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Wheat Makes a Sharp Break and Loses Three-Fourths of a Cent.

LIQUIDATION CAUSED BY POOR DEMAND

Other Markets Are Comparatively Steady and Close at Substantially Unchanged Prices with Corn a Trifle Higher.

CHICAGO, March 31.—The longs in wheat were thoroughly disheartened by a further sharp break in that market today, May closing at a ¾c decline. It stood within ⅛c of 70c at one time. Weak cables and a poor cash and export demand started liquidation, which continued almost without cessation all day. Other grain and provision markets were comparatively steady, corn closing a shade higher; oats were unchanged and provisions 2½c lower to 2½c higher.

Liquidation of long May wheat began with the tap of the opening bell and continued all forenoon. By 11:30 o'clock the price of that option had declined to 70⅝@70½c, compared with 71½@71⅝c at the close of the market yesterday. It opened at from 71c to 71⅛c. While May was making the decline of ⅛c referred to, July lost only ⅝c. July could at any time during the decline be sold in considerable quantities at the bid price without further depressing it, until a greater concession was forced by the difficulty of finding buyers for May. The additional weakness of the market was due merely to the continuation of previous bearish conditions, weakness abroad and no appearance of any buying by foreigners, notwithstanding the daily inducement offered here of lower prices. Liverpool quoted a decline of ¾d at the start and a further loss of ½d later in the day. A private cablegram from Liverpool reported arrivals there of cargoes of white wheat as weighing that market down this morning. Minneapolis and Duluth receipts were 391 cars, compared with 333 a week ago and 237 last year. The receipts here were 14 carloads. Exports of wheat and sugar from Atlantic ports were equivalent to 326,000 bu. New York reported prominent firms there selling wheat futures on cable orders and the selling of long May wheat held for foreign account was a feature of the pit transactions here at the opening. There was a rumor near the end of the session that the decline in price had awakened a little export inquiry at the seaboard and that twenty-five boatloads had been worked. The most that could be confirmed, however, was two boatloads. Milling demand at Chicago was satisfied with 21,000 bushels. The decline in May to 70⅝@70½c was followed by a slight rally which took it to 70¾c, and that by another decline to 70⅛c, and recovery to 70⅞c at the close. July got at low as 69⅞c to 69½c, and closed at 69⅞@70c.

Corn held remarkably firm, in contrast to the weakness in wheat. The fluctuations were insignificant, but the tendency was for the most part in the direction of improvement. Wet weather west and good prospects of a continuation of the same, light receipts—103 cars—and good exports—713,000 bu.—all tended to hold prices steady at a shade above yesterday's prices. May opened a shade lower at 24⅜c, sold to 24⅞@25c, and closed steady at 24⅞c.

Considering the weakness in wheat, oats, like corn, was relatively very firm, although there was scarcely anything to influence such a tendency. No news items developed, business was dull and prices confined to a narrow range. May opened at 17⅛c to 17¼c, sold to 17⅛c and 17⅜c, and closed at 17⅛c bid.

Provisions opened rather weak because of fairly liberal receipts of hogs at western points. At the decline with which trading commenced there were buying orders enough to prevent any further loss, and near the end, when wheat had got a turn for the better, the decline was all recovered and a small fraction to the good. At the close May pork was 2½c higher at $8.55@8.57½; May lard, 2½c lower at $4.22½ and May ribs a shade higher at $4.65.

Estimated receipts Thursday: Wheat, 27 cars; corn, 113 cars; oats, 121 cars; hogs, 25,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yest'y.
*Wheat—					
March...	70¼@⅜	70⅜	69⅝	70⅛	70⅞
May...	71@⅛	71⅛	70⅛	70⅛	71⅛@⅜
July...	70@⅛	70⅛	69⅝@⅜	69⅝-70	70⅜@⅜
Sept...	68@⅛	68⅛	67⅛	68	68⅛@⅜
*Corn—					
March.	24¼	24⅜@⅛	24⅛	24⅜	24⅛@⅜
May...	24⅜	24⅜-25	24⅜	24⅜	24⅜@⅜
July...	25⅛	26⅛	25⅛	26	26
Sept...	27@⅛	27⅛	27	27⅛	27⅛@⅛
*Oats—					
May...	17⅛@⅜	17⅛@⅜	17⅛@⅜	17⅜	17⅛
July...	18⅛@⅜	18⅛@⅜	18⅛	18⅛@⅜	18⅛
Sept...	18⅜	18⅜	18⅜	18⅜	18⅜
Pork—					
May...	8 47½	8 57½	8 47½	8 57½	8 55
July...	8 60	8 67½	8 60	8 67½	8 67½
Lard—					
May...	4 22½	4 22½	4 20	4 22½	4 25
July...					4 35
Sh't Ribs—					
May...	4 67½	4 65	4 60	4 65	4 65
July...	4 67½	4 67½	4 65	4 67½	4 67½

* No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Dull; winter patents, $4.30@4.50; winter straights, $4.00@4.20; spring specials, $4.50; spring patents, $4.00@4.10; straights, $3.40@3.70; bakers, $3.00@3.20.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 70⅛@70⅝c; No. 2 red, 84⅛@86⅝c.

CORN—No. 2, 24⅝c; No. 2 yellow, 24⅝c.

OATS—No. 2, 17c; No. 2 white, 20⅛@21⅛c; No. 3 white, f. o. b., 18⅛@20⅛c.

RYE—No. 2, 32½c.

BARLEY—No. 2, nominal; No. 3, f. o. b., 27@21c.

FLAXSEED—No. 1, 75@78c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.62½.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $8.50@8.55. Lard, per 100 lbs., $4.20. Short ribs, sides (loose), $4.50@4.75. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4.75@5.00. Short clear sides (boxed), $4.62½@4.75.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.18.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $5.51; granulated, $4.89.

The following were the receipts and shipments today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	12,000	7,000
Wheat, bu	36,000	57,000
Corn, bu	134,000	17,000
Oats, bu	244,000	212,000
Rye, bu	5,000	......
Barley, bu	29,000	24,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was firm; creamery, 16@21c; dairy, 11@18c. Eggs, easy; fresh, 8¼@8½c. Cheese, firm; 10⅛@10¾c. Dressed poultry, steady; turkeys, 12@12½c; chickens, 7½@8c; ducks, 11@12c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, March 31.—FLOUR—Receipts, 14,775 bbls.; exports, 11,929 bbls. Pronounced weakness and generally lower prices prevail; trade was small; Minnesota patents, $4.10@4.35; Minnesota bakers, $3.65@3.80; winter patents, $4.55@4.75; winter extras, $3.15@3.55; winter low grades, $2.60@2.75. Rye flour, quiet.

CORN MEAL—Steady; yellow western, 59c.

RYE—Easy; No. 2 western, 36c.

BARLEY—Dull; 26½c.

BARLEY MALT—Dull; western, 45@53c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 15,725 bu.; exports, 65,981 bu. Spot weak; No. 2 red, 82½c; No. 3 hard winter, 76⅝c. Options opened weak and sagged off all day in response to extensive May liquidation, aided by lower foreign markets; absence of export demand and favorable spring and winter wheat prospects. Bull news was scarce and without influence. Prices finally rallied on local covering and closed ⅛@⅜c net lower; No. 2 red, March, 80c; May, 76⅝@77 9-16c; closed, 77⅛c.

