COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Wheat Closed a Fraction Lower on Some Exploded Rumors.

TRADE IN THAT CEREAL CONTINUED LOCAL

Private Crop Report by Toledo Parties Was Given a Bullish Interpretation and Added Strength to the Market.

CHICAGO, May 22.—On small exports and disbelief in crop damage reports wheat closed ⅜c below yesterday's price. Corn declined only 1-16c, while oats lost ⅜c. Provisions show recessions, particularly pork.

The trade in wheat continued chiefly local. Early a fairly firm tone was prevalent, but the market later on became sensitive and changed frequently within the range of ⅝c, final figures showing a ⅜c decline. There was fair buying early by many of yesterday's sellers, the market oversold and for a while ruled quite firm. Cables did not show the decline expected, coming but ¼d lower, which, in face of the sharp break on this side yesterday, was taken as an evidence of strength. A private crop report by Toledo parties was given rather a bullish interpretation and added some strength to the market. Minneapolis wired that millers there had advanced the price of flour 10 cents, and reported a better demand. There was also a denial of the report of yesterday, that wheat was being cut around Wichita, Kan. New York wired that second private cables quoted spot in Liverpool ½d higher, and this helped to sustain prices for a while, but increased selling set in when public cables were posted, showing declines all round. The weather, too, proved quite a factor, there being a "high" in the map over the Dakotas, with very little rain shown and warm and showery conditions over the winter wheat belt. Northwestern receipts were liberal, compared with last week, and the same date a year ago, and out inspection here was small. The light country investment orders were also a factor, the lack of outside interest being quite noticeable. Exports, too, were small and disappointing. New York reported $1,000,000 in gold going out by tomorrow's steamers. The weather in England was said to be cloudy, and dry and warm in France and Germany. The sharp break in provisions and selling by a couple of leading professionals was responsible for the final decline.

Corn kept within ¼c range. The better weather, decline in wheat, talk of an increased movement, all tended to increase speculative offerings, but there was a fair demand for shorts.

Oats were active, weaker and lower, prices declining from ⅜c to ½c, and closing tame at the bottom. The selling was by receivers, professionals and elevator people, and the buying by shorts.

The feature of the trade in provisions was the weakness of pork, lard and ribs in comparison being quite firm. Long pork came out in driblets after a little rise in price, which succeeded the opening, and continued to come in increasing volume as the day advanced, until finally it came with a rush on stop loss orders. Compared with last night, pork quit 17½c down, and lard and ribs each 2½c off.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 23 cars; corn, 275 cars; oats, 221 cars; hogs, 15,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat, No. 2				
May	60¼	60⅜	59⅝	59⅝
June	60⅛	60⅜	59⅞	60
July	61⅛	61⅜	60⅞	60⅞
Sept	62¼	62⅜	61⅝	61⅝
Corn, No. 2				
May				28⅛
July	29⅛	29⅛	29¼	29¼
Sept	30⅛	30⅜	30⅛	30⅛
Oats, No. 2				
May				18⅛
July	19⅛	19⅛	19⅛	18⅞
Sept	19⅛	19⅛	19⅛	19⅛
May, 1897				22½
Pork, per bbl				
May				7 15
July	7 35	7 45	7 17½	7 22½
Sept	7 55	7 57½	7 35	7 40
Lard, 100 lbs				
May				4 27½
July	4 37½	4 42½	4 35	4 35
Sept	4 52½	4 55	4 50	4 50
Short Ribs				
May				3 80
July	3 87½	3 92½	3 87½	3 87½
Sept	4 02½	4 05	4 00	4 00

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Quiet, but firm; 10c higher; winter patents, per bbl., $3.50@3.70; straights, $3.30@3.50; clears, $3.00@3.20; spring patents, $3.25@3.70; bakers, per 196 lbs., in jute sacks, $2.25@2.50; rye flour, $2.25@2.40.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 59⅝c; No. 3 spring, 58½c; No. 2 red, 63⅝@63⅞c.

CORN—No. 2, 28½@28⅝c; No. 2 yellow, 29⅛@29⅜c.

OATS—No. 2, 19c; No. 2 white, 21c; No. 3 white, 19¼@21½c.

RYE—No. 2, 36c.

BARLEY—No. 2, nominal; No. 3, f. o. b., 28@34c; No. 4, f. o. b., 25c.

FLAXSEED—No. 1, 87@87½c.

PRIME TIMOTHY SEED—$3.20@3.25.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $7.20@7.25; lard, per 100 lbs., $4.27½@4.30; short ribs, sides, loose, $3.60@3.85; dry salted shoulders, boxed, $4.00@4.25; short clear sides, boxed, $4.00@4.12½.

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

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $6.09; granulated, $5.45.

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

The following were the receipts and shipments today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	6,000	8,000
Wheat, bu	5,000	55,000
Corn, bu	128,000	338,000
Oats, bu	171,000	309,000
Rye, bu	3,000	9,000
Barley, bu	19,000	18,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was firm; creamery, 11@15c; dairy, 9@13c. Eggs, firm; fresh, 9@10c. Cheese, 7@7½c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKETS.

Quotations of the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, May 22.—FLOUR—Receipts, 10,300 bbls.; exports, 300 bbls.; market inactive for winters, but active in a local way for outside brands or spring patents. Association brands were advanced 10c, which made them unsalable; Minnesota patents, $3.75@4.10; spring low grades, $2.00@2.50; winter patents, $3.70@3.75; winter straights, $3.35@3.45. Rye flour, dull; superfine, $2.60@2.70; fair, $2.75@2.90.

CORN MEAL—Steadier; yellow western, coarse, 71c; Brandywine, $2.15.

RYE—Weak at 42½@42½c.

BARLEY—Nominal; feeding barley, 38@38½c; malting, 40@42c.

BARLEY MALT—Nominal; western, 45@55c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 73,100 bu.; exports, 16,710 bu.; No. 1 hard, 71⅝@71⅞c. Options opened higher on covering, but lost the advance under local realizing and favorable crop news, the decline becoming more pronounced in the afternoon, owing to liquidation sympathy, with the break in pork and absence of all support; closed ½@⅜c net lower; May, 67⅜@68⅜c, closed at 67⅜c; September, 67 5-16@68c, closed at 67⅜c.

CORN—Receipts, 65,300 bu.; exports, 52,300 bu. Spot, dull; No. 2, 35c. Options ruled steady at first, but turned weak with wheat and closed ⅛c net lower; May, 35@35⅛c, closed at 35c; September, 36⅜@36⅝c, closed at 36⅜c.

OATS—Receipts, 111,200 bu. Spot, steady, with good export demand; No. 2, 24⅛c. Options, dull and nominal all day, closing at ⅛c net lower; May closed at 24⅛c.

HAY—Quiet; shipping, $7.50@8.00; good to choice, $9.00@9.50.

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

HIDES—Firm; wet, salted, New Orleans, selected, Galveston, 11c; Buenos Ayres, dry, 16c; Texas, dry, 8c; California, 12@12½c.

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock soles, Buenos Ayres, light to heavy weights, 19@20c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, quiet; family, $9.50@11.00; beef hams, $15.00; cut meats, steady; pickled hams, 9@9½c; pickled bellies, 4⅞@4¼c. Lard, weak and lower; western steam closed, $4.62½; refined, lower. Pork, lower; steam closed $4.65; refined, lower. Pork, lower; old and new mess, $8.50@9.50; short clear, $9.50@11.50; family, $10.00@11.25.

TALLOW—Easy; city, 3 1-16@3⅛c; country, 3⅛@3 5-16c.

BUTTER—Receipts, 6,250 pkgs.; steady; western dairy, 8@11c; creamery, 11@15½c; Elgins, 15½c.

EGGS—Receipts, 6,395 pkgs.; quiet; state and Pennsylvania, 11@11½c; western, 9½@11c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 1,474 pkgs.; steady; state, large, 5@5½c; small, 4½@5¾c; part skims, 2@4½c; full skims, 2@2½c.

