COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Heavy Export Business and War Rumors Cause a Little Bulge.

GRAINS ARE ACTIVE AND MAKE ADVANCES

Wheat Seven-Eighths, Corn One-Fourth, and Oats Nearly One Cent Higher—Provisions Gain Independently, Packers Selling.

CHICAGO, March 19.—Prices on the Board of Trade showed a general improvement at the close of today's trading. Wheat was the most active and shorts were induced to cover freely near the close of the session on reports of heavy export business at the seaboard and a varied assortment of war rumors from the continent. May wheat closed ⅞c higher, corn ¼c higher, oats ⅞@1c higher and provisions 2½c higher.

Wheat opened at a slight advance upon yesterday's closing prices, the demand at the immediate start being more urgent for May than July. It might perhaps be more correct to say that there was more pressure to sell the later delivery at that time. The extra pressure on July widened the difference between it and May from 1c per bu., as at the close yesterday, to 1½c above half an hour after the trading began this morning. The opening advance had, in the time mentioned, been transformed into a slight decline in May and a somewhat more decided drop in July, corresponding to the widening of the spread referred to. The initial advance was caused by Liverpool quoting an advance of ⅜d per cental, which it was concluded must be because of a better consumptive demand in the United Kingdom, seeing that there had been no encouragement from here the day before. The shade of weakness which succeeded the slight rise at the start was at first more the result of action of a few heavy local scalpers than of further news. In the course of an hour a private cablegram reporting ¼d of the opening advance at Liverpool lost helped the people who had espoused the bear side. May got down to 73⅝c and July to 72½@72⅝c and after recovering ⅛c trade almost died out for a time. May wheat was noticeably scarce when wanted and the demand for it was stimulated by the revival of export business. New York reported thirty-one boatloads sold for foreign shipment, all but six loads, however, for May and June shipment. Here 77,000 bu. were sold for shipment to domestic millers. The early short sellers bid actively for May and near the close that option brought 75⅛c. May opened ⅛@¼c higher at 74¼@74⅜c, sold at 74⅝c, declined to 73⅞c, advanced to 75⅛c and closed at 75c bid.

Corn was firm from beginning to end. The continued large clearances from the seaboard which, although an everyday occurrence now for some weeks, are phenomenally large as compared with any previous season and helped the price considerably. The reported exports today were almost 1,000,000 bu. May opened a shade higher at 24⅞c, sold for a moment 1-16c lower, then hardened and was around 25c in the last half hour, but reached 25⅛c finally and closed with sellers at that and 25c bid.

Up to within a half hour of the close oats was slow and no news of any account developed. The feeling early was inclined toward easiness, but firmed up later, when wheat did likewise. May started unchanged at 17¼c, sold to 17⅜@17½c and closed with sellers at the top price.

Provisions were fairly active and firm. Packers were said to be quite heavy sellers of ribs through brokers. May pork, May lard and May ribs each closed at a gain of 2½c.

Estimated receipts: Wheat, 18 cars; corn, 185 cars; oats, 170 cars; hogs, 12,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yesd'y.
*Wheat—					
March.	73⅝@¾	74⅛	72⅞	74	73⅛
May...	74¼@⅜	75⅛	73⅞	75	74⅜
July...	73⅛@¼	73¼	72⅜	73	73⅛
Sept...	70¾-71	71	70¼	70¾	70⅛
*Corn—					
March.	....			24⅛	23¾
May....	24¾	25⅛	24⅝@¾	25⅛	24⅝@¾
July....	25⅞	26⅛	25⅝@¾	26⅛	25¾
Sept....	27⅛	27¼	27	27¼	27⅛
*Oats—					
March.	16¾	16¾	16¾	16¾	16¼
May....	17¼	17⅜@½	17¼	17⅜@½	17¼
July....	18⅛@¼	18⅜	18@⅛	18⅜	18⅛
Pork—					
May....	8 95	8 97½	8 85	8 95	8 90
July....	9 02½	9 07½	8 92½	9 05	8 97½
Lard—					
May....	4 30	4 32½	4 27½	4 30	4 27½
July....	4 40	4 42½	4 37½	4 40	4 37½
Sh't Ribs—					
May....	4 90	4 92½	4 80	4 85	4 82½
July....	4 90	4 90	4 82½	4 87½	4 85

* No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Unchanged; winter patents, $4.30@4.50; straights, $4.00@4.20; spring specials, $4.50; spring patents, $4.00@4.10; straights, $3.40@3.70; bakers, $3.00@3.40.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 74@75c; No. 2 red, 85@90c.

CORN—No. 2, 24¼c.

OATS—No. 2, 16¾@16⅞c, f. o. b.; No. 2 white, 20½@21c; No. 3 white, 18@19¼c.

RYE—No. 2, 33⅜c.

BARLEY—No. 3, 26@33c; No. 4, 25c, f. o. b.

FLAXSEED—No. 1, 81c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.70.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $8.85@8.90; lard, per 100 lbs., $4.20; short ribs, sides (loose), $4.70@5.00; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4.75@5.00; short clear sides (boxed), $4.75@4.87½.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.17.

SUGAR—Cut loaf, $5.26; granulated, $4.64.

The following were the receipts and shipments today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	7,200	6,194
Wheat, bu	12,600	34,270
Corn, bu	129,175	91,724
Oats, bu	179,300	245,012
Rye, bu	1,300	2,420
Barley, bu	36,950	19,559

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was firm; creamery, 13@18½c; dairy, 9@16c. Eggs, lower; fresh, 9¼c. Cheese, steady; 6@11c. Dressed poultry, dull; turkeys, 12½@13c; chickens, spring, 8@8½c; ducks, 11@12c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, March 19.—FLOUR—Receipts, 3,376 bbls.; exports, 10,483 bbls.; firm and a shade more active for spring bakers and patents. Southern flour, steady. Rye flour, quiet. Buckwheat flour, steady.

BUCKWHEAT—Steady at 35½c.

CORNMEAL—Steady and firmer; No. 2 western, 38c.

BARLEY—Steady; feeding, 26⅝c.

BARLEY MALT—Dull.

WHEAT—Receipts, 1,850 bu.; spot firmer; No. 1 hard, 89⅝c. Options opened firm on higher cables and more war rumors, eased off a little under favorable crop prospects, but had a final active advance on liberal export buying, and closed ⅜@⅝c net higher; March closed at 81⅝c; May, 80@81c, closed at 80⅞c.

CORN—Receipts, 41,925 bu.; exports, 4,506 bu.; spot firm; No. 2, 29⅜c; yellow, 30½c. Options opened firm on wet weather and stronger cables and was quiet all day, with a late advance on the upturn in wheat, closing ⅛@⅜c higher; March closed at 30⅛c; May, 30⅛@30⅜c, closed at 30⅜c.

OATS—Receipts, 93,600 bu.; exports, 4,852 bu.; spot firmer; No. 2, 22c. Options slow but firmer with the other markets, closing ⅛c net higher; May, 21⅛@21⅝c, closed at 21⅝c.

HAY—Quiet; shipping, 50@55c; good to choice, 67½@75c.

HOPS—Easy.

HIDES—Strong; Texas, 10½c.

LEATHER—Firm.

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady. Cut meats, strong; pickled bellies, 5¼@5¾c. Lard, firmer; western steam, $4.45@4.50; refined, firm. Pork, firm.

OILS—Cottonseed, quiet. Petroleum, no market; United, 91⅝c; Pennsylvania crude, steady; April, 91½c bid. Rosin, quiet; strained, common to good, $1.65@1.67½. Turpentine, quiet.

BUTTER—Receipts, 3,202 pkgs.; steady; western creamery, 13@19c. Elgins, 19c; factory, 9@11c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 7,196 pkgs.; state large, 9@12½c; small, 9@12½c; part skims, 5@7½c; full skims, 3@4c.

EGGS—Receipts, 13,259 pkgs.; steady; state and Pennsylvania, 10@11c; western, 10½c; southern, 10@10½c.

RICE—Firm.

MOLASSES—Steady.

METALS—Pig iron, easy; southern, $10.25@12.00; northern, $10.50@10.75. Copper, steady; brokers, $11.85; exchange, $11.85@12.00. Lead, firm; brokers, $3.30; exchange, $3.42½@3.47½. Tin, dull; straits, $13.25@13.35; plates, steady. Spelter, steady; domestic, $4.12½@4.20.

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, March 19.—WHEAT—Spot steady; demand moderate; No. 2 red, spring, 6s 3½d; No. 1 California, 6s 3½d. Futures opened steady, with near and distant positions ⅛d higher; closed quiet, with near and distant positions ⅛d higher; business about equally distributed; March, 6s 2d; May, 6s 3¼d; July, 6s 3½d.

