.; oats, 44,300 bu.; rye, none; whisky, 825 gals.; wheat, none.

Sugar Market.

NEW YORK, May 9.—SUGAR—Raw, steady; fair refining, 3⅝c; centrifugal, 96 test, 4¼c; refined, steady; standard "A," 5¼c; confectioners' "A," 5¼c; crushed, 6c; powdered, 5⅝c; granulated, 5⅝c.

LONDON, May 9.—SUGAR—Cane, weak and inactive; centrifugal Java, 13s 7½d; Muscovado, fair refining, 12s 4½d.

Beet sugar, dull and irregular; May, 12s 11½d; June, 12s 4½d.

Toledo Grain.

TOLEDO, May 9.—WHEAT—Active and higher; No. 2 cash and May, 69c; July, 66½c; August, 65⅝c.

CORN—Dull and steady; No. 2 mixed and May, 29⅝c.

OATS—Easier; No. 2 mixed, 20½c; July, 20⅝c.

RYE—Dull; No. 2 cash, 37c.

CLOVER SEED—Dull and steady; prime cash, $4.60, nominal; October, $4.57½.

Dry Goods.

NEW YORK, May 9.—There was a very good quantity of seasonable fabrics called for by wire and mail orders today, indicating that recent purchases were cleaned out. The personal request was more definite for brown cottons and bleached muslins, and of the latter fair quantities were taken. Printing cloths firm at 2 9-16c.

Cotton Market.

NEW ORLEANS, May 9.—COTTON—Quiet; middling, 7⅝c; low middling, 7 9-16c; good ordinary, 7¼c.

NEW YORK, May 9.—COTTON—Quiet; middling, 8¼c; receipts, none; forwarded, none; sales, 219 bales, all spinners; stock, 132,471 bales.

Minneapolis Wheat.

MINNEAPOLIS, May 9.—WHEAT—Steady; May, 60½c; July, 61@61⅛c; September, 61⅝c; receipts, 94 cars.

FLOUR—Dull; first patents, $3.25@3.50; second patents, $3.10@3.20; first clears, $2.55; second clears, $2.00@2.10.

'Frisco Wheat.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 9.—WHEAT—Very dull; December, $1.06¼; cleared, 36,280 centals.

Wool Market.

NEW YORK, May 9.—WOOL—Quiet; domestic fleece, 16@22c; pulled, 19@26c.

SWIFTS WILL STAY IN KANSAS CITY

No Truth in the Story that the Packing Plants Will Close.

CHICAGO, May 9.—There is no truth in the report that the Swift Packing company will abandon its Kansas City plant. G. F. Swift, president of the company, positively denied today having any thought of making the change.

He said: "The idea is ridiculous. We certainly have no intention of abandoning our Kansas City yards. Even if we had any desire to leave that city we could not do so without the loss of an immense amount of money. It would be practically impossible for us to move now or at any other time.

"It is true that we have had some difficulty with our employes, but it has never been so serious as to make us think of giving up the ghost. Any one who understands what an outlay of money is required to fit up a plant like ours at Kansas City will appreciate the folly of the report."

PREPARATIONS FOR THE JOURNEY.

City Councilmen Go Out in the State Next Week.

Preparations have been completed for the councilmanic jaunt out into the state and the members, together with such heads of departments as can leave their duties, will leave Tuesday morning. They will first visit Fremont, from where they will go to Columbus to spend the night. A stop will be made at Grand Island Wednesday and night will find the party at Kearney. Thursday will be spent at Hastings, from where the return trip will start. The object of the junket, as stated, is to get in touch with the city officials of the Nebraska cities and incidentally to arouse interest in the prospective Transmississippi exposition.

A special meeting of the council will be held this evening to transact such business as has accumulated, in view of the absence of most of the members from the city next week.

Troubles in the Business World.