OILS—Petroleum, easy; United closed at $1.15¼ asked; refined, New York, $6; Philadelphia and Baltimore, $6.70; Philadelphia and Baltimore, in bulk, $4.25. Rosin, quiet; strained, common to good, $1.65@1.70. Turpentine spirits, quiet at 25@26. Cottonseed oil, quiet and featureless; prime crude, 21½@22c; prime crude, f. o. b., mills, 17@19c; off grades, 19½@20½c; prime summer, yellow, 25c; off summer yellow, 25@25½c; prime white, 28@29c.

RICE—Steady; demand fair to extra, 3⅝@5c; Japan, 3⅝@4c.

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

FREIGHTS—To Liverpool, steady; cotton, by steam, 3-64d; grain, by steam, 2d.

METALS—Pig iron, quiet; southern, $10.75@13.00; northern, $11.00@13.00. Copper, firm; brokers, $11.12½; exchange, $11.25@11.50. Lead, steady; brokers, $2.97½; exchange, $3.02½. Tin, quiet; straits, $12.70@13.00; plates, market steady. Spelter, quiet; domestic, $4.12½.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, May 22.—COFFEE—Options opened steady, with prices 5 points higher to 5 points lower; ruled fairly active and well maintained, by foreign buying and local covering; closed quiet at 5 points net advance to 5 points net decline; sales, 12,500 bags, including: May, $12.85; September, $11.05. Spot coffee, Rio, dull; No. 7, $14. Mild, quiet; Cordova, $16.75@18.00; sales, 500 bags, Maracaibo, p. t. Total warehouse deliveries from the United States, 4,306 bags, including 3,823 bags from New York; New York stock today, 173,148 bags; United States stock, 290,361 bags; afloat for the United States, 150,500 bags; total visible supply for the United States, 250,861 bags, against 538,028 bags last year.

HAVRE, May 22.—Closed quiet at ¼f to ¾f net decline; sales, 12,000 bags.

SANTOS, May 22.—Quiet; good average Santos, 12,000 reis; receipts, 1,000 bags; stock, 74,000 bags.

HAMBURG, May 22.—Quiet at ¼ pfg decline; sales, 11,000 bags.

RIO, May 22.—Weak; No. 7, 12,200 reis; exchange, 9 15-16d; receipts, 6,000 bags; cleared for the United States, 3,000 bags; cleared for Europe, 2,000 bags; stock, 89,000 bags.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Choice stock, 7c; slow.

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; Limberger, fancy, per lb., 13c; Roquefort, ½-lb. jars, per doz., $3.60; Young Americas, 12c; twins, fancy, 11½c.

POULTRY—Live—Hens, 7½c; cocks, 3@5c; turkeys, 7@8c; ducks, 8@10c; geese, 6@7c; spring chickens, per doz., $2.00@4.00, or 18@20c per lb. for weights running from 1½ to 2 lbs.; springs, under 1 lb., very dull.

HAY—Upland, $6; midland, $5.50; lowland, $5; rye straw, $4; color makes the price on hay; light bales sell the best; only top grades bring top prices.

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

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

VEGETABLES.

Letterhos & Co. of Crystal Springs, Miss., write that the tomato crop is earlier than usual and that by next week they will be more plentiful. The first week in June will doubtless witness the early part of the heavy movement of tomatoes this season, which will be one or two weeks earlier than usual. Quotations:

TOMATOES—Choice stock, 6-basket crates, $4.00.

PEAS—Boxes, ⅓ bu., 75c; bu. boxes, $1.50.

TOP ONIONS—Per doz. bunches, 5@10c.

CUCUMBERS—Per doz., 60@75c.

NEW ONIONS—Southern stock, per lb., 2c.

WAX BEANS—Per ⅓ bu. box, 75c; bu. box, $1.75.

STRING BEANS—Per ⅓ bu. box, 75c; per bu. box, $1.75.

PIE PLANT—Home grown, per lb., 1c.

CAULIFLOWER—None.

CABBAGE—California stock, per lb., 2¼c; Mississippi, per crate, $3.00@3.25.

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

SWEET POTATOES—None.

LIMA BEANS—Per lb., 4c.

WATER CRESS—None.

POTATOES—Minnesota Burbanks, 37@40c; Colorado, 45c; Red River, valley seed potatoes, 25@40c; California new potatoes, per lb., 2¼c.

BERMUDA ONIONS—Per crate, $2.00.

FRUITS.

The receipts of strawberries were large, but the stock poor. Quotations:

STRAWBERRIES—Missouri stock, $2.25.

APPLES—None.

CRANBERRIES—None.

CALIFORNIA CHERRIES—Per 10-lb., box, $2.50.

GOOSEBERRIES—Per 24-qt. case, $2.50.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—Mediterranean sweets, $3.50@3.75.

LEMONS—Messinas, fancy, $3.75@4.00; extra fancy, $4.25@4.50; choice, $3.75.

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

PINEAPPLES—Per doz., according to size, $2.00@2.25.

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, 6¼@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.

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

COCOANUTS—Per 100, $4.50; each, 5c.

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

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

MAPLE 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@6¼c; medium cows and heifers, 5@5½c; good forequarters, cows and heifers, 3¾@4¼c; good forequarters, native steers, 4½@5c; good forequarters, cows and heifers, 3¾@4¼c; good hindquarters, cows and heifers, 7½@8½c; good hindquarters, steers, 8½@10c; cow rounds, 5¼c; cow plates, 3c; boneless chucks, 4c; cow chucks, 3c; steer chucks, 3¾c; beef tenderloins, 25c; 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; frozen, 4½c.

MUTTON—Dressed lambs, 8½c; dressed mutton, 7c; racks, 8c; legs, 10c; saddles, 10c; stews, 3c; sheep plucks, 3c; sheep tongues, per doz., 25c.

PORK—Dressed hogs, 4¾c; pork loins, 6½c; spare ribs, 4c; ham sausages, butts, 4½c; pork shoulders, 4½c; pork shoulders, skinned, 4¾c; pork trimmings, 4c; leaf lard, not rendered, 5¼c; tenderloins, 11c.

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, 2½c; 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.

St. Louis General Market.

ST. LOUIS, May 22.—FLOUR—Steady at the recent decline; patents, $3.55@3.65; extra fancy, $3.25@3.35; fancy, $2.75@2.85; choice, $2.50@2.60.

WHEAT—Bugs and unfavorable crop news caused the speculative market to start in firm, with a strong reaction from yesterday's decline, but later on reports of small clearances of flour and wheat, the market became depressed, closing ¼c to ½c under yesterday. September, dull and lower; No. 2 red, cash, 59c bid, elevator; 62@63½c, track; No. 2 hard, 54½c; May, 54½c; July, 57⅛c; August, 57⅛@58c.

CORN—The future market was strong and early, on the continued rains and reports that farmers could not cultivate, but when wheat declined, the tone became somewhat easier. Spot offerings continue scant, and are held very firmly at ⅛c higher bid. No. 2 mixed, cash, 24½c; May, 25⅛c; July, 26⅛c; September, 28c.

OATS—Futures dull and easy; spot, dull; firm; No. 2, cash, 19c; May, 18c bid; July, 18⅛c; August, 18c.

RYE—Dull; 28c asked, east track; no bids.

CORN MEAL—$1.25@1.40.

BRAN—Sold in 100-lb. sacks at 40@40½c, east track.

FLAXSEED—Unchanged at 80c.

TIMOTHY SEED—$2.25@2.75.

HAY—Dull; steady for top grades; lower quality easier; prairie, $6.50@9.50; timothy, $6.50@14.50, this side.

POULTRY—Quiet; chickens, 6½@7c for old; 14@16c for spring; ducks, 7½c for old; $3.50@4.00 per dozen for young.

BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 12@17½c; dairy, 8@13c.

EGGS—Firm; in good demand at 8c for fresh.

WHISKY—$1.22.

LEAD—Strong; $2.77½@2.80.

SPELTER—Ranges from $3.72½ to $3.85, according to quality.

COTTON TIES—Unchanged; 72c.

BAGGING—Unchanged; 4@5c.