CORN—Receipts, 23,300 bu.; exports, 159,000 bu. Spot market firm; No. 2, 30⅛c. Options generally firm all day, with few changes, supported by rains west, and for clearances closed unchanged from last night; May, 30⅛c; closed, 30⅛c.

OATS—Receipts, 154,800 bu.; exports, 445 bu. Spot, dull; No. 2, 22c. Options quiet but firm on a large export demand, closing ⅛c higher; May, 21⅝@22c; closed, 22c; May dull and quiet.

HAY—Shipping, 60@55c; good to choice, 65@72½c.

HOPS—State, 1895 crop, 2½@5½c; 1896 crop, 6@11c; Pacific coast, 1895 crop, 3@6c; 1896 crop, 6@12½c.

HIDES—Firm; Galveston, 14c; California 16½c.

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock, 20@21c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, quiet; family, $8.50; extra mess, $7.50; beef hams, $15.00@19.50; city, extra mess, $12.25@15.00. Cut meats, steady; western steamed, $4.45; refined, steady. Pork, quiet; mess $9.25@9.75; short clear, $9.25@10.75; family, $9.50@10.00.

TALLOW—Quiet; city, 3⅜c; country, 2⅛c.

BUTTER—Receipts, 7,153 pkgs.; firm; western creamery, 15@22c; Elgins, 22c; factory, 8@12½c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 2,402 pkgs.; firm; state, large, 8@12¼c; state, small, 9@12½c; part skims, 5@8c; full skims, 2⅛@3c.

EGGS—Receipts, 21,973 pkgs.; steady; state and Pennsylvania, 10@10½c; western, 9⅛@10c; southern, 9⅛@9⅛c.

OILS—Petroleum, quiet; refined, $6.25; United closing, no price given; Pennsylvania crude, April, 94½c bid. Cottonseed, prime crude, 20c; prime yellow, 23c; off summer yellow, 22½@23c; butter grades, 25⅛@26½c; prime white, 26c. Rosin, strained, common to good, $1.65@1.67½. Turpentine, 29½@29⅝c.

RICE—Steady; fair to extra, 4@6½c; Japan, 4¼@4⅛c.

MOLASSES—Steady; New Orleans, 23@30c.

METALS—Pig iron, easy; southern, $10@11; northern, $10.50@12.50. Copper, quiet; brokers, $11.70. Tin, easy; straits, $13.15@13.20; plates, dull. Spelter, quiet, $4.12½@4.20. Lead, quiet; exchange, quoting spot lots, $3.37½@3.42½, while brokers quote $3.30; sales, 50 tons lead at $3.37½.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Bulk, 7c.

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; redheads and mallards, $2.50@2.75; canvasbacks, $3.00; Canada geese, large, $6.00; small, $3.50@4.00.

VEAL—Choice fat, 80 to 120 lbs., are quoted at 8@8½c; large and coarse, 4@5c.

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

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 6c; 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 hurl, 2@2½c; common, 1½c.

VEGETABLES.

GREEN PEAS—Per 20-lb. box, $2.25.

CUCUMBERS—Per doz., $2.00.

CAULIFLOWER—Per crate, $3.00@4.00.

ASPARAGUS—Per lb., 20c.

SPINACH—Per bu. box, $1.00.

TOMATOES—Per 7-basket crate, $3.00@3.50.

WATER CRESS—Per 16-qt. crate, $1.75.

PIE PLANT—Home grown, per lb., 8@10c.

TURNIPS—Per bbl., $1.50.

OLD VEGETABLES—Beets, carrots, parsnips, per bbl., $1.50.

RADISHES—Per doz., 20c.

LETTUCE—Per doz., 30c.

ONIONS—Per doz., 25c.

PARSLEY—Per doz., 25c.

BERMUDA ONIONS—Per crate, $4.50.

SWEET POTATOES—Fancy Illinois, per bbl., $1.60@1.75; Kansas stock, $1.25.

ONIONS—Good stock, per bu., $1.25.

LIMA BEANS—Per lb., 3c.

BEANS—Hand picked navy, per bu., $1.00@1.10.

CABBAGE—Fancy stock, per 100 lbs., $1.75; California, $1.60@1.75.

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

POTATOES—Good native stock, per bu., 25@30c; early Ohio seed potatoes, Red river valley, 50c; Minnesota early Ohio, 40@45c.

FRUITS.

STRAWBERRIES—Texas, per 24-quart cases, $4.50@5.00.

MALAGA GRAPES—Per keg, $7.

CRANBERRIES—Best Jersey, per bbl., $4.00@4.25; per crate, $1.25@1.35.

APPLES—Fancy, large, $2.25; choice, $2.00.

TROPICAL FRUIT.

ORANGES—California navels, 150s to 200s, $3.75; large sizes, $3.25@3.50; seedlings, $2.25@2.65.

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

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, 12c; 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, 1⅜c; 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.

FRESH MEATS.

DRESSED BEEF—Good native steers, 400 to 600 lbs., 6½c; good forequarters steers, 5c; good hindquarters, 8½c; western steers, 6¼c; fancy heifers, 6¼c; good heifers, 6c; good forequarters heifers, 5c; good hindquarters heifers, 8c; good cows, 6c; fair cows, 5½c; common cows, 5c; cow forequarters, 4½c; cow hindquarters, 7½c.

BEEF CUTS—Tenderloins, 20c; boneless strips, 9½c; strip loins, 7½c; rolls, 9c; sirloin butts, 9c; shoulder clods, 5½c; rump butts, 5c; steer chucks, 4¼c; cow chucks, 3⅜c; boneless chucks, 4⅛c; cow plates, 3⅛c; steer plates, 4c; flank steak, 6c; loins, No. 1, 14c; loins, No. 2, 12c; loins, No. 2, 9c; No. 1 short loins, 16c; No. 2 short loins, 14c; No. 3 short loins, 12c; sirloin ends, 7½c; ribs, No. 1, 12c; ribs, No. 2, 10c; ribs, No. 2, 7c; steer rounds, 6½c; cow rounds, 6c; cow rounds, shank off, 7c; cow rounds, shank and rump off, 7½c; trimmings, 4c; beef shanks, 2½c; brains, per doz., 35c; sweetbreads, per lb., 15c; sweetbreads (calves), per lb., 40c; kidneys, per doz., 35c; ox tails, each, 3c; livers, per lb., 3c; hearts, per lb., 2c; tongues, per lb., 12c.

MUTTON—Lambs, 7½c; yearlings, 7c; sheep, 6⅛c; market racks, long, 9c; hotel racks, short, 12c; legs and saddles, 8½c; lamb legs, 9½c; breasts and stews, 3c; tongues, each, 5c; plucks, each, 3c.

PORK—Dressed pigs, 5½c; dressed hogs, 5½c; tenderloins, 14c; loins, 5c; spare ribs, 5c; ham sausage, butts, 5½c; shoulders, rough, 5½c; shoulders, skinned, 5⅜c; trimmings, 5c; leaf lard, not rendered, 5c; heads, cleaned, 4c; snouts and ears, 4c; backbones, 3c; cheek meats, 3½c; neckbones, 3c; pigs' tails, 3½c; plucks, each, 5c; chitterlings, 5c; hocks, 4c; hearts, per dozen, 25c; stomachs, each, 3c; tongues, each, 7c; kidneys, per dozen, 10c; brains, per dozen, 15c; pigs' feet, per dozen, 30c; livers, each, 3c.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Bears Take Hold in Last Half Hour and Knock the Bottom Out.