CORN—Spot firm; American mixed, 2s 6d. Futures opened firm, with near and distant positions ⅛d higher; closed steady, with April ¼d higher and other months ⅛d higher; business about equally distributed; March, 2s 7¼d; April, 2s 8¼d; May, 2s 9¼d; June, 2s 9¾d; July, 2s 10¼d.

FLOUR—Steady; demand moderate; St. Louis fancy winter, 8s 6d.

CHEESE—Firm; demand moderate; finest American white and colored, 57s 6d.

BUTTER—Finest United States, 90s; good, 65s.

OILS—Linseed, 15s 6d. Petroleum, refined, 6¼d. Naphtha, 6¾d.

PROVISIONS—Bacon, firm; demand good; Cumberland cut, 28 to 30 lbs., 29s; short ribs, 20 to 24 lbs., 28s 6d; long clear, light, 35 to 38 lbs., 27s; long clear, heavy, 40 to 45 lbs., 26s 6d; short clear backs, light, 18 lbs., 27s; short clear middles, heavy, 45 to 50 lbs., 25s 6d; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs., 29s. Shoulders (square), 12 to 18 lbs., 24s. Hams (short cut), 14 to 16 lbs., 43s. Tallow, fine North American, 18s 3d. Beef, extra India mess, 56s 3d; prime mess, 47s 6d. Pork, prime mess, fine western, 47s 6d; medium western, 42s 6d. Lard, steady; prime western, 22s; refined, in pails, 24s 6d.

REFRIGERATOR BEEF—Forequarters, 4¼d; hindquarters, 5⅝d.

HOPS—At London (Pacific coast), £3 15s.

Receipts during three days: Wheat, 481,000 centals, including 75,000 centals American; American corn, 23,200 centals.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Fresh gathered, 8c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 7½@8c; choice to fancy roll, 10@12c; separator creamery, 18c; gathered creamery, 14c.

GAME—Blue winged teal ducks, $1.50; green wing, $1.25; red heads and mallards, $2.50@2.75; Canada geese, large, $6; small, $3.50@4.00.

VEAL—Choice fat, 80 to 120 lbs., are quoted at 7½@8c; large and coarse, 4@5c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Chickens, 7@7½c; turkeys, hens, 11@12c; geese, 7@8c; ducks, 9@10c.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 6@6½c; cocks, 3@4c.

PIGEONS—Live, 75@90c; dead pigeons, not wanted.

HAY—Upland, $4.50; midland, $3.50; lowland, $3; rye straw, $3.50; color makes the price on hay; light bales sell the best; only top grades bring top prices.

BROOMCORN—Extremely slow sale; new crop, delivered on track in country; choice green self-working carpet, per lb., 2@2½c; choice green, running to burl, 2@2½c; common, 1½c.

VEGETABLES.

GREEN PEAS—Per 20-lb. box, $2.25.

CUCUMBERS—Per doz., $2.25.

CAULIFLOWER—Per crate, $3.

ASPARAGUS—Per lb., 20c.

SPINACH—Per 2-3 bu. box, 75c.

TOMATOES—Per 7-basket crate, $2.50@3.00.

PIE PLANT—Per doz., 60c.

SWEET POTATOES—Fancy Illinois, per bbl., $1.50@1.75.

ONIONS—Good stock, per bu., $1.25.

LIMA BEANS—Per lb., 3½c.

BEANS—Hand picked navy, per bu., $1.10@1.20.

CABBAGE—Fancy stock, per 100 lbs., $1.75.

CELERY—Per doz., large, California, 75c.

POTATOES—Good native stock, per bu., 30c.

FRUITS.

STRAWBERRIES—Per quart, 30c.

MALAGA GRAPES—Per keg, $7.

CRANBERRIES—Best Jersey, per bbl., $5.

APPLES—Extra fancy, large, $2.25@2.50.

CALIFORNIA PEARS—Per box, $1.75.

TROPICAL FRUIT.

ORANGES—California navels, 150s to 200s, $3.75; large sizes, $3.25@3.50; seedlings, $2.25@2.50.

LEMONS—Messinas, $3.25@3.50; choice California, $2.75; fancy, $3.

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

MISCELLANEOUS.

NUTS—Almonds, California, per lb., large size, 13c; Brazils, per lb., 10c; English walnuts, per lb., fancy, soft shell, 12@12½c; standards, 10@11c; filberts, per lb., 10c; pecans, polished, large, 9@10c; jumbo, 11@12c; large hickory nuts, $1.25 per bu.; cocoanuts, 4½c each.

FIGS—Imported fancy 4 crown, 20-lb. boxes, 16c; 5 crown 50-lb. boxes, 13@14c.

HONEY—Choice, 13@14c.

CIDER—Clarified juice, per half bbl., $2.50; per bbl., $4.00@4.25.

MAPLE SYRUP—Five gal. cans, each, $2.50; gal. cans, pure, per doz., $12; half-gal. cans, $6.25; quart cans, $3.50.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 6c; No. 2 green hides, 5c; No. 1 green salted hides, 7½c; No. 2 green salted hides, 6½c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 7c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 4c; No. 1 dry flint hides, 9@10c; No. 2 dry flint hides, 8@9c; No. 1 dry salted hides, 8@9c; part cured hides, ½c per lb. less than fully cured.

SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each, 25@60c; green salted, shearings (short wooled early skins), each, 15c; dry shearings (short wooled early skins), No. 1, each, 5c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@5c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska Murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 3@4c; dry flint Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@5c; dry flint Colorado Murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 3@4c; feet cut off, as it is useless to pay freight on them.

TALLOW AND GREASE—Tallow, No. 1, 2⅝c; tallow, No. 2, 2c; grease, white A, 3c; grease, white B, 2c; grease, yellow, 2c; grease, dark, 1½c; old butter, 2@2½c; beeswax, prime, 15@22c; rough tallow, 1c.

WOOL—Unwashed, fine heavy, 6@7c; fine light, 8@9c; quarterblood, 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@2c; dead pulled, 5@6c.

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.

St. Louis General Markets.

ST. LOUIS, March 19.—FLOUR—Quiet, steady and unchanged; patents, $4.65@4.85; extra fancy, $4.40@4.50; fancy, $3.75@4.00; choice, $3.20@3.30.

WHEAT—The speculative market opened weak and lower and unusually quiet. July monopolized the trading, fluctuating within 1c, while May was very quiet. The close for futures was irregular, July being a fraction lower and May higher than yesterday; spot higher; No. 2 red, cash, in elevator, 95c bid; on track, 96@97c; May, 99⅛c; July, 74⅛c.

CORN—Futures dull, but firm and higher, closing at an advance over yesterday; spot firm; No. 2 cash, 21¼c; May, 22⅛c; July, 23⅝c.

OATS—Futures dull and neglected, but firm; spot lower; No. 2 cash, 17¼c bid; May, 18½c bid; July, 17¾c bid.

RYE—Firm at 34c bid.

BARLEY—Nominal.

CORNMEAL—$1.40@1.45.

BRAN—Firm; sacked, east side, worth nominally 60c.

FLAXSEED—Nominal at 75c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.60@2.65.

HAY—Quiet but firm; prairie, $4.00@7.50; timothy, $6.00@11.00.

BUTTER—Firm; creamery, 14@19½c; dairy, 8@15c.

EGGS—Firm at 8c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Chickens, steady; old and young, 6@6½c; turkeys, quiet at 6½@9½c; ducks, steady at 7½@8½c; geese, dull at 3@4c.

WHISKY—$1.17.

METALS—Lead, higher at $3.15@3.17½. Spelter, firm at $3.90.

COTTON TIES—Unchanged at 60c.

BAGGING—5⅝@6¼c.

PROVISIONS—Pork, firmer; standard mess, jobbing, $8.60@9.15. Lard, firmer; prime steam, $3.10@3.20. Bacon (boxed), shoulders, $5; extra short clear, $5.35; ribs, $5.45; shorts, $5.60. Dry salt meats (boxed), shoulders, $4.85; extra short clear, $5; ribs, $5.15; shorts $5.25.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 4,000 bbls.; wheat, 18,000 bu.; corn, 80,000 bu.; oats, 15,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 3,000 bbls.; wheat, 26,000 bu.; corn, 163,000 bu.; oats, 8,000 bu.

Coffee Markets.