PROVISIONS—Pork, lower; standard mess, jobbing, $7.25. Lard, lower; prime steam, $4.07½; choice, $4.17½. Bacon, boxed, shoulders, $4.75; longs, $4.50; ribs, $4.75; shorts, $4.87½. Dry salt meats, boxed shoulders and longs, $4; ribs, $4.12½; shorts, $4.25.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 3,000 bbls.; wheat, 13,000 bu.; corn, 22,000 bu.; oats, 38,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 6,000 bbls.; wheat, 152,000 bu.; corn, 146,000 bu.; oats, 4,000 bu.

Dry Goods.

NEW YORK, May 22.—Steady demand for moderate to small quantities of miscellaneous merchandise that collectively were of fair importance, but individual takings were on a moderate scale. The reflections of the market were more of quietude than of activity, and, as a rule, buyers were not as hasty as formerly, but operated on a more conservative basis. Print cloths were quiet and firm at 2 9-16c, and Fall River sales for the week were 100,000 pieces.

FALL RIVER, Mass., May 22.—Print cloths firm at 2 9-16c; moderate demand for June deliveries; mills slow sellers.

MANCHESTER, May 22.—The market for cloths and yarns is quiet, with little business.

Toledo Grain.

TOLEDO, May 22.—WHEAT—Active, but declining; No. 2 cash, 68c; May, 68¼c; July, 63½c; August, 63c.

CORN—Dull and steady; No. 2 mixed and May, 29½c; No. 3 mixed, 29c.

OATS—Dull and easy; No. 2 mixed and May, 20c.

RYE—Quiet; No. 2 cash, 37c.

CLOVER SEED—Dull; prime cash, $4.60, nominal.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, May 22.—COTTON—Quiet; middling, 8⅛c; net receipts, none; gross receipts, 3,418 bales; exports, to the continent, 400 bales; forwarded, 534 bales; sales, 269 bales, all spinners; stock, 133,714 bales.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 22.—COTTON—Dull; middling, 7 9-16c; receipts, 60 bales; shipments, 96 bales; stock, 33,373 bales; sales, 575 bales.

Foreign Oils.

LONDON, May 22.—CALCUTTA LINSEED—April shipment via Cape, 33s; turpentine spirits, 19s 9d.

'Frisco Wheat.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 22.—WHEAT—Inactive; December, $1.02⅝.

ORDERS ARE STILL DELAYED

Apparent Stagnation in Trade is Merely Postponement of Activity.

DUN & CO. GIVE HOPES FOR THE FUTURE

Thousands of Contracts Reported to Be Deferred Day Until a More Convenient Day—Pig Iron as a Barometer.

NEW YORK, May 22.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade, which issues tomorrow, will say: The waiting condition, which seems to some people nothing better than stagnation, still continues. But this is different from stagnation. Thousands of orders and contracts are merely deferred because they can be more safely given a little later.

There is nothing exciting in the speculative market for exportable products, and the stories about damage to wheat have been numerous, but the general belief regarding the future supply is fairly reflected in the decline of 1.62 cents per bushel. The western receipts continue larger, for three weeks 5,818,625 bushels, against 4,262,537 bushels last year, while Atlantic exports, flour included, have been only 3,199,850 bushels for the same weeks, against 4,749,674 bushels last year.

The home market fails entirely to respond to short crop stories, for it is known that western reports indicate a crop exceeding last year's. Cotton speculation lifted the price a fraction for a day or two, but it declined again, and such movements are always easy at this season, when stocks can be easily controlled. The European and American mill supplies with commercial stocks, still exceed maximum consumption for the crop year, and promise for the coming crop is decidedly good.

If the output of pig iron were always a reliable barometer of business conditions, as some suppose, the return of furnaces in blast May 1, according to the Iron Age, 188,319 tons, against 187,451 April 1, would be convincing. But the increase of stocks unsold since January 1 has been 243,905 tons, and this, deducted from the output of furnaces, leaves 2,076,343 tons for four months, which is certainly in excess of the actual consumption, because the stocks of the great steel companies are not included in the statement. Since the steel billet pool was formed these stocks have doubtless increased largely. There is scarcely any improvement in the demand for finished products, though the bar association has become strong enough to enable makers of steel bars to get slightly higher prices. The demand for nails is so light that a reduction of prices is expected; the demand for structural work is less urgent, but yet orders are encouraging in number, although new contracts are scarce at Pittsburg, and the ablest observers of the iron market notice that there is a glaring incongruity between pig at $12.50, billets at $20.25, and steel rails at $28.

The textile manufacturers are still waiting, as they have been for months past, and the extensive curtailment of production does not strengthen prices in the least. Some large cotton mills have discontinued production this week, but the only change in representative quotations is a ⅛c decline in brown sheetings. The market for woolens is exceedingly dull, notwithstanding the stoppage of many mills, and while worsteds and clay mixtures are both a shade lower, there is nothing like confidence or activity as yet in any branch of the manufacture. Sales of wool have been 2,648,200 pounds for the week at the three chief markets, and for the three weeks ended May 21, 9,187,400 pounds, of which 4,882,300 pounds was domestic, against 15,948,250 pounds in the same weeks of 1892, of which 8,601,700 pounds was domestic.

Failures for the week have been 227 in the United States, against 247 last year, and 28 in Canada, against 23 last year.

WEEKLY CLEARING HOUSE TOTALS.

Aggregate Business Transacted by the Associated Banks.

NEW YORK, May 22.—The following table, compiled by Bradstreet's, showing the total clearances at the principal cities and the percentage of increase or decrease, as compared with the corresponding week last year:

	Clearances.	Inc.	Dec.
New York	$ 547,727,194		16.1
Chicago	91,081,828		3.3
Boston	90,428,528		4.6
Philadelphia	67,384,928		6.8
St. Louis	22,996,055		6.9
San Francisco	12,074,844	10.1	
Baltimore	14,051,233	8.5	
Pittsburg	16,100,192	5.9	
Cincinnati	11,942,059		9.8
Kansas City	9,018,314		14.2
New Orleans	8,022,141		2.3
Buffalo	4,877,079	4.8	
Milwaukee	4,576,863		
Detroit	5,960,562	0.8	
Louisville	5,214,482		13.7
Minneapolis	6,365,217		19.3
OMAHA	4,616,341	31.2	
Providence	4,863,200		3.7
Cleveland	6,075,801	10.7	
Houston	3,174,929		28.2
St. Paul	4,377,369		3.1
Denver	2,423,266		14.4
Indianapolis	4,561,316	5.3	
Columbus, O.	3,612,700		2.1
Hartford	2,269,778	3.7	
Richmond	2,102,550	0.9	
Washington	1,841,245		6.6
Salt Lake	1,382,241	42.3	
Dallas	2,163,530		10.9
St. Joseph	1,413,531	15.5	
Peoria	1,806,213		8.1
Memphis	1,769,786		13.7
Portland, Ore.	824,880		25.9
Rochester	1,448,953		4.0
New Haven	1,546,820	5.4	
Savannah	1,697,749	14.2	
Springfield, Mass.	1,300,129		28.0
Worcester	1,328,923	1.5	
Portland, Me.	1,263,636		
Atlanta	1,979,423	80.7	
Fort Worth	1,149,423		10.2
Waco	916,917		41.5
Syracuse	1,061,541		13.8
Des Moines	984,157		19.0
Grand Rapids	775,068		5.1
Seattle	642,273	37.7	
Kalamazoo	329,166	21.6	
Lowell	634,909	1.9	
Wilmington, Del.	712,320		12.4
Norfolk	848,555		5.6
Sioux City	523,851	7.6	
Los Angeles	1,014,169		19.8
Tacoma	481,691		14.8
Scranton	863,401	19.9	
Spokane	509,878	42.9	
Jacksonville	271,218		16.8
Lincoln	267,513	6.3	
New Bedford	679,883	22.5	
Wichita	451,488		
Birmingham	481,118	15.3	
Topeka	417,390		14.2
Lexington, Ky.	307,901		4.3
Binghampton	338,400		3.9
Helena	528,510		20.3
Bay City, Mich.	260,688		17.4
Fall River	948,637	21.8	
Akron, O.	218,665		18.9
Springfield, O.	189,642		
Canton, O.	191,503		6.8
Sioux Falls	78,649	52.9	
Fremont, Neb.	48,076		11.1
Hastings, Neb.	51,564		39.7
Chattanooga	243,643		7.2
Fargo	187,153	28.5	
Nashville	712,541		16.1
Galveston	3,581,890		11.3
Rockford	204,996		25.0
Augusta	606,083	40.9	
Toledo	1,198,846		
Totals, U. S.	$ 991,339,029		10.8
Exclusive of N. Y.	443,611,836		3.5
DOMINION OF CANADA.			
Montreal	$ 10,696,877		5.3
Toronto	6,446,046	11.0	
Halifax	1,014,075	4.8	
Hamilton	689,419	19.0	
Winnipeg	895,193		6.0
Totals	$ 19,821,580	0.5	

Clearings at Bay City, Fall River, Akron, Springfield, O., Canton, Sioux Falls, Fremont, Hastings, Chattanooga, Fargo, Nashville and Galveston, not included in the total.