OTTAWA, Ill., May 9.—The Marseilles Land and Water Power company and the Illinois River Paper company, owning property at Marseilles valued at $750,000, assigned today to Hugo Schumacher and J. Arbogast of Akron, O. The assignment is practically made by Ferdinand Schumacher, the Ohio millionaire, who made an assignment of all his Ohio interests today at Akron. He has been the owner of a majority of the stock of the Marseilles concern for several years. His attorney, Clarence Griggs, says the two concerns do not owe heavy amounts, but were forced to assign on account of the Akron failure. They will pay dollar for dollar.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET

Cattle Trade Shows More Life and Prices Improve Some.

LIGHT OFFERINGS READILY TAKEN

Buyers Go After Supplies Early and a Better Business Results—Hogs Show Little Change in Receipts on Prices.

SATURDAY, May 9.

Receipts for the days indicated are:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.	Horses.
May 9	918	3,580	235	....
May 8	1,308	4,809	123	11
May 7	977	4,538	1,358	....
May 6	2,491	5,702	.....	....
May 5	2,843	4,602	3,194	1
May 4	1,420	909	5,064	11
May 2	1,938	2,394	395	....
May 1	1,676	3,260	2,251	15

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

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
C., M. & St. P.	..	2	..
Missouri Pacific	17	4	..
Union Pacific system	12	12	..
B. & M. R.	7	12	..
C., B. & Q.	..	8	1
C., R. I. & P., east	..	2	..
C., R. I. & P., west	..	3	..
C., St. P., M. & O.	3	2	..
F., E. & M. V.	4	11	..
Total receipts	43	56	1

The disposition of the day's receipts was as follows, each buyer purchasing the number of head indicated:

Buyers.	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Omaha Packing Co.	...	482	...
G. H. Hammond Co.	177	1,039	...
Swift and Company	350	519	225
Cudahy Packing Co.	68	821	...
R. Becker & Degan	52	...	...
J. Lobman	42	...	...
W. I. Stephens	5	...	...
Union Dressed Beef Co.	98	...	...
W. Hamilton	30	...	...
St. Louis Dress'd Beef Co	34	...	...
Chicago P. & P. Co., Nebraska City, Neb.	...	356	...
Other buyers	15	350	...
Total	909	3,567	225

The receipts for the week, with comparisons, are:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Receipts this week	9,947	24,318	9,974
Receipts last week	9,920	17,801	6,121
Same week last year	6,483	18,376	951
Same week, '94	16,403	26,973	3,232
Same week, '93	13,369	33,332	4,263
Same week, '92	15,258	32,445	3,499

CATTLE—A few less than 1,000 fresh cattle were on sale today, a fair average run for a Saturday. The market was in very fair shape from a seller's point of view. Only a few cattle were on sale at any of the markets and the buyers were anticipating a moderate run for the early part of next week, as a result of the break in values during the past two days. As a consequence every one was ready to buy cattle today and the market was active and a little stronger all around. The most improvement was noticeable on the handy light cattle. As high as $4 was paid for cattle weighing between 1,300 and 1,400, while the bulk of the cattle in the yards sold at $3.70@3.85.

Only five or six loads of cows and heifers were offered on the market and they sold promptly at good, steady prices. There were very few if any full-load bunches, the offerings for the most part consisting of odds and ends, one or two head in a place.

Stockers and feeders were also in light supply, but what few there were sold readily at steady prices. Some 663-pound stockers brought $4 and some heavier cattle $3.75. Representative sales:

BEEF STEERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
4	1290	$3 50	14	1264	$3 70	18	1354	$3 80
1	1260	3 50	4	1187	3 70	15	1244	3 85
8	822	3 65	9	942	3 75	19	1298	3 85
15	1060	3 65	7	1325	3 75	30	1317	3 85
17	1433	3 65	17	972	3 75	40	1429	3 85
18	1129	3 65	3	1296	3 75	44	1324	3 90
20	1325	3 70	22	1298	3 75	40	1351	4 00
96	1430	3 70	4	1220	3 75			