NEW YORK, March 19.—COFFEE—Options opened steady to 15 points lower, following the weakness in European markets, and further declined under liquidation and local and foreign interests. Private cables ascribed the weakness abroad to continued heavy receipts at Brazilian ports; closed quiet at 25 to 30 points net decline; sales, 21,250 bags, including March, $8.25@8.35; May, $8.20@8.25; September, $8.30@8.40; October, $8.30; December, $8.35@8.45; February, $8.45. Spot coffee, Rio, weak; No. 7, $5.75, invoice; $9.25, jobbing. Mild, easy; Cordova, $14.50@15.75; sales, 150 bags Central American, p. t. Total warehouse deliveries from the United States, 9,511 bags, including 8,467 bags from New York. New York stock today, 242,050 bags; United States stock, 429,615 bags; afloat for the United States, 293,000 bags; total visible for the United States, 722,615 bags, against 495,784 bags last year.

HAVRE, March 19.—COFFEE—Quiet at a net loss of ¼f to ½f; sales, 8,000 bags.

SANTOS, March 19.—COFFEE—Flat; good average Santos, 10,400 reis; receipts, 16,000 bags; stock, 438,000 bags.

HAMBURG, March 19.—COFFEE—½ pfg. lower; sales, 14,000 bags.

RIO, March 19.—COFFEE—Quiet and rather weak; No. 7 Rio, 10,000 reis; nominal; receipts, 16,000 bags; cleared for the United States, 10,000 bags; stock, 289,000 bags.

Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, March 19.—WHEAT—Dull, quotably unchanged; No. 2 hard, 75@77c; No. 3, 70@71c; No. 4, 62@69c; No. 2 red, 93c; No. 3, 86@91c; No. 4, 75@85c; No. 2 spring, 74@75c; No. 3, 70@72c.

CORN—Weak at close and ¼@½c lower; No. 2 mixed, 18½c.

OATS—Very firm; offerings light; No. 2 white, 21@21½c.

RYE—Firm; No. 2, 31c.

HAY—Somewhat weak, owing to large receipts, but prices unchanged; timothy, $8.50@9.00; prairie, $5.50@6.00.

BUTTER—Tendency toward firmness; creamery, 16@18c; dairy, 10@13c.

EGGS—Steady and quiet at 7½c.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, March 19.—On the part of all markets there has been an improved demand in domestic and dress goods of the merino variety and the cotton warp fabrics of the latter make, for all styles of linens, including table damasks, shirting linens, plain and hemstitched handkerchiefs, also brown clothing linens, but importers' stocks are not so full as buyers think, and few, if any, are able to respond to the quantities wanted. Foreign worsteds and woolens are doing better. Printing cloths are in better demand.

Peoria Markets.

PEORIA, March 19.—CORN—Firm; new No. 2, 22¼c.

OATS—Firm; No. 2, white, 20@20¼c.

RYE—Firm; No. 2, 35c.

WHISKY—Steady at $1.17.

RECEIPTS—Corn, 86,400 bu.; oats, 26,850 bu.; whisky, 75 bbls.; wheat, 3,600 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Corn, 26,450 bu.; oats, 31,400 bu.; rye, 600 bu.; whisky, 675 bbls.; wheat, none.

Sugar Markets.

LONDON, March 19.—SUGAR—Cane, steady; centrifugal, Java, 11s; Muscovado, fair refining, 9s. Beet, quiet, but firm; March, 9s 1½d; April, 9s 1½d.

NEW YORK, March 19.—SUGAR—Raw, firm; fair refining, 2 15-16c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3 5-16c. Refined, quiet; crushed, 5⅛c; powdered, 4⅞c; granulated, 4½c.

Cotton Markets.

NEW ORLEANS, March 19.—COTTON—Steady; middling, 7c; low middling, 6 9-16c; good ordinary, 6 5-16c.

NEW YORK, March 19.—COTTON—Steady; middling, 7⅝c.

Minneapolis Wheat Quotations.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 19.—WHEAT—Strong; May closed at 73c; July, 73⅞c; September, 69⅛c. On track: No. 1 hard, 75⅝c; No. 1 northern, 73⅝c; receipts, 204 cars.

Oil City Markets.

OIL CITY, March 19.—Credit balances, 91c; certificates, no bids; shipments, 60,806 bbls.; runs, 91,671 bbls.

NOT UP TO EXPECTATIONS

Business Conditions During the Past Week Somewhat Disappointing.

SOME BRANCHES NOTE AN IMPROVEMENT

Large Purchases for Consumption Cannot Be Long Delayed—More Hands at Work and More Mills in Operation.

NEW YORK, March 19.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade tomorrow will say:

Though steadily increasing, business is much below its volume in former years of prosperity, and many express disappointment. Yet, there is some gain every week, with more hands at work and more mills in operation, and the sure result in large purchases for consumption cannot be long delayed. In some branches it is felt already. There is larger distribution of finished products and the demand for commercial loans has sharply increased, especially in dry goods and the iron and steel branches. The progress of the iron and steel industry is hindered by uncertainty regarding the cost of lake ore for the coming year. It is reported that Norrie ore at $2.75 will be taken as the basis, which would imply about $2.35 for Mesaba ores, but until the question has been settled many important transactions are deferred. While there is no great activity in finished products, the demand steadily increases. Contracts for several great buildings at Chicago are pending and for a good many bridges and other railroad works, and the demand for wire nails and for wire does not abate, nor the demand for black sheets required in tin plate manufacture.

Tin tends lower at $10.25, with heavy receipts and with weaker London quotations. Lead is inactive at $3.37 and copper is weaker, although the trifling decrease in production in this country is practically balanced by the small increase in production elsewhere.

While manufacturers of cotton goods are looking forward with much confidence, the present demand is not equal to expectations, nor has the curtailment of production in print cloths accomplished the desired change of condition. The buying of wool, mainly of a speculative character, in expectation of new duties, continues remarkably large. Sales at the three chief markets for the past week were 10,891,900 lbs., and for three weeks have been 28,395,500 lbs., of which 16,628,200 lbs. were domestic, whereas the largest transactions in any previous year at this season were 17,105,876 lbs. in the corresponding weeks of 1892, of which 11,858,626 lbs. were domestic. No great increase has yet appeared in the demand for goods, although a few more mills have found enough orders to start, perhaps in part anticipating a future demand. The expectation of new duties does not yet influence the dry goods market, as might be expected.

The demand for wheat has not given much help to the speculation. Atlantic exports have been 1,263,290 bu., against 1,959,155 bu., flour included, for the corresponding week last year, while western receipts have only been 1,396,346 bu., against 2,146,659 bu. last year. Accounts regarding the coming crop have been less favorable this week and the price has advanced 1⅜c. The exports of corn continue heavy, 4,513,-705 bu. for the week, and quotations advanced ⅝c. The cotton market has also been almost lifeless, and while the price has gained a small fraction the narrowness of the demand here and abroad has its natural influence.

Failures for the week have been 216 in the United States, against 261 last year, and 50 in Canada, against 49 last year.

WEEKLY CLEARING HOUSE TOTALS.

Aggregate of Business Transactions of the Associated Banks.

NEW YORK, March 19.—The following table, compiled by Bradstreet's, shows the total clearances at the principal cities and the percentage of increase or decrease, as compared with the corresponding week last year:

	Clearings.	Inc.	Dec.
New York	$ 543,135,194	......	1.4
Chicago	75,741,720	......	11.1
Boston	86,100,319	6.1	......
Philadelphia	56,985,208	......	5.1
St. Louis	24,414,734	2.5	......
San Francisco	11,922,185	......	11.2
Baltimore	14,244,901	......	2.7
Pittsburg	23,065,276	......	5.1
Cincinnati	11,221,200	......	11.8
Kansas City	9,512,236	......	......
New Orleans	8,920,456	......	7.5
Buffalo	3,348,559	......	16.2
Milwaukee	3,514,291	......	23.6
Detroit	5,519,370	......	8.7
Louisville	5,804,095	6.0	......
Minneapolis	4,781,359	......	18.4
OMAHA	4,109,536	......	8.6
Providence	5,976,608	30.3	......
Cleveland	5,620,161	......	......
Houston	5,352,983	24.4	......
St. Paul	3,187,282	......	24.1
Denver	2,310,369	......	21.2
Indianapolis	3,275,251	......	27.9
Columbus, O.	4,579,900	25.6	......
Hartford	2,487,490	4.3	......
Richmond	2,157,811	......	25.8
Washington	1,969,946	7.1	......
Dallas	2,168,301	......	4.4
St. Joseph	1,225,494	5.1	......
Peoria	1,432,509	......	20.5
Memphis	2,109,029	1.0	......
Portland, Ore.	876,103	......	1.3
Rochester	1,449,174	......	12.2
New Haven	1,530,101	25.4	......
Savannah	1,810,266	......	6.2
Springfield, Mass.	1,326,741	6.4	......
Worcester	1,537,384	......	5.7
Portland, Me.	1,054,923	......	......
Atlanta	1,291,849	......	......
Fort Worth	1,211,204	......	11.0
Waco	1,575,929	19.8	......
Syracuse	860,750	......	7.0
Des Moines	873,131	......	0.5
Grand Rapids	862,702	19.7	......
Seattle	434,989	......	20.0
Toledo	1,296,077	......	7.8
Lowell	549,255	......	12.1
Wilmington, Del.	582,102	......	19.1
Norfolk	912,738	......	9.4
Sioux City	535,642	......	2.9
Los Angeles	1,080,265	......	6.1
Tacoma	383,521	......	15.8
Salt Lake	1,005,967	......	25.3
Spokane	529,442	31.0	......
Jacksonville	255,025	......	23.6
Lincoln	214,082	......	26.4
New Bedford	396,644	5.3	......
Wichita	320,036	......	12.3
Birmingham	333,613	......	1.2
Topeka	433,782	5.1	......
Lexington, Ky.	325,259	5.1	......
Binghampton	330,700	......	12.0
Bay City, Mich.	171,159	......	38.9
Fall River	805,975	......	4.9
Akron, O.	297,000	8.5	......
Springfield, O.	149,472	......	9.6
Canton, O.	129,560	......	39.2
Sioux Falls	45,033	......	57.9
Fremont, Neb.	52,985	......	26.0
Hastings, Neb.	76,126	22.5	......
Chattanooga	285,263	......	5.1
Fargo	86,725	......	47.2
Nashville	951,256	3.8	......
Galveston	4,551,300	......	7.7
Scranton	696,200	5.9	......
Knoxville	376,099	......	17.9
Kalamazoo	231,391	......	18.3
Rockford	175,711	......	38.8
Davenport	498,689	......	......
Dayton	563,585	......	12.1
Totals, United States	$ 951,180,625	......	2.8
Exclusive of New York	408,045,431	......	4.4
DOMINION OF CANADA.			
Montreal	$ 8,917,498	......	......
Toronto	5,627,818	......	9.6
Halifax	1,120,288	15.1	......
Hamilton	548,909	4.9	......
Winnipeg	858,602	......	7.4
St. Johns, N. B.	443,550	......	......
Totals	$ 17,072,615	......	2.8

BRADSTREET'S WEEKLY REVIEW.

Prospect of Fight Over Tariff Bill Causes Some Disturbance.

NEW YORK, March 19.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say:

Another week of irregular trade brings an element of disturbance, in the outlook for a fight over the new tariff bill and the disappointment among manufacturers of woolen goods, silks, cutlery and other lines at various tariff schedules. Spring trade in jobbing lines is over, collections are slow and at many points there is no change in demand or supply, except a request for cheaper grades of goods. Threatened overflows in the central and Mississippi valley have restricted the country order trade and rain or high water has exercised a similar influence in the Ohio valley and in South Atlantic and gulf states. The movement of general merchandise is also checked in the northwest by unfavorable weather. The demand for cotton goods is disappointing, and manufacturers have moved some lines only at concessions in price.

Iron and steel industries appear less likely to expand in the near future. Practically lower prices for Bessemer pig and for billets seem to have been the result of speculative over-purchasing at the late revival in expectation of an advance, which has not yet shown itself. Delay in fixing lake ore prices has also had an influence. There is less demand for American iron and steel for export, particularly for northern product.

At most of the larger centers the feeling of encouragement is stronger among merchants at the prospect for continued improvement in trade, yet the increase in volume of business in dry goods, dress goods, hats and clothing, compared with preceding weeks, and with the like week in previous years, does not equal anticipations. There is an improvement in demand for wool, for which prices are higher. Eastern wool manufacturers show more inquiry for goods, though the condition of this industry still leaves much to be desired. The newly developed Pacific coast export trade is marked by a shipment of doors and finishing lumber from Tacoma to South Africa. An additional favorable feature is the tendency of prices there for wheat, corn, oats, pork, lard and sugar, in addition to wool, to go upward, while quotations for print cloths, cotton, petroleum and lumber are firm and unchanged.

Exports of wheat (flour included as wheat) from both coasts this week indicate a continuation of the recent check to the export movement, amounting to 1,629,434 bushels, compared with 1,559,000 bushels last week, 1,592,000 bushels in the third week of March, 1896, 2,798,000 bushels in the like week of 1895, 2,543,000 bushels in 1894, and as contrasted with 2,766,000 bushels in the corresponding period in 1893. Exports of Indian corn, on the other hand, continue very heavy, amounting to 5,029,318 bushels this week, as compared with 5,348,000 bushels last week, 1,892,000 bushels in 1894, and as contrasted with 904,000 bushels in the corresponding period in 1893.

There is a sharp decrease in the number of business failures in Canada this week, the total being thirty-six, against fifty-six last week, forty-eight in the week one and two years ago, as compared with forty-one in the like week of 1894.

REVIEW OF THE STOCK MARKET.

Fluctuations in Missouri Pacific the Chief Event of the Week.

NEW YORK, March 19.—Bradstreet's Financial Review tomorrow will say:

Greater activity and continued irregularity in the movement of prices have been the features of the week's markets. While a portion of the list, headed by the Vanderbilt stocks, again showed a marked tendency to advance, there have been bearish demonstrations, the most important of which was in Missouri Pacific. The movement in the latter stock seems to have been a bear raid, facilitated by the unprotected position of the stock. Rumors of difficulty in regard to meeting the company's April interest were put out and heavy selling ensued, which carried the price down from 20⅝ on last Saturday to 15 on Tuesday. Such a decline naturally started receivership rumors and was aggravated by liquidation and the exhaustion of margins. Denials by the management that there was any ground for apprehension seemed ineffectual to check the decline, and it was not till Tuesday afternoon, when the leading officials announced that all April coupons would be discounted on presentation, that the panicky feeling in regard to Missouri Pacific was arrested. When this came out heavy short covering ensued and the price was carried up to 19 and remained steady at and around that figure for the rest of the week. It is to be noticed that heavy covering in Manhattan and Western Union accompanied the depression of the other leading Gould stocks, which fact may be significant as to the reason for the attack.

Other leading securities, notably Sugar, have displayed considerable irregularity, and professional traders, it may be said, found more opportunity for the exercise of their speculative methods than in any market which has been seen for some time past. It may be further observed that while some increase in the volume of outside business might be noted, the speculation remained for the most part in the hands of professionals. Europe has either sold stocks or abstained from taking any part in our market. At the same time the strained condition of European politics and the consequent nervous and apprehensive state of speculation on the other side of the ocean appear to have lost much of their influence on this market, and it is apparently realized that at present London holds comparatively few American stocks for speculative account, so that selling from that quarter is not to be dreaded as much as the street has been led to believe. It must be admitted, however, that in the contingency of a European conflict and a consequent complete demoralization of the British and continental stock exchanges our own market could not be expected to ignore the disturbing influences, and such considerations are doubtless kept in view by the large operators here.

So far as the market has been affected by the meeting of congress and the introduction of the new tariff bill, the influence has been on the whole favorable, satisfaction being shown in speculative circles as to the intimations that action upon the tariff would be expedited and the uncertainty which the agitation of such measures usually induces reduced to a minimum. The hardening of the money market, caused by increased demands for accommodations on the part of importers for the purpose of withdrawing various classes of goods from bond, was not regarded as an unfavorable factor, nor has the movement affected the temper of speculation, inasmuch as Wall street's own requirements can still be satisfied at a low range of interest rates. The railroad situation is virtually unchanged and the latest reports of railroad earnings, though displaying in some instances large decreases, are explained by the prevalence of severe weather in the west and northwest, involving more or less interruption to the traffic of the roads.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Bears Hammer Down Prices Until There is Nothing Left to Buy.