SPECULATION STEADIER IN TONE.

Apprehensive Feeling Regarding Money is Growing Stronger.

NEW YORK, May 22.—Bradstreet's financial review of the week says: Speculation during the present week has been even narrower and more professional than before. The tone, however, has on the whole been steadier, and the apprehensive feeling in regard to the political results as bear factors accumulates. Large holders of securities have not been affected by the recent liquidation tendency, which was confined to the smaller semi-professional bulls. The exhaustion of selling from this quarter has imposed a check upon bearish activity on the part of the room traders, and the absence of any decided pressure on the market has been no less significant than the total lack of outside interests, commission houses as a class being almost idle. London has not been a factor either way. Among the incidents of the week is the news that J. P. Morgan has placed an option for $6,500,000 of the new Northern Pacific prior lien 4 per cent bonds with a London banking syndicate, the belief being that the securities will be taken up in the autumn. This week's gold shipments have been comparatively small, amounting to $2,650,000, and in the early part of the week it was understood the "special orders" for gold from Germany had been filled. There seems to be some uncertainty about this, however, and the existence of a considerable inquiry for exchange would in any event tend to force events to a level, at which gold would move to London, as the record for many years past shows to be a normal proceeding at this season. So far as any speculative interest developed, it was mainly in connection with the manipulation of some of the industrials.

BUSINESS FAILURES ARE FEWER.

Between-Seasons Period Shows but One Healthy Sign in Trade.

NEW YORK, May 22.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say: The reactionary tendency in prices, shrinkage in railroad earnings, the falling off in bank clearings and the fact that the present constitutes the beginning of the between-seasons period, include the more conspicuous features of the general business situation. On the other hand, business failures have fallen off sharply.

General trade throughout the central west has not met anticipations. Clothing orders have dropped off two weeks earlier than usual at Chicago, and the run of orders for dry goods there is light. A relatively more favorable report comes from St. Louis that dry goods, clothing, hardware and groceries are being sold in increasing quantities for fall delivery. Detroit and Milwaukee business interests are suffering from strikes. The most favorable report comes from Kansas City, where the movement of merchandise continues relatively quite active; mercantile collections are fair and trade prospects were never better. Improvement is also noted on the Pacific coast, due to the weather, which has rendered the crop outlook more favorable and stimulated purchases in staple lines.

Exports of wheat (flour included as wheat), from both coasts of the United States this week amount to 1,338,000 bushels, as compared with 1,992,000 bushels last week, 2,754,000 bushels in the week one year ago, 2,218,000 bushels two years ago, and 2,196,000 bushels three years ago.

The total number of business failures throughout the United States this week shows a marked falling off from the weekly average during the past four months, 216, as compared with 265 last week, 266 in the like week of 1895, 237 in the third week of May, 1894, and as compared with 247 in the corresponding week of 1893. The total number of business failures reported from the Canadian Dominion this week is 28, as compared with 24 last week, 25 in the same week a year ago, and 29 two years ago.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Sugar, Tobacco and Manhattan Monopolized All Dealings.

NEW YORK, May 22.—Three stocks relieved the market today from practical stagnation, Sugar, Tobacco and Manhattan. The last mentioned was the only one in the railway list that attained respectable proportions, even such an old standby as St. Paul figuring for less than 8,000 shares. London was a moderate seller of Americans, but its operations were on a small scale. The dealings, while no less strictly professional than usual for some time past, were given an appearance of animation at times, owing to spurts of activity in the three stocks mentioned. Manipulation was plainly the motive power, but in Manhattan some genuine buying was noted in the news late in the day, that the appellate division of the supreme court declared rapid transit unconstitutional. Aside from this development and the engagement of $1,100,000 in gold for export by tomorrow's steamer there was no noteworthy influence bearing on the market. There was a marked falling off in the amount of political gossip. The speculation opened weak and lower, but the concessions made were fractional, and a firm tone soon developed under the leadership of Sugar and Tobacco. Inside support was evident in the first named and the discovery disposed the shorts to run to cover. The stock rose to 124⅝, as against 122⅞, the early figure. The initial price of Tobacco, which, at a decline of ⅛ per cent, in sympathy with the depression in the general list, but in this case also effective strategy on the part of powerful interests, was soon discerned, and a rise of 2⅛ per cent to 2⅜ occurred. Round amounts of the stock exchanged hands, the bears covering freely. The decision in favor of Manhattan was not generally known until late in the day, but the traders turned and whooped the stock up 2⅝ per cent to 105⅝, with the closing at the best price of the day. The engagement of gold for shipment failed to affect the market, despite a further hardening tendency in the foreign exchange market, which is regarded as foreshadowing shipments early next week. An advance in the rates on specie freights made by different steamship lines was not expected to check the afflux of gold to Paris, as it is realized that the gold is forwarded as an exchange operation and for remittances. The improvements in the general list were fractional, aside from an advance of 1½ per cent each in Consolidated Gas and Cordage guaranteed. The market closed strong at the top level. Railroad bonds were quiet and lacked feature, but were firm in tone. The aggregate sales were $45,000. The more important changes were:

Advances, Consumers' Gas, 1sts, 2¼ per cent, Union Pacific 4½s, trust receipts, 2 per cent; Alton & Terre Haute 1sts, 1½ per cent; Chicago, St. Louis & New Orleans, 5s, 1¼ per cent, and St. Paul, generals, Detroit, Gas 5s, and Pittsburg & Western 1sts, 1 per cent. Declines: Spokane & Palouse 1sts, trust receipts, 3 per cent; Susquehanna & Western terminal 1sts, 1½ per cent, and Oregon improvement consol 5s, trust receipts, 1 per cent. Governments were dull, but steady on sales of $13,000.

The Evening Post's London cablegram says: The ante-holiday dullness continues in the stock markets. Except for English rails the tone was easier on realizations before the settlement, which commences near whitsuntide. The Bank of England bought £13,000 in American eagles. A further rise in the Dutch exchange rates on London indicates possible gold shipments to London. The Paris bourse was steady.