NEW YORK, March 31.—The bears succeeded in effecting quite a notable break in the market today in the last half hour of trading. The short interest, whose lines are reputed to have been greatly extended since the transmissouri decision of the supreme court, was palpably uneasy all day on account of the marked resumption of strength in the market yesterday. A continuance of the improvement was evident at the opening this morning, in spite of the decline in prices on the London exchange, and a general advance occurred, not exceeding a fraction in any of the active shares, but reaching a point or over in the cases of Canada Southern, Canadian Pacific, Big Four, Susquehanna & Western preferred and Erie firsts. New Jersey Central continued under heavy pressure to sell. The bears continued to center their attack on this stock all day in the determined and systematic attempt to stem the upward course of prices. From this stock they made incursions into various fields. The Gould stocks were attacked as a group, Manhattan falling 2 points and Missouri Pacific and Western Union 1 each. This induced some realizing sales, but the market soon recovered and resumed its upward tendency. It was after delivery hour when an unexpected selling movement set in in Delaware & Hudson, the only explanation offered being the general depression existing in the coal trade. The sales were not very large, but under a persistent bombardment of small lots, the price went down by leaps and bounds, the decline reaching 5⅝ to 100⅝. The stock only reacted a fraction from the lowest. Lackawanna broke 3¼ points in the last few minutes on three sales of a total of 700 shares. The Reading stocks escaped any very noticeable effect of the raid, except the first preferred, which declined 1⅛ per cent. The heavy selling in New Jersey Central was simultaneously resumed and the stock was sold down to 77, showing a decline from the top of 6 points. Just at the close it rallied a point. Much was made also by the bears of the statement by Senator Cullom, chairman of the committee on interstate commerce, that there was no chance for the passage of the pooling bill at this session of congress. The whole market sold off, the losses reaching 2⅛ per cent in the case of Burlington and Rock Island and 2⅛ per cent in Omaha. Declines of a point or over were shown in Sugar, Chicago Gas, General Electric, Pacific Mail, Tennessee Coal, Leather preferred, Western Union, Northwestern, St. Paul, New York Central, Canada Southern, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis, Atchison preferred and Louisville & Nashville. Tobacco fluctuated widely on manipulation, rising 2⅛ per cent, losing 1⅜ per cent and rising again 1⅜ per cent. Consolidated Gas and Lake Shore rose ⅝ and 1¼ per cent, respectively, but reacted 2⅛ and 1⅜ per cent, respectively. The closing was weak, net losses averaging a point in the standard shares.

Trading in bonds was in small volume, but a firm tone was manifested and most of the leading issues made slight progress toward a higher plane. Sales, $835,000. Government bonds continued to display strength, but the higher range failed to elicit offerings and transactions were restricted to purchases of $11,000 of the old 4s.

The Evening Post's London financial cablegram says: "The stock markets were lifeless today. They opened dull and firm, with no apparent reason either for the flat opening or the firm close. Consols were 112, buyers. Argentines were good, but the close was 1⅛ per cent under the best. Americans were also good, but the close was weak, there being no support. The Weymouth Old bank, whose failure is announced, is a small provincial affair and its collapse is of absolutely no significance. Money is wanted, being the end of the month, but there were only a few applications to the bank because of the money released yesterday. Tomorrow's returns are very likely to show a decreased reserve. A small state railway in Brazil is understood to be defaulting on its coupons due tomorrow. The Paris bourse was better after the dullness and the Berlin market was steady."

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

Atchison	10⅝	Oregon Nav.	106
Adams Ex.	146	O. S. L. & U. N.	16
Alton, T H	56	Pacific Mail	25¾
Am. Express	111	Peoria, Dec. & E.	¼
Baltimore & Ohio	13¼	Pittsburg	162
Canada Pacific	47	Pullman Palace	157
Canada Southern	45⅛	Reading	20⅜
Central Pacific	8¾	R. G. W.	12⅛
Ches. & Ohio	16⅛	do pfd	37⅞
Chicago & Alton	164	*Rock Island	61⅝
C. B. & Q.	70⅝	St. Paul	72⅞
Chicago Gas	78⅛	do pfd	131⅝
Consolidated Gas	135⅛	St. Paul & Omaha	57
C., C., C. & St. L.	18¼	St. P. & O. pfd	139
Colo. Coal & Iron	¼	Southern Pacific	14⅛
Cotton Oil Cert	50¾	Sugar Refinery	110
Del. Lack. & W.	152	Tenn. Coal & Iron	34⅞
D. & R. G. pfd	37⅛	Texas Pacific	8¼
East Tenn	12⅜	Tol. & O. Cen. pfd	50
Erie	22⅛	Union Pacific	5⅞
Erie pfd	17⅛	U. S. Express	38
Fort Wayne	162	W. St. L. & Pac.	5
G. Northern pfd	119	W. St. L. & P. pfd	12⅛
C. & E. I. pfd	95	Wells Fargo Ex.	100
Hocking Valley	3⅛	Western Union	82¼
Illinois Central	92	Wheeling & L. E.	1
St. P. & Duluth	18	W. & L. E. pfd	3⅛
K. & T. pfd	26⅞	Minn. & St. Louis	17
Lake Erie & West	13⅛	Den. & R. G.	9⅛
do pfd	58	Gen. Electric	9¾
Lake Shore	165	Nat'l Linseed	31¼
Lead Trust	23¾	Col. Fuel & I.	12
Louisville & N.	45⅜	do pfd	18
L. & N. A.	¼	H. & T. Cen.	9
Manhattan Con.	83⅞	Tol. St. L. & K. C.	5⅛
Memphis & C.	15	do pfd	18⅛
Michigan Central	93	Southern	7⅛
Mo. Pacific	15⅛	Southern pfd	25⅛
Mobile & Ohio	8	Tobacco	73
Nashville Chat	66	Tobacco pfd	104
N. J. Central	77⅜	Am. T. & C. Co.	87
N. & W. pfd	25⅛	C. C. Co.	150
North Am. Co.	4	Am. Sugar pfd	100⅜
Northern Pacific	11⅛	Leather pfd	56
N. Pacific pfd	34	Rubber	13⅛
U. P., D. & G.	1⅜	Rubber pfd	62¼
Northwestern	103⅝	Cotton Oil pfd	56¼
do pfd	154	P. C. C. & St. L pfd	47
N. Y. Central	98	Am. Spirits	12
N. Y. & N. E.	37	Am. Spirits pfd	28⅜
Ontario & W.	13⅛	O. R & N. 4s	39

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The total sales of stocks today were 254,766 shares, including: American Tobacco, 12,600; Sugar, 34,000; Burlington, 21,100; Chicago Gas receipts, 17,900; Delaware & Hudson, 7,500; General Electric, 900; Louisville & Nashville, 4,900; Missouri Pacific, 3,500; New York Central, 4,100; Northwestern, 3,900; Omaha, 6,600; Reading, 6,500; Rock Island, 9,300; St. Paul, 20,300; Western Union, 3,600; New Jersey Central, 40,300.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, March 31.—MONEY ON CALL—Nominally 1½@1¾ per cent; last loan, 1¾ per cent; closed at 1½@1¾ per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—3½@4 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Easier, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.87¼ for demand and at $4.85¾ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.86@4.86½ and $4.88@4.88½; commercial bills, $4.85.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—61⅝@62⅜c.