COWS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	780	1 60	1	980	2 65	1	1175	3 15
1	1170	2 25	1	1090	2 65	3	1150	3 15
1	880	2 30	1	680	2 75	1	1280	3 15
1	1020	2 25	1	870	2 90	1	1150	3 25
2	750	2 25	1	1160	2 90	6	1066	3 25
1	1020	2 35	1	980	3 00	1	1130	3 25
1	1029	2 50	1	1020	3 00	13	1305	3 25
1	990	2 50	1	1230	3 00	1	1180	3 25
1	1080	2 60	15	793	3 10	1	1200	3 25
13	1092	2 60	2	1125	3 15	3	1220	3 25
1	870	2 60						

HEIFERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	770	2 50	1	820	3 10	3	636	3 40
22	613	3 00	7	775	3 30	4	1097	3 75
1	520	3 10	4	570	3 30			

BULLS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	1350	2 00	1	770	2 50	1	1120	2 75
1	1250	2 25	1	1560	2 50	1	1130	2 90
1	1190	2 40	1	1800	2 60	1	1120	3 00
1	1620	2 40	2	1685	2 65	1	1160	3 00

STAGS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	1650	2 85	2	1355	3 00	12	1336	3 05
1	2030	2 75	14	1445	3 00			

CALVES.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	370	2 65	1	120	4 75	1	110	5 00
1	290	3 60	6	153	4 75	2	140	5 00
8	110	4 50	1	120	4 75	1	180	5 00

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	1030	3 00	1	770	3 50	26	750	3 75
2	765	3 00	1	510	3 50	1	650	3 80
1	790	3 25	3	676	3 70	20	663	4 00
2	1110	3 25						

HOGS—It was a $3.15@3.20 market today, the same as yesterday, with this difference that there was more of the $3.15 and less of the $3.20, than yesterday. In other words the market today was a shade easier, but could hardly be called 5c lower.

The lightest hogs here sold at $3.25, and the lightest of them weighed 214 pounds. Yesterday as high as $3.30 was paid for choice light, but they weighed under 200 pounds.

Quite a number of the extreme heavy loads sold at $3.12½, as against $3.12½@3.15 yesterday, while the great bulk of the medium weight and mixed loads sold at $3.15@3.20, as noted above.

The market was fairly active, and the offerings were all taken in good season.

The past week has witnessed a liberal run of hogs, and the market has, upon the whole, been in very fair shape. The buyers have all wanted hogs and have taken hold freely, the yards as a rule being cleared early in the day. In the matter of values, the condition of the market has not been so satisfactory to the selling interests. At the opening of the week the most of the hogs sold at $3.25@3.30, and on Wednesday the bulk brought $3.20@3.35. That proved to be the high point of the week, in fact the highest day since April 24. During the latter half of the week the tendency of values has been steadily downward. Representative sales:

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
54	322	120	$3 05	58	273	160	$3 15
43	286	...	3 05	58	255	...	3 15
60	324	80	3 10	54	247	80	3 15
49	289	...	3 12½	31	278	...	3 15
58	270	80	3 12½	65	271	80	3 15
55	274	80	3 12½	23	268	...	3 15
54	318	80	3 12½	65	250	160	3 15
52	310	...	3 12½	55	200	80	3 15
53	312	80	3 12½	58	209	40	3 15
51	329	...	3 12½	66	210	...	3 17½
60	280	80	3 12½	69	213	80	3 17½
47	301	...	3 12½	55	229	...	3 20
54	312	...	3 12½	73	270	...	3 20
65	266	80	3 15	61	235	40	3 20
44	281	80	3 15	70	224	...	3 20
63	223	...	3 15	82	211	...	3 20
67	246	80	3 15	67	229	80	3 20
68	280	200	3 15	75	225	80	3 20
63	283	80	3 15	64	231	...	3 20
46	303	...	3 15	65	229	40	3 20
66	268	80	3 15	64	226	120	3 20
68	254	80	3 15	70	241	160	3 20
54	302	80	3 15	66	242	80	3 20
67	302	80	3 15	64	233	...	3 20
61	248	...	3 15	72	232	80	3 20
72	278	80	3 15	52	216	...	3 25
66	258	...	3 15	80	214	...	3 25
100	273	80	3 15	70	213	...	3 25
61	281	80	3 15				

PIGS—ODDS AND ENDS.