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

Atchison	15¼	do pfd	148½
Adams Ex	148	N. Y. Central	96¾
Alton, T. H.	54	*N. Y. & N. E.	45
Am. Express	114	Ontario & W.	14¾
Baltimore & Ohio	18¾	Oregon Imp	1
Canada Pacific	61	Oregon Nav	14
Canada Southern	51¼	*O. S. L. & U. N.	7⅛
Central Pacific	14⅝	Pacific Mail	25¾
Ches. & Ohio	16⅝	Peoria Dec. & E.	2
Chicago & Alton	157	Pittsburg	162
C. B. & Q.	79¾	Pullman Palace	157
Chicago Gas	68⅝	Reading	11¾
Consolidated Gas	157¾	*R. G. W.	15
C. C. C. & St. L.	133⅜	R. G. W. pfd	43
Colo. Coal & Iron	1¼	Rock Island	70¾
Cotton Oil Cert	13	St. Paul	77⅞
Delaware & Hud	125¼	do pfd	128⅛
Del. Lack. & W.	160	St. P. & Omaha	43⅜
D. & R. G. pfd	48	do pfd	124
D. & C. F. Co	18⅜	Southern Pacific	19¾
East Tenn	14	Sugar Refinery	124⅛
Erie	36¾	Tenn. Coal & Iron	26⅜
Erie pfd	21	Texas Pacific	8
Fort Wayne	160	T. & O. Cent. pfd	73
G. Northern pfd	115	Union Pacific	7⅛
C. & E. I. pfd	98	U. S. Express	40
Hocking Valley	15	W. St. L. & P.	7¾
Illinois Central	96	W. St. L. & P. pfd	18
St. P. & Duluth	23	Wells Fargo Ex	93
K. & T. pfd	25¼	Western Union	85½
Lake Erie & West	17¾	Wheeling & L. E.	10⅜
do pfd	71¾	do pfd	35
Lake Shore	149	M. & St. L.	18¾
Lead Trust	25½	*D. & R. G.	14
Louisville & N.	50¾	G. E.	34
L. & N. A.	9⅜	N. L.	16⅛
Manhattan Con	105	C. F. & I.	28⅛
*Memphis & C.	15	do pfd	90
Michigan Cent	94	T. St. L. & K. C.	5¼
Missouri Pacific	25¾	T. St. L. & K. C. pfd	10
Mobile & Ohio	21	S. R. R.	9⅛
Nashville Chat	68	S. R. R. pfd	29⅜
National Cordage	5⅜	Am. Tob. Co	67⅞
Nat. Cordage pfd	10¼	do pfd	99⅛
N. J. Central	105¾	Am. Tel. & C. Co	92
N. & W. pfd	8¼	Com'l Cable Co	150
North Am. Co	5⅜	Am. Sugar pfd	103⅛
Northern Pacific	¼	U. S. Cordage gtd	21
N. Pacific pfd	11⅛	U. S. Leather pfd	64¾
U. P. D. & G.	8¼	U. S. Rubber	24⅛
Northwestern	105⅜	do pfd	84⅜

* offered.

The total sales of stocks today were 135,250 shares, including the following: American Tobacco, 27,800; American Sugar, 46,200; Burlington & Quincy, 5,500; Chicago Gas, 31,200; Manhattan, 14,300; St. Paul, 7,700.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, May 22.—MONEY ON CALL—Easy at 2@2½ per cent; last loan, 2 per cent; closed, 2@2½ per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—4@5½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.88¾@4.89 for demand, and $4.87⅞@4.88 for sixty days; posted rates, $4.88½@4.89, and $4.89½@4.90; commercial bills, $4.87.

BAR SILVER—67⅛c.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—68½@68½c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Steady; state bonds, inactive; railroad bonds, firm.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. 4s, reg. new	116⅞	N. Pac. 3ds	73
U. S. 4s coup. new	116⅞	C. P. 1sts of '95	101½
U. S. 5s, reg	112¾	D. & R. G. 7s	110½
U. S. 5s, coup	112¾	D. & R. G. 4s	91½
U. S. 4s, reg	108¾	Erie 2ds	65
U. S. 4s, coup	109½	*G. H. & S. A. 6s	103
U. S. 2s, reg	94½	G. H. & S. A. 7s	101
Pacific 6s of '95	103⅜	H. & T. C. 5s	108½
Ala., class A	105	do 6s	100
Ala., class B	105	M. K. & T. 1st 4s	86
Ala., class C	100	do 2d 4s	59⅜
Ala. Currency	100	Mutual Union 6s	117
La. New Con. 4s	97½	N. J. C. Gen. 5s	119
Missouri 6s	100	No. Pacific 1sts	117¾
N. C. 6s	124	do 2ds	115
N. C. 4s	104	N. W. Consols	137
S. C. nonfund	1	do S. F. Deb. 5s	109½
Tenn. new set 6s	84	R. G. West. 1sts	78
Tenn. new set 5s	100	St. P. Consols 7s	130
Tenn. old 6s	60	*do C. & P. W. 5s	114¾
Va. Centuries	61½	St. L. & I. M. Gen. 5	79½
do deferred	6	St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6	112½
Atchison 4s	79¾	Texas Pac. 1sts	90¾
Atchison 2d A	42½	do 2ds	21¾
Canada So. 2ds	105¾	U. P. 1sts of '94	104½
L. & N. unified 4s	79	West Shore 4s	106
O. R. & N. 1sts	110	Southern 5s	93¾

* offered.

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 22.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta	7	Hale & Norcross	220
Alpha Con	20	Julia	19
Andes	39	Justice	10
Belcher	61	Kentucky Con	6
Best & Belcher	105	Lady Wash. Con	5
Bodie Con	65	Mexican	78
Bullion	22	Occidental Con	145
Caledonia	10	Ophir	160
Challenge Con	35	Overman	13
Chollar	210	Potosi	91
Confidence	125	Savage	110
Con. Cal. & Va	260	Scorpion	7
Con. Imperial	2	Sierra Nevada	99
Con. New York	14	Silver Hill	4
Crown Point	65	Union Con	99
Exchequer	8	Utah Con	15
Gould & Curry	160	Yellow Jacket	52

Silver bars, 68c; Mexican dollars, 54½@55c. Sight drafts, 12½c; telegraphic, 15c.

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, May 22.—The following are the closing mining quotations:

Bulwer	30	Ontario	1250
Chollar	245	Ophir	165
Crown Point	60	*Plymouth	20
Con. Cal. & Va	280	Quicksilver	100
Deadwood	110	†Quicksilver pfd	1500
Gould & Curry	155	Sierra Nevada	100
Hale & Norcross	215	Standard Con	175
Homestake	2100	Union Con	85
Iron Silver	17	Yellow Jacket	60
Mexican	80		

* asked. † offered.

Foreign Financial.

BERLIN, May 22.—Exchange on London, eight days' sight, 20 marks, 44 pfg.

PARIS, May 22.—Three per cent rentes, 102f 2½c for the account; exchange on London, 25f 16½c for checks.

LONDON, May 22.—4 p. m.—Gold is quoted at Buenos Ayres today at 206; Madrid, 19.25; Lisbon, 27¾; Athens, 174; Rome, 107.15. The amount of bullion gone into the Bank of England on balance today, £155,000.

LONDON, May 22.—The London exchange will be closed tomorrow and Monday for the Whitsuntide holidays. Monday is a bank holiday.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, May 22.—Call loans, 3@3¾ per cent; time loans, 4@4½ per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F.	15¼	Westingh. Elec	29
Am. Sugar	124¼	W. Elec. pfd	52⅛
Am. Sugar pfd	103½	Edison Elec. Ills	133
Bay State Gas	13	Gen. Elec. pfd	74⅛
Bell Telephone	205	Atchison 4s	80
Boston & Albany	212½	New England 6s	112
Boston & Maine	169⅛	Gen. Electric 5s	90
C. B. & Q.	79¾	Allouez Mining Co	1
Fitchburg	92½	Atlantic	21⅛
Gen. Electric	34	Boston & Montana	86
Illinois Steel	70	Butte & Boston	2⅜
Mexican Central	9¼	Calumet & Hecla	310
N. Y. & N. E.		Centennial	79
Old Colony	178⅛	Franklin	13⅛
Ore. Short Line	7	Kearsarge	14
Rubber	24¾	Osceola	30⅜
San Diego	10	Quincy	123
Union Pacific	7⅛	Tamarack	96
West End	71⅛	Wolverine	7
West End pfd	91		

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, May 22.—4 p. m. closing:

Consols, m'y	112 5-16	Ill. Central	98
Consols, acc't	112 7-16	Mexican ordinary	17⅛
Can. Pacific	59⅜	St. Paul com	79⅜
Erie	11⅞	N. Y. Central	98⅛
Erie 1st pfd	27½	Pennsylvania	53⅜

BAR SILVER—31 5-16d per ounce.

MONEY—½@¾ per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short and three months' bills is 13-16 per cent.

Financial Notes.

BOSTON, May 22.—Clearings, $15,700,322; balances, $1,721,518.

BALTIMORE, May 22.—Clearings, $2,409,481; balances, $258,204.

NEW YORK, May 22.—Clearings, $86,122,413; balances, $4,676,270.

PHILADELPHIA, May 22.—Clearings, $12,017,047; balances, $2,026,827.

ST. LOUIS, May 22.—Clearings, $3,283,093; balances, $336,851. Money, 6@8 per cent; New York exchange, $1 premium bid, $1.25 asked.