NEW YORK, March 19.—The sales of stocks today were less by over 100,000 shares than they were yesterday. The bears succeeded in their enterprise of effecting a general decline in prices, but the offerings of stock were soon exhausted on the decline and there was no market to speak of left. The course of prices was extremely irregular all through the early part of the day, but the tendency seemed to be toward a higher level, the industrial shares leading an advance. Sugar rose 1¼ per cent, rather inexplicably, in view of the favorable results prophesied for the industry under the proposed tariff. Chicago Gas advanced 1 per cent and Rubber preferred, after an initial break of 1¼ per cent, recovered the loss. The railway shares also rose pretty uniformly, though to a fractional amount, under a continuance of the good buying of the last few days. Depressed prices for Americans in London and small sales for foreign account of international shares did not affect prices generally. After midday, however, a reactionary tendency set in, which gathered force as the day progressed and ultimately carried prices to the lowest level of the day. The bears chose for their attack, as they did yesterday, the anthracite coal shares and some of the industrials. The coalers were vulnerable to attack, owing to the depression in the trade and rumors of a bearish nature. The news that the board of governors for the Stock exchange had announced a termination of the contract with the Gold & Stock Telegraph company, which supplies ticker service, caused a recession in the price of Western Union, which controls the Gold & Stock company. The loss in the price was 1¾ per cent. On the coalers New Jersey Central suffered most, falling 3⅜ per cent. The following shows the range of declines in some of the other stocks: Northwestern, 1¾ per cent; Chicago Gas, 1¼ per cent; Omaha, 1½ per cent; Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis, 1½ per cent; Consolidated Gas, 1¼ per cent; Delaware & Hudson, 1½ per cent; Manhattan, 1¼ per cent; Leather preferred, 2⅜ per cent, and Lead 1⅜ per cent. It will be observed that Vanderbilt and Gould properties, which have been conspicuously strong of late, did not escape the reactionary tendency of the market. Unfavorable reports of trade conditions caused the fall in Leather preferred. The market closed weak, and with very material losses in many shares.

Bond values were irregular on moderate dealings, but a fairly good undertone was apparent and striking gains were registered in some securities which have lacked effective support of late. The market broadened appreciably and the active mortgages were practically neglected. The sales were $1,127,000. Governments continue to display a reactionary tendency on light offerings. The sales were $26,000.

The Evening Post's London financial cablegram says: "The stock markets opened flat today on politics, but closed better on a sharp rise in Paris. There was no change in consols on balance. Americans opened good, but gave way later in the absence of support. Central Pacifics were specially flat on Dutch sales, closing at the lowest. The money market is hardening on politics and the approach of the end of the quarter. The continent and Japan are buying gold. The India budget was issued today. It is the general belief that the allusion to a rupee loan is merely meant as taking power to do so as the condition of the London money market is entirely unfavorable to any such operation. The Paris bourse closed quiet, with a sharp rise in Italian and Spanish securities. In the present condition of political markets, Paris is quite a leading factor."

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

Atchison	11⅛	N. Y. & N. E.	37
Adams Ex.	147	Ontario & W.	14⅛
Alton, T. H.	56	Oregon Nav.	11
Am. Express	112	O. S. L. & U. N.	16
Baltimore & Ohio	15¼	Pacific Mail	23
Canada Pacific	50	Peoria, Dec. & E.	2¾
Canada Southern	49⅛	Pittsburg	164
Central Pacific	8¼	Pullman Palace	160½
Ches. & Ohio	17¾	Reading	23⅛
Chicago & Alton	166	R. G. W.	12½
C. B. & Q.	77⅝	do pfd	38⅝
Chicago Gas	79⅛	Rock Island	68⅜
Consolidated Gas	157⅞	St. Paul	77¾
C. C. C. & St. L.	30¼	do pfd	137½
Colo. Coal & Iron	½	St. Paul & Omaha	62⅛
Cotton Oil Cert.	11	St. P. & O. pfd	140
Delaware & Hud.	107¾	Southern Pacific	14⅛
Del. Lack. & W.	154½	Sugar Refinery	114
D. & R. G. pfd	40½	Tenn. Coal & Iron	27
East Tenn	14	Texas Pacific	9
Erie	33¼	Tol. & O. Cen. pfd	50
Erie pfd	19	Union Pacific	6⅞
Fort Wayne	163	U. S. Express	35
G. Northern pfd	120	W. St. L. & Pac.	5⅜
C. & E. I. pfd	95	W. St. L. & P. pfd	14⅛
Hocking Valley	3⅛	Wells Fargo Ex.	100
Illinois Central	96¼	Western Union	83⅛
St. P. & Duluth	19	W. & L. E. pfd	14
K. & T. pfd	31⅛	Minn. & St. Louis	18⅛
Lake Erie & West.	16½	Den. & R. G.	10
do pfd	68	Gen. Electric	34
Lake Shore	168	Nat'l Linseed	12
Lead Trust	23	Col. Fuel & I.	20⅛
Louisville & N.	49⅛	do pfd	90
*L. & N. A.	⅜	Tol. St. L. & K. C.	5⅛
Manhattan Con.	85⅝	do pfd	18⅛
*Memphis & C.	15	Southern	9
Michigan Central	97	Southern pfd	29⅛
Mo. Pacific	18⅛	Tobacco	73⅛
Mobile & Ohio	20½	Tobacco pfd	105
Nashville Chat.	66	Am. T. & C. Co.	87
N. J. Central	95⅛	C. C. Co.	156
N. & W. pfd	97⅛	Am. Sugar pfd	102⅛
North Am. Co.	4⅛	Leather pfd	18
Northern Pacific	12⅞	Rubber	14⅛
N. Pacific pfd	36⅛	Rubber pfd	62⅛
U. P., D. & G.	1⅛	Cotton Oil pfd	16
Northwestern	108⅛	P. C. C. & St. L. pfd	46
do pfd	155	Am. Spirits	12⅛
N. Y. Central	99⅛	Am. Spirits pfd	32⅛

*offered. tex-div.

The total sales of stocks today were 176,266 shares, including: American Tobacco, 1,600; American Sugar, 25,200; Burlington, 9,800; Chicago Gas, trust receipts, 22,700; Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis, 3,900; Manhattan Consolidated, 3,100; New York Central, 3,200; Northwestern, 3,500; Northern Pacific, 3,200; Northern Pacific preferred, 6,600; Omaha, 13,600; Reading, 6,600; St. Paul, 16,900; Western Union, 3,400; Southern railroad preferred, 4,400; New Jersey Central, 11,600.

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, March 19.—4 p. m. closing:

Consols, m'y	111⅞	St. Paul common	80
Consols, acc't	111 15-16	N. Y. Central	101½
Can. Pacific	51⅛	Pennsylvania	54⅝
Erie	14½	Reading	12⅛
Erie 2ds pfd	34½	Mex. Cen. new 4s	69¼
Ill. Central	98⅛	Atchison	14⅛
Mexican ordinary	20⅛		

BAR SILVER—29⅜d per oz.

MONEY—1¼@1½ per cent.

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

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, March 19.—MONEY ON CALL—Easy at 1½@2 per cent; last loan, 1½ per cent; closed at 1½@2 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—3½@4 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.87@4.87¼ for demand, and at $4.85½@4.85¾ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.86@4.86½ and $4.88@4.88½; commercial bills, $4.84½@4.84¾.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—62⅞@62⅝c.

BAR SILVER—62⅜c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Weak.

STATE BONDS—Quiet.

RAILWAY BONDS—Firm.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. new 4s, reg.	123¼	Erie 2ds	65⅞
U. S. new coup.	123¾	G. H. & S. A. 6s	103½
U. S. 5s, reg.	113⅞	do 7s	100
U. S. 5s, coup.	113⅞	H. & T. C. 5s	109¾
U. S. 4s, reg.	111	do 6s	102
U. S. 4s, coup.	113½	M. K. & T. 1st 4s	59¾
U. S. 2s, reg.	95¼	do 2d 4s	84¾
Pacific 6s of '95	103½	Mutual Union 6s	110
Ala., class A	104½	N. J. C. Gen. 5s	113¼
Ala., class B	104	No. Pacific 1sts	116¼
Ala., class C	98	do 2ds	54½
Ala. Currency	96	N. W. Consols	141½
La. New Con. 4s	97	do S. F. Deb. 5s	112½
Missouri 6s	100	R. G. West. 1sts	73
N. C. 6s	124	St. P. Cons'ls 7s	134
N. C. 4s	102½	do C. & P. W. 5s	114½
S. C. nonfund	½	St. L. & I. M. Gn. 5s	75⅛
Tenn. new set 3s	79	St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6	111¾
Tenn. new set 5s	105	Texas Pac. 1sts	89
Tenn. old 6s	60	Texas Pac. 2ds	21¾
Va. Centuries	63¼	U. P. 1sts of '96	101¾
do deferred	6	West Shore 4s	105
Atchison 4s	82⅝	L. & N. unified 4s	80
Atchison 2d A	46⅛	Southern 5s	90⅜
Canada So. 2ds	105¼	N. P. 3s	88⅜
C. P. 1sts of '95	102¼	O. R. & N. 1sts	110
D. & R. G. 7s	112¼	O. R. & N. 4s	82½
D. & R. G. 4s	89		