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
1	490	...	2 90	5	524	...	3 05
1	580	...	2 60	9	356	120	3 05
1	530	...	3 00	3	216	...	3 10

SHEEP—There was a load of sheep reported in, but it was consigned direct to a packer and was not offered on the market.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

There Was a Stronger Market for Cattle.

CHICAGO, May 9.—Today there was a strong market for cattle, and some cattle that were held from Friday sold at $4, an advance of 10c over the best of yesterday. It was evident that buyers were not looking for anything more than a good average run next Monday.

There was a good demand for hogs today, and the offerings were largely taken at yesterday's decline, with some droves selling a shade lower. Sales were at from $3.10 to $3.40 for heavy, with choice mixed selling at $3.55, and prime assorted light at $3.60. The bulk of the hogs crossed the scales at from $3.35 to $3.45.

The offerings of sheep were readily sold today at from $2.50 to $3.80 for sheep, and at from $3.75 to $4.75 for lambs, with spring lambs wanted at from $5.75 to $6.75.

Receipts: Cattle, 500 head; hogs, 20,000 head; sheep, 3,000 head.

Stocks in Sight.

Record of receipts at the four principal markets for Saturday, May 10, 1896:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
South Omaha	918	3,580	235
Chicago	500	15,000	2,000
St. Louis	200	4,500	2,500
Kansas City	400	2,700	1,200
Totals	1,818	25,780	7,935

Kansas City Live Stock.

KANSAS CITY, May 9.—CATTLE—Receipts, 200 head; shipments, 2,200 head. Market steady and unchanged.

HOGS—Receipts, 4,500 head; shipments, 2,900 head. Market weak, 5c lower; bulk of sales, $3.15@3.25; heavies, $2.90@3.20; packers, $3.10@3.25; mixed, $3.15@3.30; lights, $3.20@3.35; Yorkers, $3.30@3.35; pigs, $2.00@3.25.

SHEEP—Receipts, 3,500 head; shipments, 200 head. Market steady; lambs, $2.50@4.50; muttons, $2.25@2.60.

St. Louis Live Stock.

ST. LOUIS, May 9.—CATTLE—Receipts, 400 head; market steady, but supply too small to do retail dealing; prices unchanged.

HOGS—Receipts, 2,700 head; market steady; heavy, $3.10@3.40; mixed, $2.90@3.35; light, $3.20@3.45.

SHEEP—Receipts, 1,200 head; market quiet; Texans, $3.00@3.30; natives, $3.15@3.55.

INSANE CRIME OF A JEALOUS LOVER

Kills the Woman He Loves and Instantly Commits Suicide.

TRENTON, N. J., May 9.—Annie Anderson, aged 24 years, was shot this morning by Joseph Graham, who immediately afterward shot himself. Both died in less than half an hour. The shooting took place in the dining room of C. I. Baumgartner, a prominent merchant of this place, in whose family the girl was employed as a domestic. Graham entered the Baumgartner residence through the alley. At the time the girl was in the dining room reading an unsigned letter, dated East Orange, N. J. He grappled with the girl, got his arms around her shoulders and shot her in the back of the head. Then he placed the revolver behind his left ear and fired, the ball entering his brain.

Graham called on Miss Anderson last night and again early this morning. Subsequently he returned, having seen the letter carrier hand the girl the letter which she was reading when she was murdered. Graham was a carpenter. Jealousy was undoubtedly the motive for the double tragedy.

The murdered girl was a sister of Mary Anderson, who was murdered by her lover, Barclay Peak, in Mount Holly a year ago. Peak is now serving a life sentence in the Trenton prison. The Anderson family formerly lived in Mount Holly.

AFTER DERELICT CITY TREASURER

Special Session of the Grand Jury Will Investigate Charges.