BAR SILVER—61 11-16c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Strong.

STATE BONDS—Quiet.

RAILROAD BONDS—Firm.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. new 4s, reg	123¾	Erie 2ds	63⅜
U. S. new coup	123¾	G. H & S. A. 6s	104
U. S. 5s, reg	114	do 7s	101
U. S. 5s, coup	114	H. & T. C. 5s	109¼
U. S. 4s, reg	111	do 6s	101
U. S. 4s, coup	113⅜	M., K. & T 1st 4s	82¼
U. S. 2s, reg	96⅛	do 2d 4s	57
Pacific 6s of '95	103⅜	Mutual Union 6s	110
Ala., class A	105⅛	N. J. C. Gen. 5s	110
Ala., class B	104⅛	No. Pacific 1sts	115¼
Ala., class C	97	do 2ds	53¼
Ala. Currency	95	N. W. Consols	142
La. New Con. 4s	96⅛	do S. F. Deb. 5s	112⅛
Missouri 6s	100	R. G. West. 1sts	72¼
N. C. 6s	122	St. P. Consols 7s	132⅛
N. C. 4s	102	St. P. C. & P. W. 5s	114⅜
S. C. nonfund	⅛	St. L. & I. M. Gen. 5	75
Tenn. new set 3s	75	St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6	119¼
Tenn. new set 5s	105	Texas Pac. 1sts	88¾
Tenn. old 6s	60	Texas Pac. 2ds	19⅛
Va. Centuries	63⅛	U. P. 1sts of '96	101⅛
do deferred	5	West Shore 4s	107⅛
Atchison 4s	82⅛	L. & N. unified 4s	78
Atchison 2d A	44⅛	Southern 5s	87⅛
Canada So. 2d	105⅛	N. P. 4s	87⅛
C. P. 1sts of '95	102⅛	O. R. & N. 1sts	113⅛
D. & R. G. 7s	112	O. R. & N. 4s	82⅛
D. & R. G. 4s	88		

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, March 31.—Call loans, 2@3½ per cent; time loans, 2¾@4 per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F.	10⅛	Ed. Elec. Ill.	145
American Sugar	109⅜	Gen. Elec. pfd	75
Am. Sugar pfd	101	Atchison pfd	19⅛
Bay State Gas	4⅛	Atchison 4s	80
Bell Telephone	221	New England 6s	114
Boston & Albany	213	Wis. Cent. 1s	64
Boston & Maine	160	Wis. Cent. 6s	119½
C. B. & Q.	70⅛	Allouez Mining Co	90
Fitchburg	93	Atlantic	20
General Electric	31⅛	Boston & Montana	120⅜
Illinois Steel	37⅛	Butte & Boston	16⅛
Mexican Central	8¼	Calumet & Hecla	375
N. Y. & N. E.	58	Centennial	7⅛
Old Colony	178	Franklin	10⅛
Ore. Short Line	15⅛	Kearsarge	13⅛
Rubber	13⅛	Osceola	29
Union Pacific	5⅛	Quincy	104
West End	72	Tamarack	120
West. Elec	24	Wolverine	9
W. Elec. pfd	50⅛		

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 30.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta	1	Exchequer	3
Alpha Con	4	Gould & Curris	28
Andes	18	Hale & Norcross	87
Belcher	13	Mexican	22
Best & Belcher	63	Occidental Con	14
Bullion	9	Ophir	90
Caledonia	11	Overman	7
Challenge Con	36	Potosi	34
Chollar	110	Savage	26
Confidence	80	Sierra Nevada	22
Con. Cal. & Va	115	Silver Hill	1
Con. Imperial	1	Union Con	25
Con. New York	1	Utah Con	5
Crown Point	16	Yellow Jacket	26

Silver bars, 62⅛c; Mexican dollars, 50⅛@51c; drafts, sight, 20c; drafts, telegraph, 22½c.

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, March 31.—The following are the closing mining quotations:

Chollar	95	Ontario	900
Crown Point	15	Ophir	80
Con. Cal. & Va	100	Plymouth	17
Deadwood	125	Quicksilver	100
Gould & Curry	20	Quicksilver pfd	1000
Hale & Norcross	80	Sierra Nevada	20
Homestake	2900	Standard	150
Iron Silver	35	Union Con	20
Mexican	20	Yellow Jacket	20

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, March 31.—4 p. m. closing:

Consols, m'y	111⅞	N. Y. Central	100⅜
Consols, acc't	111⅞	Pennsylvania	58¼
Can. Pacific	48⅛	Reading	10⅛
Erie	13⅜	Mex. Cen. new 4s	69¼
Ill. Central	95	Atchison	11
St. Paul common	75⅛	L. & N.	47⅜

BAR SILVER—28 5-16d per ounce.

MONEY—2 per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills, 1⅜@1½ per cent; three months' bills, 1⅜@1½ per cent.

Financial Notes.

BOSTON, March 31.—Clearings, $15,070,037; balances, $1,060,226.

NEW YORK, March 31.—Clearings, $92,155,794; balances, $5,105,472.

PHILADELPHIA, March 31.—Clearings, $9,434,381; balances, $1,470,876.

ST. LOUIS, March 31.—Clearings, $3,635,260; balances, $501,366. Money, 5@7 per cent. New York exchange, 25c premium bid; 50c premium asked.

CHICAGO, March 31.—Clearings, $14,003,122. New York exchange, 10c premium. Foreign exchange, steady; demand, $4.87½; sixty days, $4.85¾.

Foreign Financial.

BERLIN, March 31.—Exchange on London, eight days' sight, 20 marks 36 pfgs.

LONDON, March 31.—Gold is quoted at Buenos Ayres today at 208.30; at Lisbon, 44½; at Rome, 105.65.

PARIS, March 31.—Three per cent rentes, 103 15-16c for the account; exchange on London, 25f, 14½c for checks.

St. Louis General Markets.

ST. LOUIS, March 31.—FLOUR—Steady and unchanged.

WHEAT—The speculative market opened dull and dragging with a decided weak feeling, which prevailed most of the session, despite frequent fluctuations. Futures closed quiet and slow for July, with May ⅛c to ½c under yesterday. Spot, steady; No. 2 red, cash, elevator, 93c, nominal; track, 94c; May, 87⅝@87⅞c; July, 73½c asked.

CORN—Futures were moderately active and steady early, advancing later and closing strong, but unchanged from yesterday; spot, higher; No. 2 cash, 21⅝c; May, 22⅝c bid; July, 23⅛c.

OATS—Dull and steady for futures, with spot ⅛c higher; No. 2 cash, 18c bid; May, 19c bid; July 18⅛c.

RYE—Lower at 33@33½c.

BARLEY—Nominal.

CORNMEAL—$1.40@1.45.

BRAN—Weak; sacked, nominally 52c.

FLAXSEED—Nominal at 72½c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.60@2.70.

HAY—Quiet and firm; prairie, $4.00@7.50; timothy, $6.50@12.50.

BUTTER—Firm; creamery, 17@23½c; dairy, 10@18c.