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, March 19.—Call loans, 2@3½ per cent; time loans, 2½@4 per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F.	11⅛	W. Elec. pfd	50½
American Sugar	114	Wis. Central	20
Am. Sugar pfd	103⅝	Ed. Elec. Ill.	145
Bay State Gas	5	Gen. Elec. pfd	75
Bell Telephone	222½	Atchison pfd	22¾
Boston & Albany	215	Atchison 4s	80
Boston & Maine	169½	New England 6s	113½
C. B. & Q.	77⅞	Gen. Elec. 5s	94⅝
Fitchburg	92⅝	Allouez Mining Co	1
General Electric	34¼	Atlantic	21
Illinois Steel	34½	Boston & Montana	125½
Mexican Central	9	Butte & Boston	18¾
N. Y. & N. E.	39	Calumet & Hecla	377
Old Colony	177⅞	Centennial	7⅞
Ore. Short Line	16¼	Franklin	11
Rubber	14¼	Kearsarge	17⅞
San Diego	20	Osceola	31½
Union Pacific	6⅞	Quincy	107
West End	71	Tamarack	119
West End pfd	91½	Wolverine	9½
West. Elec.	24		

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 19.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta	3	Gould & Curry	32
Alpha Con	4	Hale & Norcross	85
Andes	19	Julia	4
Belcher	18	Mexican	27
Best & Belcher	69	Occidental Con	8
Bullion	10	Ophir	38
Caledonia	11	Overman	30
Challenge Con	33	Potosi	36
Chollar	19	Savage	30
Confidence	75	Sierra Nevada	28
Con. Cal. & Va.	120	Silver Hill	1
Con. Imperial	1	Union Con	29
Con. New York	11	Utah Con	5
Crown Point	20	Yellow Jacket	27
Exchequer	2		

Silver bars, 62⅜c; Mexican dollars, 50⅛@51c; drafts, sight, 15c; drafts, telegraph, 17½c.

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, March 19.—The following are the closing mining quotations:

Bulwer	15	Ontario	900
Chollar	90	Ophir	85
Crown Point	15	Plymouth	20
Con. Cal. & Va.	110	Quicksilver	115
Deadwood	125	Quicksilver pfd	1000
Gould & Curry	28	Sierra Nevada	20
Hale & Norcross	80	Standard	160
Homestake	2300	Union Con	24
Iron Silver	35	Yellow Jacket	25
Mexican	25		

Foreign Financial.

BERLIN, March 19.—Exchange on London, eight days' sight, 20 marks 37½ pfg.

PARIS, March 19.—Three per cent rentes, 102f 45c for the account; exchange on London, 25f 16c for checks.

LONDON, March 19.—Gold is quoted at Buenos Ayres today at 211.50; Lisbon, 44; Rome, 105.67. The amount of bullion gone into the Bank of England on balance today is £50,000. Bar gold is quoted at 77s 9⅜d.

Financial Notes.

NEW ORLEANS, March 19.—Clearings, $1,082,-490.

BOSTON, March 19.—Clearings, $14,668,762; balances, $1,721,253.

BALTIMORE, March 19.—Clearings, $2,120,578; balances, $312,523.

NEW YORK, March 19.—Clearings, $84,267,238; balances, $5,698,581.

PHILADELPHIA, March 19.—Clearings, $9,700,-814; balances, $1,598,660.

ST. LOUIS, March 19.—Clearings, $3,239,627; balances, $581,389. Money, 5@7 per cent; New York exchange, 25c premium; 50c premium asked.

CONDITION OF THE WOOL MARKET.

Immense Sales of Foreign Wools with Domestics Very Scarce.

BOSTON, March 19.—The Boston Commercial Bulletin will say tomorrow of the wool market: "Wool is booming. The small selection of domestic wools left their own buyers to foreign wools, and heavy sales of South American crossbreds, Cape, Australian and French scoured wools are reported. The American clip of last year showed a shortage of 80,000,000 pounds from that of 1893, and there are 2,500,000 less sheep in the country than last year. This year's clip will be nearly 100,000,000 pounds less than that of 1893. Imports of goods are not excessive and the statistical positions were never stronger. The sales of the week are 5,416,000 pounds domestic, and 4,549,000 pounds foreign, against 4,183,000 pounds domestic and 2,547,000 pounds foreign last year, and 509,000 pounds domestic and 1,643,000 pounds foreign for the same week last year. The sales to date show an increase of 29,525,000 pounds domestic and 17,534,200 pounds foreign from the sales to the same date in 1896. The receipts to date show an increase of 8,734 bales domestic and 32,029 bales foreign.

LONDON, March 19.—At the wool auction sales today a good selection was offered, consisting of 16,324 bales, of which 1,600 bales were withdrawn. The American buyers started in again today and bought freely at higher rates. Their purchases for the day amounted to 4,500 bales, and crossbreds suitable for them sold 10 per cent higher than the January series. The home trade and continental buyers were more active. Inferior Cape of Good Hope and Natal wools were withdrawn.

Manchester Textile Trade.

MANCHESTER, March 19.—The markets for cloths and yarns are quiet and steady.

San Francisco Wheat Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 19.—WHEAT—Quiet; December, $1.17¼; May, $1.35⅞.

Wool Markets.

NEW YORK, March 19.—WOOL—Firm; fleece, 16@20c; pulled, 15@20c.

FORECAST OF TODAY'S WEATHER.

Local Showers, Followed by Lower Temperature and North Winds.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—Forecast for Saturday:

For Nebraska and Kansas—Local showers, followed by fair, colder weather; north winds.

For Iowa and Missouri—Local showers; cooler; winds shifting to northwest.

For North Dakota—Fair; colder in the eastern portion; north winds.

For South Dakota—Fair; colder in the southern portion.

For Wyoming—Generally fair; west winds.

Local Record.

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, March 19.—Omaha record of rainfall and temperature compared with corresponding day of the past three years:

	1897.	1896.	1895.	1894.
Maximum temperature	59	36	45	55
Minimum temperature	46	14	35	38
Average temperature	52	25	40	46
Rainfall	.36	T	.00	.00

Record of temperature and precipitation at Omaha for this day and since March 1, 1897:

Normal temperature for the day 37
Excess for the day 15
Accumulated deficiency since March 1 62
Normal rainfall for the day .... .05 inch
Excess for the day .... .31 inch
Total precipitation since Mar. 1 .. .70 inches
Deficiency since March 1 .... .08 inches
Deficiency corresp'g period 1896 .... .23 inches
Deficiency corresp'g period 1895 .... .23 inches

Reports from Stations at 8 p. m.

Seventy-five Meridian Time.

STATIONS AND STATE OF WEATHER.	Temperature at 8 p. m.	Maximum for day.	Precipitation.
Omaha, cloudy	46	59	.00
North Platte, raining	38	54	T
Salt Lake City, cloudy	50	56	.12
Cheyenne, clear	30	38	T
Rapid City, cloudy	30	42	.01
Huron, cloudy	30	35	T
Chicago, cloudy	46	52	.40
St. Louis, clear	70	76	.06
St. Paul, snowing	34	40	.66
Davenport, cloudy	56	64	.34
Helena, part cloudy	34	34	.00
Kansas City, part cloudy	62	66	.00
Havre, clear	20	24	.00
Bismarck, clear	20	24	.00
Williston, clear	16	24	.06
Galveston, clear	68	80	.00

T indicates trace in precipitation.

L. A. WELSH, Local Forecast Official.

DIED.

HADFIELD—Mrs. Louisa, at her residence, 2553 Cuming street, Friday, March 19, aged 52 years. Funeral notice later.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET

Receipts Fairly Good, but Are Below the Local Requirements.

SUPPLY OF CATTLE IS STILL SHORT

Stiff Prices Paid by Packers for Killers—Under Grades Hold Firm—Hogs Take Another Turn Upward.

SOUTH OMAHA, March 19.—Receipts for the days indicated were:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.	Horses.
March 19	2,016	4,327	1,374	5
March 18	1,384	5,463	2,138	1
March 17	2,159	5,994	750	....
March 16	2,079	3,769	2,201	3
March 15	2,489	1,609	5,396	....
March 13	689	3,874	4,176	25
March 12	1,216	3,747	1,101	29
March 11	1,709	4,819	2,348	1
March 10	2,763	3,745	2,975	....
March 9	2,634	5,081	3,095	2
March 8	831	1,351	3,821	26
March 6	779	2,895	....	34
March 5	1,818	3,492	3,795	....
March 4	2,132	5,758	2,770	....