CAMDEN, N. J., May 9.—As a result of the legislative investigation which has been in progress in this city nearly a year Justice Garrison called today a special session of the grand jury. He said the report of the commissioners showed that the late treasurer, Frank Michellon, had received large sums of money which cannot be found and for which there is no record on the books. The justice said the experts working on Mr. Michellon's books found that sums ranging from $40,000 to $200,000 had been paid out by Mr. Michellon illegally. The city had for many years been paying interest to various banks contrary to law. The justice defined at length the legal definition of "embezzlement" and urged the grand jury to take up the charges at once.

The present city comptroller, Charles Hollingshead, the court stated, was also implicated in the allegations of the state to the extent of permitting the muddled condition in the city treasurer's office.

RICHES OF ALASKAN GOLD FIELDS.

Many Surprising Discoveries Constantly Being Made.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 9.—United States Marshal L. K. Williams of Sitka, Alaska, is in this city. In speaking about the Alaska mining excitement he said: "I think it no exaggeration to say that fully 2,500 miners have flocked into Alaska this season. This influx of people has materially increased the white population. I believe the latter has doubled during the past two years. Favorable reports are being made about the gold country around Cook's inlet and some large finds of the precious metal are rumored. The Yukon country maintains its high reputation for yields of gold in the placer mines. Last season fully $1,200,000 in gold dust and nuggets was taken out. There is every prospect of much larger returns for this season. As many as 500 miners wintered in the Yukon district during the past winter. They tunneled under the frozen surface of the ground and brought out tons of rich gravel. They are now engaged in washing it out."

Pugilist Slavin Arrives.

NEW YORK, May 9.—Frank Slavin, the pugilist, arrived here today on board the steamer Paris, from Southampton.

Slavin, who is to meet Maher at the Eureka Athletic club, Long Island City, two weeks hence, was met at the steamer pier by Tom O'Rourke, Sam Austin and a crowd of sports. He never looked better in his life. He weighs about 200 pounds, but says that he will go into training at once at Oceanic, N. J., and will get down to 180 pounds before going into the ring. He also said that he was anxious to make arrangements to fight either Corbett or Fitzsimmons.

Trial Trip for Another Cruiser.

PHILADELPHIA, May 9.—The cruiser Brooklyn has left Cramp's shipyards on her builder's trial trip. She will be given a speed trial over what is known as the Cramp course, which is eleven knots long and lies between northwest and southwest light-ship, a few miles off the New Jersey coast. After this trial she will run out to sea for one day and is expected to return to her dock Tuesday afternoon. The contract calls for twenty knots an hour, but her builders expect her to make twenty-two knots. She is larger, and is regarded as a more effective type of fighting cruiser than the New York.

Apache Kid Takes the War Path.

TOMBSTONE, Ariz., May 9.—A report comes from the vicinity of Wilcox which indicates that the Kid is again on the war path. Three men are said to have been killed near the Mexican line on May 5. They are S. B. Reid, a prominent cattle raiser; his foreman, Gus Wisner, and a young man named Hand, brother of the herder killed a few weeks ago.

Fires of a Day.

CHESTER, Pa., May 9.—The textile mill of Samuel Riddles & Sons and Glen Riddles, this county, was destroyed by fire today. The loss is $130,000; insurance, $105,000. The departments destroyed were the weaver looms and two mull rooms, the card and picker rooms, boiler and dry houses and cloth room. Four hundred hands are thrown out of work.

Knocked Out by Young Dutchy.

SAN DIEGO, May 9.—Jack Cannon of St. Louis was knocked out last night before the San Diego Athletic club in the fourth round by "Young Dutchy," the clubs instructor. The knockout blow was delivered on Cannon's stomach. He fell, groaning loudly and was counted out. Cannon was not badly hurt.

Condition of Ex-Senator Wallace.

NEW YORK, May 9.—William A. Wallace, formerly United States senator from Pennsylvania, continues unconscious, his general condition being unchanged.

Influx of Foreign Emigrants.

NEW YORK, May 9.—There were 943 steerage passengers on board the steamer Bonn, which arrived from Bremen today. The Paris brought 356 immigrants.

Named Magner and Heimrod.

W. E. Magner and Louis Heimrod have been assigned to duty as gaugers at the Willow Springs distillery. They will go on duty Monday morning.

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