EGGS—Lower at 7½c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Chickens, steady; old and young, 6@6½c; turkeys, quiet 7@9c; ducks, firm, 6@8c; geese, weak, 3@4c.

WHISKY—$1.18.

METALS—Lead, quiet at $3.17½@3.22½. Spelter, firm at $3.92½.

COTTON TIES—65c.

BAGGING—5⅛@6¼c.

PROVISIONS—Pork, steady; standard mess, jobbing, $8.50@9.20. Lard, easy; prime steam, $4.00; choice, $4.10. Bacon (boxed), shoulders, $4.90; extra short clear, $5.32½; ribs, $5.45; shorts, $5.32½. Dry salt meats (boxed), shoulders, $4.82½; extra short clear, $4.95; ribs, $5.10; shorts, $5.20.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 3,000 bbls.; wheat, 6,000 bu.; corn, 50,000 bu.; oats, 12,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 7,000 bbls.; wheat, 9,000 bu.; corn, 176,000 bu.; oats, 82,000 bu.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, March 31.—COTTON—Spot, steady; middling uplands, 7 5-16c; middling gulf, 7 9-16c; sales, 1,220 bales. Futures closed steady; sales, 97,000 bales; January, $6.84; February, $6.87; April, $6.96; May, $7.01; June, $7.06; July, $7.12; August, $7.12; September, $6.89; October, $6.76; November, $6.77; December, $6.80. The market opened quiet, but firm, with prices 2@3 points higher on favorable news from Liverpool. Trading was light, however, with the feature selling by a prominent Philadelphia house. A further advance followed the receipt of late cables, but sales for profit caused prices to fall off to the opening level, where the market stood at 11 o'clock with sales of 22,000 bales.

NEW ORLEANS, March 31.—COTTON—Firm; middling, 6 15-16c; low middling, 6½c; good ordinary, 6¼c.

Coffee Markets.

NEW YORK, March 31.—COFFEE—Options opened barely steady, with prices 15 to 20 points lower, under heavy receipts at Brazil and weakness in foreign markets. The market was lower and added to the depression. Trading was spasmodic, and aside from light European selling was local. Closed steady, 30 to 35 points lower. Sales, 13,000 bags, including May, $7.75@7.90. Spot, Rio, weak; No. 7, invoice, $8.25; jobbing, $8.75. Mild, weak; Cordova, $14.00@15.50. Sales, 1,000 bags, Rio, No. 7, cost and freight, $7.75; 400 bags Maracaibo p. t. Total warehouse deliveries from the United States, 5,206 bags, including 3,937 bags from New York; New York stock today, 333,006 bags; United States stock, 418,571 bags; afloat for the United States, 317,000 bags; total visible for the United States, 735,571 bags, against 455,898 bags last year.

SANTOS, March 31.—COFFEE—Quiet; good average Santos, 10,200 reis. Receipts, 16,000 bags; stock, 458,000 bags.

HAMBURG, March 31.—COFFEE—½pfg lower. Sales, 8,000 bags.

RIO, March 31.—COFFEE—Weak; No. 7 Rio, 9,200 reis; exchange, 8 13-32d. Receipts, 13,000 bags; cleared for the United States, 5,000 bags; for Europe, 6,000 bags; stock, 286,000 bags.

HAVRE, March 31.—COFFEE—Closed easy, ¾@1¼f lower. Sales, 12,000 bags.

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, March 31.—3:50 p. m.—WHEAT—Spot, No. 2, red winter, no stocks; No. 1, red northern, spring, dull at 6s 4d.

CORN—Spot American mixed, new, steady; 2s 6¾d; old, firm; 2s 10½d. Futures dull; April, 2s 6¾d; May, 2s 8d; June, 2s 9d.

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

PROVISIONS—Beef, extra India mess, dull; 56s 6d; prime mess, dull; 47s 6d. Pork, prime mess, fine western, firm; 50s; prime mess, medium western, firm; 45s. Hams, short cut, 14 to 16 lbs., steady; 43s. Bacon, Cumberland cut, 28 to 30 lbs., steady; 29s. Short ribs, 20 to 24 lbs., dull, 28s; long clear middles, light, 35 to 27 lbs., 35s; long clear middles, heavy, 40 to 45 lbs., 26s; short clear middles, heavy, 45 to 50 lbs., 25s 6d; clear bellies, 12 to 14 lbs., 29s. Shoulders, square, 12 to 14 lbs., 25s 6d. Lard, spot, steady; 22s 3d.

CHEESE—Steady: American, finest white and colored, steady, 57s 6d.

TALLOW—Fine American, city, 18s 6d.

BUTTER—Finest United States, 80s; good, 55s.

PETROLEUM—Refined, 5¾d.

London Colonial Wool Sales.

LONDON, March 31.—The attendance at the wool auction sales today was good and the bidding was more spirited from all quarters. The American buyers were again very active and purchased a good selection of crossbreds. Tasmanian and Victoria stock was also in demand and sold well. The general tone of the market was firmer, with the continent and the home buyers more active. The offerings aggregated 16,166 bales, of which 2,000 were withdrawn. The sales in detail: New South Wales, 4,683 bales; scoured, 9d@1s 2d; greasy, 4½@10½d. Queensland, 3,879 bales; scoured, 11d@1s 2d; greasy, 5¾@10d. Victoria, 2,244 bales; scoured, 9½d@1s 5½d; greasy, 5½@11½d. South Australia, 314 bales; scoured, 5½d; greasy, 3½@4½d. Tasmania, 370 bales; greasy, 6¾@11½d. New Zealand, 4,307 bales; scoured, 6¾d@1s 1½d; greasy, 6@11d. Cape of Good Hope and Natal, 969 bales; scoured, 11d@1s 1½d; greasy, 4½@7½d.

Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, March 31.—WHEAT—Market steady and firm; No. 2 hard, 79@80c; No. 3, 74@77c; No. 4, 55@65c; No. 2 red, 96½c; No. 3, 90@94c; No. 4, 75@85c; No. 2 spring, 79c; No. 3, 76½c.

CORN—Market steady, active; No. 2 mixed, 20c.

OATS—Market quiet, rather weak; No. 2 white, 19@21c.

RYE—Market steady; No. 3, 31½c.

HAY—Market steady; choice timothy, $8.50@9.00; choice prairie, $5.50@6.00.

BUTTER—Creamery, ½@1c higher on stronger eastern markets; creamery, 16½@18c; dairy, 10@13c.

EGGS—Market quiet and weak, 7c.

Peoria Markets.

PEORIA, March 31.—CORN—Firm, higher; new No. 2, 23½c.

OATS—Firm, irregular; No. 2 white, 19½@20⅝c.

WHISKY—Market steady; finished goods on the basis of $1.18 for high wines.

RECEIPTS—Corn, 26,750 bu.; oats, 15,700 bu.; rye, 600 bu.; whisky, 75 bbls.; wheat, 3,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Corn, 2,850 bu.; oats, 24,250 bu.; rye, none; whisky, 660 bbls.; wheat, 1,200 bu.

Sugar Markets.

NEW YORK, March 31.—SUGAR—Firmer; fair refining, 3c; sales, 7,300 bags centrifugal, 96 test, 3⅝c; 2,450 bags molasses, 89 test, 2⅝c, all at breakwater. Refined, firm; granulated, 4⅝c; mold A, 4⅞c; confectioners' A, 4½c; cut loaf, 5⅛c; crushed, 5⅛c; powdered, 4⅞c; granulated, 4⅝c; cubes, 4⅞c.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, March 31.—The month closed with heavy sales to manufacturers of wool, cotton and silk. The month of March has been one of large sales and the promise is flattering of a better market. Print cloths were quiet, but firm at 2 9-16c.