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

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
C. M. & St. P. Ry.	..	3	..
Missouri Pacific Ry.	2	3	..
Union Pacific system	24	15	..
F. E. & M. V. R. R.	19	20	..
S. C. & P. Ry.	2	..	..
C. St. P. M. & O. Ry.	10	6	..
B. & M. R. R. R.	25	14	5
C. B. & Q. Ry.	1	4	..
K. C. & St. J. Ry.	..	1	..
C. R. I. & P. Ry., east	..	3	..
C. R. I. & P. Ry., west	..	1	2
Total receipts	83	70	7

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.	29	559	....
G. H. Hammond Co.	195	682	153
Swift and Company	471	1,581	190
Cudahy Packing Co.	632	1,229	797
R. Becker & Degan	232	....	....
Vansant & Co.	87	....	....
J. L. Carey	125	....	....
W. I. Stephens	12	....	....
Hill & Lewis Co.	28	....	....
Huston & Co.	2	....	....
Krebbs & Co.	33	....	....
Tyson	....	....	235
Other buyers	180	....	....
Totals	2,030	4,091	1,375

CATTLE—The market on cattle continues most favorable to the selling interests, the demand being active and of very liberal proportions, while values are strong.

Today's market on beef cattle was not quotably higher, though the tendency of values was all in that direction. Values, to say the least, were strong, and although a very large percentage of the cattle here were beeves, the offerings were all taken early. The most of the cattle coming are such as sell at $4.10@4.40. One good load sold up to $4.65. Packers complain that not enough cattle are coming to supply their requirements, although they are paying stiff prices, as compared with other markets.

Butchers' stock, as was the case with beef steers, was in good demand and sold freely at firm prices. The supply was small and the pens were soon cleared.

Stockers and feeders sold about like yesterday and the cattle in first hands met with quite ready sale.

Everything in first hands was sold and weighed up long before midday. Representative sales:

NATIVES.

BEEF STEERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	790	$3 25	12	1177	$4 10	33	1223	$4 20
1	1130	3 80	3	1090	4 10	39	1238	4 20
1	1080	3 85	20	1000	4 10	43	1222	4 20
8	1056	3 90	22	1125	4 10	16	1194	4 20
20	1116	3 95	22	1157	4 10	30	1206	4 25
19	1150	3 95	25	1002	4 10	44	1187	4 30
1	890	4 00	18	987	4 10	23	1207	4 30
6	1176	4 00	13	1152	4 10	5	1258	4 35
1	770	4 00	21	1172	4 15	22	1418	4 40
2	1325	4 00	21	1167	4 15	32	1419	4 40
21	1030	4 00	4	1312	4 15	18	1388	4 40
1	960	4 00	15	1186	4 20	48	1334	4 45
8	1212	4 05	20	1347	4 20	14	1452	4 65
8	1225	4 10	34	1265	4 25	1	1700	4 80

COWS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	810	1 50	1	1010	2 75	10	1038	3 20
1	890	1 75	19	982	2 75	15	1088	3 25
1	860	1 75	8	805	2 75	12	1108	3 25
1	850	1 85	2	1100	2 75	1	1060	3 25
1	750	1 85	1	890	2 75	1	1160	3 25
1	770	2 00	2	1115	2 75	3	1056	3 25
1	920	2 25	1	1060	2 80	2	1000	3 30
11	840	2 30	3	1030	2 85	2	1180	3 30
1	810	2 35	2	990	2 85	2	1130	3 30
1	840	2 40	1	1120	2 85	4	1010	3 35
1	1140	2 40	1	1040	2 85	6	915	3 35
*1	950	2 50	3	1030	2 90	4	1010	3 35
1	980	2 50	62	838	3 00	8	1195	3 35
2	1100	2 50	40	842	3 00	1	1100	3 35
3	950	2 50	3	970	3 00	1	1050	3 35
2	795	2 55	1	990	3 00	2	1225	3 35
1	1150	2 55	1	930	3 00	5	1118	3 35
1	1090	2 60	1	1000	3 00	5	1206	3 40
1	990	2 60	1	820	3 00	1	1180	3 40
1	910	2 60	28	853	3 10	2	1110	3 50
2	1025	2 65	1	1310	3 10	7	1092	3 50
11	1090	2 65	45	1090	2 12½	1	1140	3 50
1	1170	2 65	2	1235	3 15	1	1200	3 50
1	1030	2 65	2	1135	3 15	1	1180	3 60
1	1200	2 70	2	1055	3 15	1	1200	3 90
1	880	2 75	1	1020	3 15	1	1240	4 00
3	1120	2 75	5	1022	3 15			

HEIFERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	640	2 25	1	700	3 35	12	1096	3 55
1	760	2 90	1	650	3 40	1	900	3 60
2	650	3 00	17	750	3 40	4	692	3 65
1	640	3 00	4	680	3 40	2	825	3 65
1	410	3 15	1	860	3 50	1	770	3 70
1	880	3 20	1	620	3 50	16	875	3 75
10	530	3 30	6	900	3 50	4	1050	3 80
12	839	3 35	6	806	3 50	23	1129	4 05

CALVES.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	370	3 00	1	360	4 10	1	160	5 25
9	123	4 60	1	120	5 25	1	170	5 50
1	200	4 00						

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
4	562	3 60	26	645	3 95	1	830	4 00
1	740	3 60	1	450	4 00	12	1105	4 05
1	920	3 60	2	755	4 00	14	1010	4 05
3	740	3 75	3	926	4 00	5	814	4 10
3	773	3 75	4	835	4 00	1	580	4 10
4	878	3 75	4	776	4 00	29	1052	4 15
9	908	3 85	1	700	4 00	13	496	4 15
1	880	3 90	4	960	4 00	1	500	4 25
1	1090	3 90	7	772	4 00	7	654	4 25
26	885	3 90	1	810	4 00	4	532	4 30
11	805	3 50	2	679	4 00	9	571	4 40
10	1045	3 90	57	1133	4 00			

BULLS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	1160	2 25	1	1000	2 85	2	1795	3 00
1	1680	2 50	3	1416	2 85	1	1740	3 00
1	800	2 50	1	1220	2 85	1	1610	3 00
1	1640	2 50	1	1480	2 90	2	1190	3 00
2	1235	2 55	1	1730	2 90	1	1880	3 10
1	1500	2 55	1	1310	2 90	1	1080	3 15
3	1140	2 60	1	1320	3 00	1	1030	3 25
1	1060	2 70	2	1430	3 00	1	1620	3 25
1	1520	2 70	1	1300	3 00	1	1160	3 25
1	1620	2 80	1	1380	3 00	1	1700	3 30

STAGS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
2	1270	3 50	1	1080	3 60

WESTERNS.

COLORADO.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
31 cows	820	$2 55	27 feeders	848	$3 90
29 cows	856	2 85	7 calves	132	5 00

UTAH.

E. A. Ireland.

4 cows	952	1 75	1 feeder	1110	3 50
26 cows	900	2 50	75 feeders	853	4 00

HOGS—For three days it has been a seesaw market—down one day and up the next. Wednesday's market was higher, yesterday it was lower, but today it was up again. The breaks are not quite so large as the advances, so that the market is steadily working upward.

Today's market opened 5c higher and closed strong at the advance. The movement was active, the buyers all having liberal orders, and an early clearance was effected.

The bulk of all the hogs sold at $3.90@3.95, with the top at $4.05. Yesterday the bulk brought $3.85@3.90, with the top at $3.95.

The market today was 10@15c higher than at the opening of the week and over 20c higher than on last Friday. It was close to 20c higher than one year ago. Representative sales:

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
54	327	...	$3 90	59	263	80	$3 95
22	290	100	3 90	68	243	40	3 95
69	324	...	3 90	59	272	...	3 95
58	323	160	3 90	48	245	80	3 95
46	419	80	3 90	61	257	...	3 95
17	276	...	3 90	69	276	...	3 95
69	267	80	3 90	75	286	40	3 95
73	276	...	3 90	71	248	80	3 95
38	273	120	3 90	63	284	80	3 95
71	248	80	3 90	72	275	...	3 95
59	352	80	3 90	40	259	160	3 95
64	272	160	3 90	68	245	...	3 95
64	281	80	3 90	76	217	80	3 95
37	287	...	3 90	58	231	...	3 95
53	271	...	3 90	55	259	120	3 95
58	300	40	3 90	28	363	...	3 95
66	273	80	3 90	69	238	...	3 95
46	367	...	3 90	54	268	...	3 95
27	298	...	3 90	79	253	80	3 95
65	244	200	3 90	44	278	80	3 95
45	278	80	3 90	70	203	...	3 97½
60	274	...	3 90	16	211	...	3 97½
38	397	40	3 90	76	246	80	3 97½
68	251	...	3 92½	70	201	...	3 97½
67	258	...	3 92½	75	237	...	3 97½
58	269	...	3 92½	67	239	...	3 97½
64	276	40	3 92½	73	230	...	3 97½
69	251	...	3 92½	62	263	...	3 97½
60	314	...	3 92½	74	225	...	4 00
48	249	...	3 95	56	255	...	4 00
75	226	80	3 95	63	274	...	4 00
15	194	...	3 95	31	219	...	4 00
48	323	...	3 95	58	236	40	4 00
70	233	160	3 95	58	276	80	4 00
62	250	80	3 95	65	280	...	4 00
65	261	...	3 95	64	241	...	4 00
25	232	...	3 95	72	254	...	4 00
56	239	...	3 95	84	231	...	4 05

PIGS—ODDS AND ENDS.