CHICAGO, May 22.—Money, easy; on call, 6 per cent; on time, 6@7 per cent; New York exchange, before clearings, $1 premium; sterling posted rates at $4.89, on demand; $4.88¾ on sixty days; clearings, $13,569,961.

Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, May 22.—WHEAT—Spot, quiet; No. 2 red, winter, 5s 5½d; No. 1 hard, Manitoba, 5s 3½d; No. 1 California, 5s 4½d. Futures opened firm, with near positions unchanged to ½d higher, and distant positions unchanged to ¼d lower; business about equally distributed; May, 5s 2¾d; June, 5s 2¾d; July, 5s 3d; August, 5s 3d; September, 5s 3d; October, 5s 3d.

CORN—Spot, quiet; American mixed, new 3s. Futures opened steady and closed steady; prices unchanged at yesterday's closing quotations; business about equally distributed; May, 2s 10½d; June, 3s; July, 2s 5½d; August, 3s 1½d; September, 3s 2d; October, 3s 2½d.

FLOUR—Dull; demand poor; St. Louis fancy winter, 7s 3d.

PROVISIONS—Bacon, dull; demand poor; Cumberland cut, 28 to 30 lbs., 28s; short ribs, 28 lbs., 27s; long clear, 38 to 45 lbs., 24s 6d; short clear backs, light, 18 lbs., 25s; short clear middles, heavy, 55 lbs., 23s; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs., 23s. Shoulders, square, 12 to 18 lbs., 21s. Hams, short cut, 14 to 16 lbs., 29s 6d. Tallow, fine North American, 17s 3d. Beef, extra India mess, fine western, 47s 6d; medium, western, 43s. Lard, dull; prime western, 22s 6d; refined, in pails, 24s 6d.

CHEESE—Quiet; demand moderate; finest American white, 44s 6d; finest American, colored, 4ls.

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

LINSEED OIL—19s 9d.

REFRIGERATOR BEEF—Forequarters, 2¾d; hindquarters, 5¾d.

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

The receipts of wheat during the past three days were 281,000 centals, including 23,000 American. The receipts of American corn during the past three days were 93,500 centals.

The weather is overcast.

Wool Market.

BOSTON, May 22.—The Boston Commercial Bulletin will say tomorrow of the wool market: The market continues exceedingly dull. There have been, however, no further concessions in prices. Indeed, quarter blood combing, which has been more depressed than anything else, shows a recovery of ½c this week; that is to say, holders refuse to sell wool longer at lower prices than it costs laid down. The west is, as usual at clip time, stronger in its hopes than the east. There have been no large sales, but manufacturers are at last beginning to take cut wools, bought and stored for them in Boston last fall. The stoppage of wool machinery is estimated at about one-half of the total. The sales of the week are: 1,233,000 lbs. domestic and 571,000 lbs. foreign, against 1,157,900 lbs. domestic and 593,200 lbs. foreign last week, and 1,557,030 lbs. domestic and 854,000 lbs. foreign for the same week last year. The sales today show a decrease of 12,215,673 lbs. domestic and 2,541,300 lbs. foreign from the sales to the same date in 1895. The receipts to date show a decrease of 12,749 bales domestic, and an increase of 14,700 bales foreign.

Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, May 22.—WHEAT—Steady; No. 2 hard, 54½c; No. 3, 45@50c; No. 2 red, 63c; No. 3, 53@58c; No. 2 spring, 54½c; No. 3, 51@52c.

CORN—Steady; No. 2 mixed, 22½c; No. 2 white, 24@24¼c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 mixed, 16c; No. 2 white, 19c.

RYE—Steady; No. 2, 32c.

HAY—Steady and unchanged.

BUTTER—Weak; creamery, 12½@14c; dairy, 8@12c.

EGGS—Weak; strictly fresh, 7½c.

Peoria Markets.

PEORIA, May 22.—CORN—Easier; No. 2, 28⅝c; No. 3, 28¼c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 white, 19¼@19½c; No. 3 white, 18⅞@19c.

RYE—Dull, nominal.

WHISKY—Market steady at $1.22.

RECEIPTS—Corn, 30,400 bu.; oats, 46,750 bu.; rye, none; whisky, none; wheat, 1,200 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Corn, 3,100 bu.; oats, 5,200 bu.; rye, none, whisky, 675 gals.; wheat, none.

Sugar Market.

NEW YORK, May 22.—SUGAR—Raw, steady; sales, 2,800 bags San Domingo centrifugal, 96 test; four ex-ship, 600 bags San Domingo molasses, 89 test, 3⅛c, ex-ship, and 2,600 bags St. Lucia, 96 test, at breakwater, 4c, ex-ship.

LONDON, May 22.—SUGAR—Cane, dull; no demand; centrifugal, Java, 13s; Muscovado, fair refining, 11s 10½d. Beet sugar, opened firm, but closed quiet; May and June, 11s 7½d.

Minneapolis Wheat.

MINNEAPOLIS, May 22.—WHEAT—Steady; May, 59c; July, 58⅝c; September, 58⅛c. On track, No. 1 hard, 59⅛c; No. 1 northern, 58⅞c; No. 2 northern, 58⅛c.

In the Minority.

It was at a country election that the following took place, says Harper's Round Table.

Every man for miles around was in attendance, from the prosperous farmer to the lowest farm hand, and here and there in small groups they held lively discussions about the respective candidates. Finally the chairman rapped for order, and the speechmaking began. The wily orator explained loudly and long about the poor condition of the country's welfare, and wound up by asking all those who wished for a betterment of things to stand up. Every man arose except an old gray-whiskered farmer, who had fallen asleep over the long-winded oration.

"Now," said the orator, after his listeners had seated themselves, "if there is a man here who does not wish for a betterment of things, let him stand up that we may look upon him with scorn."

At this moment the old farmer awoke with a start, and catching the words "stand up," got upon his feet and stared slowly around as a number of hisses were thrown at him. This roused his ire, and he said:

"Waal, Mister Speaker, I don't know whether we be votin' fer or agin the sentiments of my brethren here; but you and me, I reckon, are in the minority."

Young mothers dread the summer months on acount of the great mortality among children, caused by bowl troubles. Perfect safety may be assured those who keep on hand DeWitt's Cholic and Cholera cure, and administer it promptly. For cramps, bilious colic, dysentary and diarrhoea, it affords instant relief.

THE REALTY MARKET.

INSTRUMENTS placed on file Friday, May 22, 1896:

WARRANTY DEEDS.

J G Cortelyou and wife to Somerset Trust company, lots 2 and 8, block 8, Brighton add; e ½ of lots 3 and 4, block 83, Omaha; lots 10 to 14, block 15, North Omaha add	$ 1
William Stribling to Emma Stribling, lot 16, block "A," Bedford; lot 12, block 3, Horbach's 2nd add; lots 11 and 12, block 2, Patrick's add	4,000
Druid Hill Building association to O A Larimer, lot 8, block 11, Druid Hill	1,700
Same to J W Munn, lot 18, block 11, same	1,700
Herman Kountze et al. to Druid Hill Building association, same	200
Same to same, lot 8, block 11, same	700
Westside Investment company to Lyman Waterman, lot 24, block 1, West Lawn park	600

QUIT CLAIM DEEDS.

J W Squire, tr, to Marble Savings bank, lots 9 and 10, block 10, Wilson's add to Kountze Place	1

DEEDS.

Master in chancery to M T and A S Patrick, block 7, A S Patrick's add	9,500
Same to A J Houston, lots 23 and 24, Redick's 2nd add	2,750
Sheriff to J B Piper, undivided ⅓ of lots 2, 11, 12 and 27, block 7, Orchard Hill	533
United States to Patrick Conneilly, e½ ne and nw ne 21-16-12	
Same to same, sw ne, same	
Same to J C H Lindsay, nw, same	
Total amount of transfers	$22,185

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET

Cattle Receipts Still Fall Behind the Trade's Requirements.

PRICES SHOW BUT MINOR CHANGES

Handy Lights in Demand and Heavies Generally Neglected—Hogs Sell Steady Despite an Attempt at "Bearing."

FRIDAY, May 22.