Oil City Markets.

OIL CITY, Pa., March 31.—There was one sale of certificate oil, 1,000 bbls. at 96c, and 1,600 bbls. May at 97½c. No change in credit balances; runs, 127,655 bbls.; shipments, 93,310 bbls.

Minneapolis Wheat Quotations.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 31.—WHEAT—Steady; May, 69@69⅛c; July, 69⅝@69¾c; September, 65⅞@66c. On track: No. 1 hard, 72⅛c; No. 1 northern, 70⅛c. Receipts, 232 cars.

San Francisco Wheat Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 31.—WHEAT—Quiet; December, $1.11 bid; May, $1.26⅝.

FORECAST OF TODAY'S WEATHER.

Local Rains and Partly Cloudy; Cooler in Eastern Nebraska.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—Forecast for Thursday:

For Nebraska and Kansas—Local rains and partly cloudy weather; cooler in eastern portion; winds shifting to northerly.

For the Dakotas—Local rains or light snows, followed by clearing weather; north to east wind.

For Iowa—Local thunder storms; easterly winds, shifting to northerly; slightly cooler.

For Missouri—Local thunder storms and partly cloudy weather; easterly winds, becoming variable; cooler.

Local Record.

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, March 31.—Omaha record of rainfall and temperature compared with corresponding day of the last three years:

	1897.	1896.	1895.	1894.
Maximum temperature	58	70	45	55
Minimum temperature	53	28	38	43
Average temperature	56	49	42	49
Rainfall	.62	T	.53	T

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

Normal for the day	44
Excess for the day	12
Accumulated deficiency since March 1	53
Normal rainfall for the day	.07 inch
Excess for the day	.55 inch
Total rainfall since March 1, 1897	1.47 inch
Deficiency since March 1, 1897	.03 inch
Deficiency for cor. period, 1896	.16 inch
Deficiency for cor. period, 1895	.48 inch

Reports from Stations at 8 p. m.

Seventy-fifth Meridian Time.

STATIONS AND STATE OF WEATHER.	Temperature at 8 p. m.	Maximum for day	Precipitation
Omaha, cloudy	54	58	.12
North Platte, cloudy	44	52	.04
Salt Lake City, clear	38	40	.00
Cheyenne, clear	26	28	.01
Rapid City, snowing	34	38	.34
Huron, raining	44	48	.58
Chicago, clear	46	48	.00
St. Louis, raining	64	68	.06
St. Paul, cloudy	52	56	.00
Davenport, cloudy	54	58	.02
Helena, cloudy	38	38	.00
Kansas City, clear	58	60	.16
Havre, snowing	32	34	.04
Bismarck, cloudy	38	42	.02
Galveston, clear	76	80	.00
Williston, cloudy	36	36	.04

T indicates trace of precipitation.

L. A. WELCH, Local Forecast Official.

THE REALTY MARKET.

INSTRUMENTS placed on file Wednesday, March 31, 1897:

WARRANTY DEEDS.

George Medlock to G W Medlock, e½ lot 5, block 23, Omaha	$ 2
P R E E Linton and husband to J T Cathers, tax lot 59 in 10-15-13	6,000
H W Calkins to Charlotte Reynolds, lot 12, block 4, Plainview	1,000
Wyatt-Bullard Lumber Co to Jurgen Thompson, lots 16 and 17, block 3, Halcyon Heights	1,300
E M Tzschuck and husband to Augusta Nelson, lot 36, block 11, Orchard Hill	225
J E Knowles and husband to A Hospe, jr, 60x120ft in lot 4, Ragan's	1,200
William Krug to H L Dana, lot 3, block 1, First add to Central park	500
A R Dufrene and wife to K A Wilson, lot 5, Shaw's subd	1,500

QUIT CLAIM DEEDS.

Susanna Smith and husband to Laflin & Rand Powder Co, part tax lot 6 in 35-15-13	1
Matilda Frederickson and husband to Wyatt-Bullard Lumber Co, lots 16 and 17, block 3, Halcyon Heights	10
Howard Butcher and wife to same, und⅔ same	1
Total amount of transfers	$11,739

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET

Fair Supplies in All Lines Find Conditions Much Improved.

ACTIVE DEMAND BRINGS THE ADVANCE

Beeves Sell Ten Cents Higher, with Early Clearance, and Hogs Fetch a Nickel Better, but Lose It.

SOUTH OMAHA, March 31.—Receipts for the days indicated were:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.	Horses.
March 31	2,224	3,502	2,439	....
March 30	2,730	5,119	1,601	24
March 29	1,847	2,250	1,478	46
March 27	1,483	4,786	1,462	62
March 26	1,653	4,031	3,665	....
March 25	1,931	4,632	2,771	....
March 24	3,396	4,841	3,355	....
March 23	3,415	5,396	5,969	....
March 22	1,781	1,838	1,257	....
March 20	1,137	4,987	4,348	24
March 19	2,016	4,327	1,374	5
March 18	1,884	5,458	2,138	1
March 17	2,159	5,604	750	....

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

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
C., M. & St. P. Ry.	2	3	..
Mo. Pacific Ry.	7	5	..
Union Pacific System	37	10	10
C. & N. W. Ry.	..	1	..
F., E. & M. V. R. R.	8	12	..
S. C. & P. Ry.	1	..	..
B. & M. R. R. R.	24	21	2
C., B. & Q. Ry.	1	1	..
C., R. I. & P. Ry., east	1	2	..
C., R. I. & P. Ry., west	1	1	..
Total receipts	91	56	12

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.	233	534	....
The G. H. Hammond Co.	....	549	255
Swift and Company	272	1,297	500
The Cudahy Packing Co.	286	648	1,480
P. D. Armour, Chicago	147	....	....
R. Becker and Degan	169	....	....
Vansant & Co.	30	....	....
J. L. Carey	143	....	....
Lobman & Rothschilds	296	....	....
Sherlock	....	....	198
Hill & Lewis Co.	46	....	....
Benton & Underwood	227	....	....
Huston & Co.	21	....	....
Krebbs & Co.	39	....	....
Hamilton	13	....	....
Frye	....	394	....
Nelson Morris, Chicago	92	....	....
Swift, from country	64	....	....
St. Louis U. S. Y. Co.	10	....	....
Other buyers	148	....	....
Totals	2,236	3,422	2,433

Receipts for the month of March were:

	1897.	1896.
Hogs	110,628	85,697
Cattle	52,917	37,812
Sheep	77,300	17,884
Horses	554	976

Receipts for the month of March for term of years were:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
March, 1897	52,917	110,628	77,300
March, 1896	37,812	85,697	17,884
March, 1895	40,730	98,875	21,658
March, 1894	66,396	148,634	21,151
March, 1893	74,440	96,417	37,195
March, 1892	61,165	102,334	20,071
March, 1891	49,923	145,223	16,351
March, 1890	55,980	75,351	18,211

It will be noted that the receipts of cattle for the past month were the largest since 1894, and the same was true of hogs, while the receipts of sheep were the largest on record.