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
1	470	80	$3 60	6	207	...	$3 85
6	338	80	3 75	1	400	...	3 85
6	371	...	3 75	4	207	...	3 90
2	460	...	3 80	5	218	...	3 90
1	320	...	3 80	4	225	...	3 97½

SHEEP—There was a moderate run of sheep here today and the market was in very satisfactory condition. Values were fully steady and the supply was soon exhausted. Representative sales:

No.		Av.	Pr.
12	western ewes	100	$3 00
25	western ewes	96	3 00
11	western ewes	92	3 00
179	western wethers	101	3 65
270	western mixed	97	3 70
219	western yearlings	84	3 87½
152	western wethers	129	4 00
189	western wethers	128	4 00
235	stock lambs	55	4 00

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Small Run of Cattle—Hogs Active and Higher—Sheep Strong.

CHICAGO, March 19.—There was another Friday supply of cattle, about 3,500 head being received, and prices were about steady. This is a week of meager supplies. The receipts will foot up only about 41,500 head. There was a sufficient demand to absorb the offerings and the market was stronger, except for canning material, which averaged from 15c to 20c per 100 lbs. lower than last week. Native beef cattle were largely 10c higher. Sales were largely at from $4.25 to $4.90. Best feeding steers sold at $4.50, an advance of 5c. Bulls have not changed much, while calves are from 15c to 25c lower, the best selling at from $5.90 to $6. Texas fed steers were from 10c to 15c higher, with sales at $4.25 and $4.40 for choice.

There was the usual small Friday supply of hogs, about 19,000 head being received, and an active local and shipping demand sent prices up from 5c to 7c per 100 lbs. Common to prime hogs sold at from $3.70 to $4.15. Packing lots brought from $3.70 to $3.90. Choice lightweights sold up to $4.10 and prime heavy, averaging 300 lbs., sold at the top. The offerings were good in quality and sales were largely at from $4.10 to $4.12½, but there were too many lightweights.

This has been a good week for sheep, in spite of larger offerings, and both sheep and lambs averaged from 10c to 15c per 100 lbs. higher, if choice in quality. There was a lively demand at from $3 to $3.60 for inferior to extra sheep, with very few sales above $4.35. Western fed sheep comprised the bulk of the offerings and mostly sold at from $3.80 to $4.35. Lambs sold actively at from $3.80 to $5.25 for common to choice.

Receipts: Cattle, 3,500 head; calves, 200 head; hogs, 19,000 head; sheep, 6,000 head.

Kansas City Live Stock.

KANSAS CITY, March 19.—CATTLE—Receipts, 4,000 head; shipments, 1,200 head; market steady; Texas steers, $3.10@4.15; Texas cows, $2.50@3.40; native steers, $3.00@5.00; native cows and heifers, $1.50@3.60; stockers and feeders, $3.50@4.60; bulls, $1.50@3.70.

HOGS—Receipts, 9,000 head; shipments, 400 head; market steady to 5c higher and active; bulk of sales, $3.95@4.00; heavies, $3.90@4.07½; packers, $3.80@4.00; mixed, $3.90@4.07½; lights, $3.75@3.95; Yorkers, $3.90@3.95; pigs, $3.30@3.55.

SHEEP—Receipts, 2,000 head; shipments, none; market steady; lambs, $3.00@5.00; muttons, $3.00@4.60.

St. Louis Live Stock.

ST. LOUIS, March 19.—CATTLE—Receipts, 1,500 head; market active and strong; fancy export steers, $5.00@5.25; native shipping steers, $4.00@5.00; steers, under 1,000 pounds, $3.40@4.15; stockers and feeders, $2.75@4.25; cows and heifers, $2.30@4.00; Texas steers, $2.75@4.25; cows and heifers, $2.00@3.50.

HOGS—Receipts, 5,000 head; market 5@10c higher; light, $3.85@4.00; mixed, $3.60@4.00; heavy, $3.55@4.10.

SHEEP—Receipts, 800 head; market strong; native muttons, $3.50@4.25; lambs, $4.70@5.40.

New York Live Stock.

NEW YORK, March 19.—BEEVES—Receipts, 9,161 head; quiet; generally steady; stags and oxen, $3.20@4.40; bulls, $2.85@3.60; dry cows, $1.85@3.12½. Cables quote American steers at 11@12c; sheep at 10@11½c; beef at 9@10c; exports tomorrow, 1,550 beeves and 4,449 quarters of beef.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 5,937 head; slow; sheep, $4.00@4.80.

HOGS—Receipts, 1,522 head; steady at $3.90@4.25.

Stock in Sight.

Record of receipts of live stock at the four principal markets for March 19:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Omaha	2,016	4,327	1,374
Chicago	3,500	19,000	6,000
Kansas City	4,000	9,000	2,000
St. Louis	1,500	5,000	800
Totals	15,016	37,327	10,174

MONEY IN WASPS.

Insect Habit Furnished a Valuable Pointer.

Along the banks of the Cape Fear river in North Carolina are lowlands, behind which lies a higher level, or bench, relates the New York Post. The lowlands are subject to more or less frequent overflow by freshets, which are destructive to crops planted thereon. A number of years ago a farmer, resident in the vicinity, made a very comfortable sum of money by insuring his neighbors' crops against these freshets. His unvarying success as an insurer was for many years a profound mystery to the people of the region. The years when he declined to insure were invariably years of destructive overflow. The years when he was willing to insure were equally certain to be seasons of exemption from disaster.

In the earlier days in New England this man's reading of the future would have brought him some unpleasant experience as a dabbler, if not an adept, in black art. In the middle ages of Europe he would probably have been revered as a prophet and saint. Yet his information came from no occult source. Observation had shown him that a certain species of wasp, which built its home in the ground, built some years on the lowlands, and other years upon the higher level. Experience taught him that when the wasps built on the lowlands there were no freshets, and when they built on the higher ground the lower would, some time during the season, be submerged. The man had simply noted an instance of that little understood prescience manifested by certain insects and animals, a better knowledge of which might even be of service to our national weather bureau. It was only at his death that he revealed his secret.

THE REALTY MARKET.

INSTRUMENTS placed on record Friday, March 19, 1897:

WARRANTY DEEDS.

E H Farnsley and wife to J P B Kinnamon, e 30 feet of w 50 feet of s½ lot 7, block 1, Park Place	$ 1,500
D I Adams and husband to John Mevel, lot 14, block 132, South Omaha	2,500
John Mevel to M L M Murphy, lots 16 and 17, block 1, lots 20, 21 and 22, block 3, Rush & S's add	2,000
E C Wood to T A Fisher, lot 10, block 73, South Omaha	1,000
S I Cutts to J J Frater, lot 15, Waugh & B's sub	500
G W Loomis and wife to Mutual Benefit Loan and Insurance company, n 30 feet lot 9, Preston & W's add	1
J J Richardson to E A Richardson, lot 4, block 3, lots 7 and 8, block 4, lot 5, block 5, lots 3, 6, 7, 12 and 13, block 6, Hitchcock's 1st add	3,000
M C Leuthstrom and husband to Peter Reinhardt, e 64 feet lot 12, block 4, Horbach's 2d add	800
Total amount of transfers	$11,301

NOTICE.

To Our Customers and Friends.

Having located an office in OMAHA for the convenience of handling the greatly increasing business of our company in Omaha and the NORTHWEST, you are cordially invited to call and see us in our pleasant quarters, or write here for all information pertaining to the business of our company. Send your orders here, which will have our PROMPT ATTENTION. December 31st, 1896, our customers drew $45 cash dividends on each $100 in No. 9; in over 6½ years 8 per cent one month was our lowest, and 118 per cent in two weeks our highest dividend paid. You get your cash dividend every two weeks.

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