Receipts for the days indicated are:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.	Horses.
May 22	957	4,123	230	....
May 21	959	5,664	10,817	2
May 20	1,603	8,294	850	2
May 19	1,205	8,334	2,899	21
May 18	1,019	1,697	2,526	22
May 16	2,581	3,760	700	....
May 15	2,110	3,774	8,202	22
May 14	1,440	4,514	5,624	....
May 13	955	2,993	718	....

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

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.	Horses.
O. & St. L. Ry	1	1	..	..
Mo. Pac. Ry	2	3	..	..
Union Pacific system	13	16	..	1
B. & M. R. R. R.	12	25	..	..
C. B. & Q. Ry	..	1	1	..
C. R. I. & P., east	..	3	..	..
C. R. I. & P., west	..	1	..	..
C. St. P. M. & O.	..	2	..	..
F. E. & M. V. R. R.	11	12	..	..
Total receipts	39	64	1	1

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

Buyers.	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Omaha Packing company	17	583	....
G. H. Hammond company	171	1,314	....
Swift and Company	231	741	378
Cudahy Packing company	340	2,223	..
R. Becker & Degan	3	....	..
Lobman & Rothschilds	6	....	..
W. I. Stephens	30	....	..
Hill & Lewis	116	....	..
Chicago P. & P. Co., Nebraska City	....	337	..
Cudahy, Kansas City	22	....	..
Other buyers	11	....	..
Left over	....	100	..
Total	947	5,308	378

CATTLE—It was another day of very moderate cattle receipts, the fresh arrivals numbering only 957 head, as against 2,110 on Friday of last week. The most of the cattle on sale were beef steers, and while there were some pretty fair lots among the offerings, there was nothing that was very extra in the matter of quality. The market as a whole did not show much change from yesterday.

Handy light steers were in active demand and met with prompt sale at good, strong prices. Some pretty good cattle weighing under 1,100 pounds sold up to $3.85. Heavy cattle were not so active, salesmen generally pricing their holdings pretty strong and buyers being backward about paying the prices. In the end the yards were cleared, the most of the sales falling within the range of $3.70@3.80.

Cows and heifers were in good demand at fully steady prices, and the offerings, though larger than on a good many days, were all cleaned up in good season. There were several bunches that sold at $3.25@3.55 and only a few scattering head that had to go for less than $3.00. Calves were in good demand and desirable veals sold up to $5.50.

There was just about the usual demand for stockers and feeders and the few on sale brought about the same prices as yesterday. Representative sales:

BEEF STEERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
41	583	$3 20	8	1380	$3 65	10	1104	$3 75
1	1170	3 25	6	850	3 70	7	1057	3 75
3	906	3 30	5	798	3 70	22	1259	3 75
53	1278	3 45	21	1297	3 70	5	1072	3 80
3	853	3 55	35	1389	3 70	4	1125	3 80
1	947	3 60	19	968	3 70	18	1316	3 80
43	1259	3 60	1	1370	3 75	18	1151	3 85
8	1231	3 65	5	1260	3 75	3	1393	3 85
22	1311	3 65	17	1455	3 75	12	1025	3 85

COWS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	820	1 25	2	1035	2 75	1	820	3 15
2	930	2 00	1	920	2 75	2	1095	3 15
1	910	2 00	1	900	2 75	1	1180	3 15
1	950	2 00	1	970	2 75	1	880	3 15
2	945	2 30	1	1180	2 80	2	1310	3 20
4	912	2 35	7	978	2 85	5	1104	3 25
5	1084	2 50	2	785	2 90	30	1118	3 25
1	1140	2 50	1	1080	2 90	1	1000	3 25
1	970	2 50	3	963	2 95	3	1176	3 35
1	890	2 60	1	1440	3 00	2	1150	3 35
1	920	2 60	10	1115	3 00	2	1260	3 35
1	1060	2 65	1	1140	3 00	14	965	3 35
1	1270	2 65	4	1000	3 00	12	894	3 50

HEIFERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	480	2 85	77	574	3 35	2	595	3 50
7	531	3 00	2	600	3 40	1	700	3 50
1	450	3 25	20	984	3 40	2	645	3 50
17	708	3 25	5	806	3 45	56	914	3 55

BULLS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	510	1 75	1	1500	2 50	2	1350	2 75
1	1260	2 25	1	1320	2 50	1	1040	2 80
1	1660	2 40	1	1270	2 50	1	1790	2 85
3	1450	2 50	1	1890	2 65	1	1540	2 85

STAGS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
4	1520	3 10	1	1420	3 25

CALVES.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
2	215	4 50	3	233	5 25	2	200	5 25
1	260	5 00	1	230	5 25	1	120	5 25
8	111	5 00	4	142	5 25	1	220	5 25
1	210	5 25	2	165	5 25	4	172	5 50

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	690	3 00	6	370	3 60	16	520	3 65
2	875	3 25	3	706	3 65	29	593	3 85
2	619	3 50						

MILKERS AND SPRINGERS.

No.	Pr.
1 springer	$25 00
1 cow and calf	20 00
1 cow and calf	26 00
1 cow and calf	28 00
1 springer	28 00
1 cow and calf	30 00
1 springer	21 00
1 springer	32 00
1 cow and calf	32 00
3 cows and calves	100 00

HOGS—The supply of hogs on sale this morning was quite large, there being 4,123 fresh and quite a good many holdovers, making a total of about 5,500 head. The buyers seemed to have made up their minds that the market was going still lower and their first bids were generally about 5c lower. The salesmen, however, were asking stronger prices and when the buyers and sellers came together on a trading basis it was at about yesterday's prices. The demand was good and the representatives of local packing houses bought freely. Toward the close the buyers seemed to want hogs a good deal worse than they did in the morning, with the result that values strengthened. The close was a little better than yesterday, in some cases sales being reported at the last that were 5c higher than yesterday.

The great bulk of the hogs sold the same as yesterday, that is at $3.00@3.05. Representative sales:

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
48	326	160	$2 97½	56	278	...	$3 02½
50	351	80	2 97½	57	296	120	3 02½
64	287	...	3 00	57	263	160	3 02½
61	282	...	3 00	57	293	40	3 02½
62	283	80	3 00	58	288	...	3 02½
43	313	...	3 00	65	287	160	3 02½
65	267	160	3 00	55	268	160	3 05
65	233	80	3 00	61	258	...	3 05
65	241	160	3 00	65	279	...	3 05
116	288	80	3 00	66	257	...	3 05
69	269	...	3 00	67	268	...	3 05
65	286	80	3 00	71	249	160	3 05
51	290	80	3 00	57	242	...	3 05
60	304	...	3 00	69	234	...	3 05
58	301	40	3 00	55	301	80	3 05
52	294	...	3 00	56	270	80	3 05
61	256	...	3 00	49	270	...	3 05
44	296	160	3 00	59	268	80	3 05
62	281	...	3 00	75	228	160	3 05
54	305	80	3 00	129	243	120	3 05
51	259	...	3 00	63	253	...	3 05
61	257	80	3 00	57	250	...	3 05
49	292	...	3 00	63	253	200	3 05
61	292	80	3 00	69	239	...	3 07½
54	274	80	3 00	74	193	...	3 07½
69	225	120	3 00	70	209	...	3 07½
50	339	...	3 00	58	240	80	3 07½
58	295	80	3 00	66	225	80	3 07½
50	352	80	3 00	67	218	...	3 10
68	277	80	3 00	78	215	...	3 10
54	272	...	3 02½	144	227	...	3 10
71	287	120	3 02½	57	182	...	3 10
85	278	...	3 02½	73	219	80	3 10
74	244	...	3 02½	73	225	...	3 10
56	257	80	3 02½	60	244	80	3 10
52	301	...	3 02½	78	226	160	3 10

PIGS—ODDS AND ENDS.

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
1	370	...	2 00	8	266	...	3 00
1	520	80	2 50	4	280	...	3 00
1	390	...	2 50	6	320	...	3 00
1	370	...	2 75	4	340	...	3 00
6	235	...	3 00				

SHEEP—There was only one fresh load reported in this morning, and it was consigned direct to a packer. There were, however, 4,300 head which came in late yesterday that were carried over, so that the offerings on the market were quite large. Owners, however, had pretty high ideas, and preferred to go on with them, so that there was little business transacted.