CATTLE—Receipts were not large for the middle of the week, only ninety-one cars being reported in. While there were a few right good cattle here, better than anything seen here in some time, the bulk of the offerings consisted of common to fair stuff.

The market on beeves was active, under the influence of the good demand and moderate receipts, at an advance of 10c over yesterday's market. The buyers all seemed to want cattle and they were not long in effecting a clearance. One bunch of white faces sold up to $4.85, the best price paid on this market in some time.

Cows and heifers also sold at strong prices and the demand being active the pens were soon cleared.

The market on stockers and feeders was strong and active, and salesmen met with very little difficulty in disposing of their holdings. Representative sales:

NATIVES.

BEEF STEERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	1050	$3 75	3	853	$4 00	25	1244	$4 20
1	980	3 75	1	1220	4 00	18	1295	4 25
9	1096	3 80	2	840	4 00	14	1180	4 25
1	1110	3 80	2	985	4 05	1	1250	4 30
2	1110	3 80	1	1170	4 10	23	1246	4 30
1	1130	3 80	1	940	4 10	43	1066	4 40
49	930	3 90	21	988	4 10	6	1300	4 40
1	1110	3 90	5	1204	4 10	18	1348	4 40
1	830	3 90	7	1011	4 10	41	1391	4 45
13	1183	3 90	24	1215	4 10	12	1484	4 70
23	1174	3 95	55	1204	4 15	16	1325	4 75
19	1361	4 00	32	1281	4 15	18	1535	4 75
13	1038	4 00	38	1294	4 20	19	1533	4 85

COWS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	830	1 25	1	900	2 85	1	1440	3 25
1	930	2 00	1	930	2 90	10	1038	3 25
1	1130	2 25	2	930	2 90	8	1150	3 30
1	810	2 25	4	1077	2 95	18	1000	3 30
1	970	2 25	2	1110	3 00	2	1315	3 35
2	865	2 25	1	1110	3 00	4	1157	3 35
2	785	2 35	1	990	3 00	3	1250	3 35
1	950	2 40	3	1200	3 00	2	1010	3 35
1	880	2 40	1	1020	3 00	8	1266	3 40
1	820	2 40	3	1016	3 00	1	1100	3 40
3	1043	2 50	2	705	3 00	2	1185	3 40
1	770	2 50	2	1625	3 00	1	930	3 40
1	880	2 50	9	1011	3 05	11	1055	3 40
2	1175	2 50	1	950	3 10	3	1156	3 40
1	820	2 50	10	886	3 10	15	1034	3 45
2	1010	2 55	2	1240	3 15	1	1310	3 50
11	1137	2 60	2	1070	3 15	4	1037	3 50
2	1075	2 60	3	996	3 20	20	1122	3 50
1	1120	2 65	1	910	3 20	3	1070	3 50
1	980	2 65	7	1018	3 20	6	1258	3 60
1	1040	2 65	1	900	3 25	1	1290	3 60
3	1033	2 65	2	1090	3 25	2	1245	3 75
4	950	2 70	1	770	3 25	4	1050	3 75
1	900	2 70	1	1120	3 25	1	920	3 75
3	1063	2 75	1	1270	3 25	2	1190	3 85
1	1080	2 80						

HEIFERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	670	1 75	7	480	3 25	1	870	3 70
1	700	2 25	1	750	3 25	6	615	3 70
1	800	2 25	20	850	3 50	1	720	3 70
1	510	2 50	8	725	3 50	9	863	3 75
11	863	3 00	14	780	3 55	15	1036	3 85
6	908	3 05	2	680	3 60	3	526	3 85
1	650	3 15	1	680	3 70	34	462	4 10
4	767	3 20						

BULLS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	1390	1 90	1	1380	2 75	1	1390	2 90
1	1410	2 25	2	1795	2 80	1	1160	3 00
1	850	2 30	1	1420	2 85	1	1270	3 00
1	1220	2 50	1	1630	2 85	1	1150	3 10
1	1470	2 50	1	1280	2 85	3	1146	3 10
1	1280	2 50	1	1340	2 85	1	1870	3 25
4	1410	2 60	1	1290	2 90	1	1310	3 30
1	1280	2 65	20	1578	2 90	1	1110	3 35
1	1830	2 65	1	1840	2 90	1	980	3 65
1	1230	2 75						

STAGS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	1490	3 00	1	1060	3 50	1	1290	3 50

CALVES.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	280	4 00	1	320	4 40	1	120	5 50
23	363	4 05	7	188	4 75	1	140	5 50
2	345	4 10	1	130	5 50	2	225	5 50

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	750	3 25	1	710	3 80	28	821	4 25
1	450	3 25	1	1070	3 85	7	731	4 25
1	880	3 35	1	750	3 90	5	536	4 25
1	750	3 35	11	675	4 00	1	560	4 30
1	1030	3 40	7	1038	4 05	48	891	4 35
1	980	3 45	1	1000	4 10	3	833	4 35
23	1078	3 50	21	662	4 10	4	582	4 40
1	830	3 50	13	676	4 10	2	445	4 40
1	660	3 50	18	1123	4 10	4	700	4 40
1	700	3 75	10	1151	4 10	8	457	4 40
40	981	3 80	7	714	4 25	22	475	4 40

WESTERNS.

46 steers......1255 4 10

IDAHO.

2 feeders.... 750 3 00 | 39 feeders.... 810 4 40
19 feeders.... 930 4 40

OREGON.

1 bull........1150 2 00 | 3 feeders.... 570 3 00
1 bull........1250 2 00 | 1 feeder.....1180 3 00
1 heifer...... 430 2 80 | 27 feeders.... 650 4 25
4 feeders.... 825 3 00 | 66 feeders.... 693 4 35

HOGS—Hogs opened strong to 5c higher, and as every one wanted hogs the movement was active. The most of the hogs sold on the opening market. Later on, when the second reports arrived from Chicago, the market eased off and closed slow, with the advance lost.

The early sales were largely at $3.90@3.95, as against $3.85@3.90 yesterday. The market today was back very nearly where it was a week ago, the average of all the sales being only about 2c lower than on last Wednesday, and less than 10c under the extreme high point. A year ago today the average price paid for hogs on this market was $3.60. Representative sales:

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
27	240	...	$3 85	53	297	...	$3 90
16	319	...	3 85	70	277	80	3 90
61	269	80	3 87½	76	281	80	3 90
74	264	80	3 87½	27	264	40	3 90
55	340	...	3 87½	63	256	...	3 92½
68	294	120	3 90	76	244	...	3 92½
64	277	80	3 90	68	237	...	3 92½
61	271	...	3 90	73	243	...	3 92½
61	295	80	3 90	56	328	200	3 92½
61	286	...	3 90	70	228	...	3 92½
69	285	...	3 90	56	280	...	3 92½
95	160	...	3 90	64	231	...	3 92½
27	250	...	3 90	68	237	80	3 92½
65	293	...	3 90	66	275	...	3 92½
49	279	...	3 90	72	237	...	3 95
63	270	...	3 90	89	241	80	3 95
32	260	...	3 90	71	278	80	3 95
12	288	...	3 90	63	284	...	3 95
58	341	...	3 90	89	238	...	3 95
22	228	...	3 90	61	213	...	3 95
44	332	40	3 90	61	271	...	3 95
60	264	...	3 90	71	266	...	3 95
51	312	...	3 90	22	240	...	3 95
49	268	80	3 90	59	236	...	3 95
60	259	60	3 90	73	246	...	3 95
50	326	80	3 90	62	248	...	3 95
71	241	40	3 90	64	270	...	3 95
72	240	80	3 90				

PIGS—ODDS AND ENDS.