St. Louis Live Stock.

ST. LOUIS, May 21.—CATTLE—Receipts, 1,500 head; market active and stronger; native beeves, $3.25@4.25; Texas steers, $2.50@3.65; stockers and feeders, $2.70@3.65; cows and heifers, $2.00@3.50; bulls, mostly $2.25@2.75.

HOGS—Receipts, 6,000 head; market steady and active; heavy, $3.10@3.25; mixed, $3.00@3.20; light, $3.10@3.30.

SHEEP—Receipts, 4,500 head; market steady; natives, $2.90@3.50; Texans, $2.50@3.25; lambs, $4.00@5.50.

SHEEP—Receipts, 4,500 head; market steady; natives, $3.00@3.50; Texans, $2.50@3.25; lambs, $4.00@5.50.

Stock in Sight.

Record of receipts at the four principal markets for Friday, May 22, 1896:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
South Omaha	957	4,123	230
Chicago	1,500	24,000	4,000
St. Louis	5,500	12,300	3,800
Kansas City	1,500	6,000	4,500
Total	9,457	46,423	12,530

New York Live Stock.

NEW YORK, May 22.—BEEVES—Receipts, 1,618 head; market slow; steers, lower; rough stock steady; native steers, poor to choice, $3.35@4.40; oxen, $2.90@3.70; bulls, $2.70@3.10; dry cows, $1.50@3.25; European cables quote American steers at 8@9½c, dressed weight; refrigerator beef at 6½@7¾c; exports today, 530 beeves; tomorrow, 730 beeves, 470 sheep, and 2,682 quarters of beef.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 4,686 head; sheep, steady; yearlings, weak; lambs, firm; sheep, poor to prime, $2.50@3.80; yearlings, inferior to choice, $5.00@5.40; southern lambs, $6.00@7.00.

HOGS—Receipts, 2,991 head; market steady at $3.50@3.90.

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CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Stockers and Feeders Were in Moderate Demand.

CHICAGO, May 22.—Heavy beeves sold at from $3.65 to $4. Stockers and feeders were in moderate supply, and the demand was large at lower average prices, sales ranging at from $2.85 to $3.85. Cows and heifers have come forward in quite moderate numbers, and met with a ready demand at strong prices, selling relatively higher than steers. Sales were largely at from $2.75 to $3.75, with fancy heifers at from $3.90 to $4.10. Bulls were steady at from $2 to $3.25, and choice calves advanced 20c, the best fetching $5.10. Texas cattle averaged at from 10c to 15c lower, owing to larger offerings, especially of grassers.

Prices of hogs are now the lowest of the season, heavy droves selling at from $2.95 to $3.25, medium weights at from $3.15 to $3.30, and light at from $3.20 to $3.50. Very few sold at top prices, and sales were largely at from $3.20 to $3.25.

Sheep were strong and active to the extent of the supply. Inferior to prime were saleable at from $2.25 to $4, comparatively few selling below $2.75, with Texans wanted at from $2.75 to $3.40. Lambs sold at from $3 to $4.60 for shorn, chiefly at from $4 to $4.50 and Colorado wooled lambs brought from $5.10 to $5.25. Spring lambs were fairly active at from $3 to $5.25.

Receipts: Cattle, 1,500 head; hogs, 24,000 head; sheep, 3,500 head.

Kansas City Live Stock.

KANSAS CITY, May 22.—CATTLE—Receipts, 5,500 head; shipments, 700 head; market steady to strong; Texas steers, $2.50@3.40; Texas cows, $2.00@2.60; beef steers, $3.05@4.05; native cows, $1.10@3.50; stockers and feeders, $2.75@3.80; bulls, $2.40@2.80.

HOGS—Receipts, 12,300 head; shipments, 3,900 head; market steady to strong; bulk of sales, $2.95@3.10; heavy, $2.40@3.05; packers, $2.95@3.05; mixed, $3.00@3.10; lights, $3.00@3.15; Yorkers, $3.10@3.15; pigs, $2.25@3.12½.

SHEEP—Receipts, 3,800 head; shipments, 500 head; market steady; lambs, $4.00@5.00; muttons, $2.00@4.00.

BLAME LAID AT THE WRONG DOOR.

Explosions Due to Carelessness, Not to Gasoline Stoves.

OMAHA, May 21.—To the Editor of The Bee: The injury done stove dealers by false reports of gasoline stove accidents is nothing less than an imposition. Every accident that happens from gasoline is reported as a gasoline stove explosion, when in fact there never was a gasoline stove explosion and never will be. The Gasoline Stove Manufacturing association offers $500 to any one that can prove a case of a gasoline stove explosion. If accidents from gasoline were correctly reported, according to facts, and as as other accidents are reported, accidents from gasoline would be wiped out by this time.

As it has been, people simply read of explosions, and they being told where they bought their stove that it would not explode, handled gasoline carelessly and the result is an accident from careless handling of gasoline. If the causes of accidents were reported, people would read of accidents from the way they handle gasoline and they would handle it right.

In The Bee of the 19th inst. you reported a gasoline stove explosion on North Twentieth street. Yesterday morning I called at the house where the explosion is said to have occurred and investigated the accident and this is what Mr. Taylor, in whose house the accident occurred, told me:

"My wife cooked breakfast on the cook stove. Some time after she wanted to use the gasoline stove and found that the tank needed filling. She took a pail, got the gasoline, and for some reason set it on the cook stove. There still being fire in the stove it ignited the gasoline and caused the accident."

Mr. Taylor said the gasoline stove had nothing whatever to do with the accident and they were going to use it as before.

There has never an accident happened unless it happened from a cause similar to the above, or from filling the tank while the stove is lit or using a stove that leaks gasoline on the floor. Nobody but the user is responsible for an accident from gasoline.

W. F. STOETZEL.

FORECAST OF TODAY'S WEATHER.

Saturday Will Not Be Altogether Free from Thunderstorms in Nebraska.

WASHINGTON, May 22.—The forecast for Saturday is:

For Nebraska and Kansas—Partly cloudy weather, with local thunder storms; southeast winds.

For Colorado—Fair, except probable local showers in southeastern portion; variable winds; shifting to west.

For Wyoming—Generally fair; west winds.

For South Dakota—Partly cloudy weather; probably local showers; warmer in eastern portion; south winds.

For Montana—Partly cloudy weather; probably local rains in northern portion; cooler in northern portion; west winds.

For Oklahoma and Indian Territory—Partly cloudy weather, with local thunderstorms; southeast winds.

For Missouri—Local rains; partly cloudy weather; southeast winds.

For Iowa—Fair in eastern portion and local rains in western portion; southwest winds.

Local Record.

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, May 22.—Omaha record of temperature and rainfall compared with the corresponding day of the past four years:

	1896.	1895.	1894.	1893.
Maximum temperature	77	71	60	53
Minimum temperature	60	47	52	44
Average temperature	68	59	56	48
Precipitation	.00	.00	*	.96

Condition of temperature and precipitation at Omaha for the day and since March 1, 1896:

Normal temperature	64
Excess for the day	4
Accumulated excess since March 1	119
Normal precipitation	.15
Deficiency for the day	.15
Total precipitation since March 1	12.76 inches
Excess since March 1	6.15 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1895	2.19 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1894	3.23 inches

Reports from Stations at 8 p. m.

STATIONS AND STATE OF WEATHER.	Temperature at 8 p. m.	Max. Temperature for day.	Precipitation.
Omaha, cloudy	74	76	.00
North Platte, cloudy	64	72	.00
Salt Lake City, cloudy	66	66	.00
Cheyenne, part cloudy	62	64	.00
Rapid City, part cloudy	74	78	.00
Huron, cloudy	62	66	*
Chicago, clear	59	66	.00
St. Louis, cloudy	72	74	.04
St. Paul, part cloudy	66	70	.00
Davenport, clear	74	78	.00
Kansas City, part cloudy	72	74	.00
Helena, cloudy	64	64	*
Havre, part cloudy	72	72	.00
Bismarck, raining	56	66	.16
Williston, part cloudy	62	68	.08
Galveston, cloudy	78	82	.00

* indicates trace of precipitation.

L. A. WELSH, Observer.