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
3	273	...	3 00	6	263	...	3 85
1	420	80	3 25	4	227	...	3 85
1	420	80	3 25	6	285	...	3 85
1	420	...	3 75	5	414	...	3 85
1	400	...	3 75	6	210	...	3 87½
2	370	...	3 75	1	200	...	3 87½
2	420	80	3 80	2	210	...	3 87½
4	232	...	3 85	2	215	...	3 90

SHEEP—The sheep market was fully steady and active, the offerings meeting with ready sale. Representative sales:

No.		Av.	Pr.
10	western ewes	106	$2 50
1093	western ewes	84	3 50
5	western lambs	80	3 75
83	western ewes	121	3 75
102	western ewes	117	3 75
20	western lambs	62	4 00
4	western wethers	117	4 00
160	western wethers	109	4 25
94	western wethers		4 10
94	western wethers	109	4 25
387	western mixed	104	4 25
133	western lambs	63	4 60
125	western lambs	78	4 90
1	western lamb	100	5 00
78	western lambs	78	4 90

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Cattle and Hogs About Steady—Sheep Strong and Lambs in Demand.

CHICAGO, March 31.—Choice beeves were strong to 10c higher per 100 lbs., and other descriptions remained steady. Trade was active on a basis of from $3.70 to $4 for the poorest lots of native dressed beef steers, $4.25 to $4.50 for fair and medium grades, $4.60 to $5 for good to choice export cattle and $5.10 to $5.50 for strictly choice to fancy export steers. The bulk of the offerings sold at from $4.25 to $5. Stockers and feeders sold largely at from $3.65 to $4.25. Bulls sold very well at a wide range of prices, the bulk fetching from $2.50 to $3.25. Calves were in demand at from $3 to $5.80 for poor to choice, with fancy calves around $5.90 and $6. Texas fed steers sold largely at from $3.70 to $4.40.

Trade in hogs started off actively at strong to 2½c higher. Later on the market weakened and the day's business was closed at about yesterday's figures. Sales were at from $3.80 to $4 for rough to good heavy packing, with a few prime 280-lb. hogs selling up to $4.20. The bulk of the hogs brought from $4 to $4.15.

In sheep prices remained strong, with moderate offerings. Lambs were in demand at from around $3.50 and $3.75 for a few poor lots up to from $5.20 to $5.50 for good to choice. Most of the western brought from $4.40 to $5.25. Sheep were saleable at from $3.25 to $5 for common to prime flocks, rams selling at from $3 to $3.60. Good feeding lambs sold readily at from $4.50 to $4.70.

Receipts: Cattle, 11,000 head; hogs, 24,000 head; sheep, 12,000 head.

WEEKLY PACKING HOUSE OUTPUT.

Returns for March Exceed All Records and Stocks Increase Greatly.

CINCINNATI, O., March 31.—(Special Telegram.)—Tomorrow's Price Current will say: Packing for the week has been 265,000 hogs, compared with 275,000 the preceding week and 250,000 last year, making 1,310,000 since March 1, against 1,125,000 a year ago. The past month has exceeded any previous record for March. Final returns show 6,945,000 hogs for the past winter's packing in the west, with an average weight of 244.8 pounds. Western stocks March 1: 359,000,000 pounds of meats and 356,000 tierces of lard, against 257,000,000 pounds of meats and 176,000 tierces of lard a year ago. Prominent places now compare as follows, from March 1:

Cities.	1897.	1896.
Chicago	430,000	395,000
Kansas City	210,000	160,000
Omaha	108,000	80,000
St. Louis	110,000	90,000
Indianapolis	40,000	31,000
Cincinnati	57,000	47,000
Milwaukee	49,000	60,000
Cedar Rapids	25,000	9,000
Ottumwa	33,000	20,000
St. Joseph	12,000	13,000
Sioux City	16,000	16,000
St. Paul	12,000	17,000

Kansas City Live Stock.

KANSAS CITY, March 31.—CATTLE—Receipts, 6,500 head; shipments, 2,800 head. Market steady to strong; Texas steers, $3.00@4.65; Texas cows, $2.50@3.60; native steers, $3.25@5.10; native cows and heifers, $1.50@4.00; stockers and feeders, $2.40@4.70; bulls, $2.90@4.75.

HOGS—Receipts, 12,000 head; shipments, 300 head. Market weak to 5c lower; bulk of sales, $3.80@3.90; heavies, $3.85@3.15; packers, $3.75@3.90; mixed, $3.80@3.95; lights, $3.70@3.90; Yorkers, $3.85@3.90; pigs, $3.60@3.69.

SHEEP—Receipts, 4,000 head; shipments, 1,400 head. Market strong.

St. Louis Live Stock.

ST. LOUIS, March 31.—CATTLE—Receipts, 2,500 head. Market active and generally 10c higher within the range quoted; fancy export steers, $5.20@5.40; native shipping steers, $4.20@5.10; steers under 1,000 pounds, $3.65@4.35; stockers and feeders, $2.85@4.35; cows and heifers, $2.10@4.25; Texas steers, $3.10@4.40; cows and heifers, $2.10@3.10.

HOGS—Receipts, 6,000 head. Market active and strong; light, $3.95@4.00; heavy, $3.70@4.70.

SHEEP—Receipts, 2,000 head. Market steady and unchanged; native muttons, $3.65@4.50; lambs, $4.40@5.50; Texas sheep, $3.00@3.75.

New York Live Stock.

NEW YORK, March 31.—BEEVES—Receipts, 1,047 head; native steers, $4.10@5.00; stags and oxen, $1.75@4.90; bulls, $2.60@3.60; dry cows, $1.70@3.40. Cables quote American steers 11@11⅝c; sheep, 9@10c; refrigerator beef, 10@10⅛c; exports, 3,960 quarters of beef.

SHEEP—Receipts, 6,900 head; sales, 4,000 head; best lambs slightly firmer; sheep, quiet at $4.50@4.37½; lambs, $6.00@6.75.

HOGS—Receipts, 5,587 head; firmer at $4.20@4.60.

Stock in Sight.

Record of receipts of live stock at the four principal markets for March 31.

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Omaha	2,224	3,502	2,439
Chicago	11,000	24,000	12,000
Kansas City	6,500	12,000	4,000
St. Louis	2,500	6,000	3,000
Totals	22,224	45,502	21,439

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Bee	259¾	212	256½	285¼	297¼	187¾
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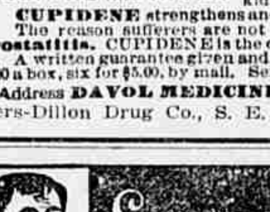

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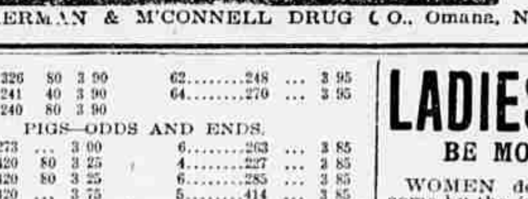

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