COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Wheat Drops After it Was Thought the Bottom Was Reached.

GOES DOWN NEARLY TWO CENTS

Wheat Cables the Prime Cause, Followed by General Liquidation—Corn and Oats Fall in Sympathy.

CHICAGO, April 9.—It was supposed that Wednesday's decline of 3⅜c marked the bottom of the descent which has played havoc with wheat prices lately. This was proven erroneous today by a decline of 1⅞c from yesterday's price, May closing at 64⅞c, the lowest price in many months. Weak cables started the rumpus and heavy liquidation kept it going. Corn and oats were weak in sympathy, declining ⅝c and ⅝c respectively. Provisions, on the contrary, were firm and scored advances ranging from 2½c to 10c.

Liverpool disappointed the wheat traders at the opening by quoting a decline of ¾d per cental in derision of Chicago's tip of the day before that the decline had gone far enough. That caused starting prices here to show a drop of from ⅜c to ⅝c per bushel; May commenced at 66⅜c this morning and July at from 65¾c to 66⅛c. For about twenty minutes the tendency was downward, until at 66c the price for both months came together. That amalgamation of the quotations did not last over two or three minutes, however, and when they separated it was found that July had changed places with May, inasmuch as during an advance of 1c per bushel in May, which began after touching 66c, it led July by a little over ⅜c, for when May touched 67c, July could not be sold for more than 66½@66⅝c. The highest quotations referred to were made about 11 o'clock, and by 11:45 the prices were down again to 66⅝c for May and 66c for July. The advance was caused by a fresh batch of Kansas crop damage reports, and the strength of the St. Louis market, from where they were sent. Minneapolis and Duluth received 361 cars, against 289 last week and the same number a year ago. The large export business reported yesterday—900,000 bu.—was received with considerable suspicion by traders. The Liverpool Corn Trade News reported the decrease in European stocks and quantity afloat from March 1 to April 1 at 5,500,000 bu., which was much too small a diminution to be considered other than bearish. About 12 o'clock a stampede of holders commenced, which in fifteen minutes tumbled the price of May to 64½c. Closing cables were no weaker than those received earlier in the day, and the only cause for this fresh break, which threw everything into demoralization again, was the inviting field for short selling, which a market so devoid of support from outside speculation displayed. The break was partly due to the closing out of about 3,500,000 bu. of long wheat held for New York speculation. Numerous orders to stop long wheat losses at 65c contributed to the drop below that point. The closing price for May was 64⅞c and for July 64½c. The latter sold as low as 64⅜c.

Corn ruled weak, offerings to arrive being liberal and the demand rather slack. There was increased May liquidation and trading became heavy when stop orders were reached. Cables were better, but the influence of the wheat break was too strong to be moved. Exports were large again—738,000 bu. May opened a shade lower at 23½c. It sold as low as 22⅞c and closed weak at 22⅞@23c.

Shorts were good sellers of oats, and, with the assistance of quite heavy liquidation by the "long" element on stop orders, created a very weak market. Buying was urgent, nevertheless, and especially by the elevators was large. The weakness in corn and wheat, and prospects of large receipts were features of the decline. Exports amounted to 267,000 bu. May opened about unchanged at 16½@16⅝c, declined to 15⅞c and closed with sellers at 15⅞@16c.

Provisions opened strong and higher on a better hog market at the yards. Packers were the best buyers, Armour being reported as a large buyer of cash ribs, which ruled at July prices. Cash trade generally was reported good, both here and at outside packing points. Good support was given the market all through the session, and prices ruled firm. At the close May pork was about 10c higher at $8.20; May lard about 5c higher at $4.12½, and May ribs about 7½c higher at $4.55@4.57½.

Estimated receipts for Saturday: Wheat, 8 cars; corn, 145 cars; oats, 185 cars; hogs, 10,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yest'y.
*Wheat—					
April..	66	66⅜	64⅛	64½	66⅜
May...	66⅜	67½	64½	64⅞	66¾
July...	65¾@⅛	66½@⅝	64⅜	64½	66⅜@⅝
Sept...	64⅞-65	65⅝	63¾	63¾@⅞	65¼@⅜
*Corn—					
April..	23¼	23¼	22½	22⅞@¾	23¼@⅜
May....	23½	23½	22¾	22⅞-23	23½@⅝
July....	24⅞	24⅞	24⅛	24¼@⅜	24⅞-25
Sept...	26¼	26¼	25⅛	25⅝	26¼@⅜
*Oats—					
May....	16½@⅝	16⅝	15⅞	15⅞-16	16⅝
July....	17¾	17¾	17⅛	17⅛	17¾
Sept....	18½	18½	18¼	18¼@⅜	18⅝
Pork—					
May....	8 20	8 25	8 17½	8 20	8 12½
July....	8 32½	8 32½	8 27½	8 32½	8 22½
Lard—					
May....	4 10	4 12½	4 10	4 12½	4 10
July....	4 22½	4 22½	4 20	4 22½	4 20
Sh't Ribs—					
May....	4 52½	4 57½	4 52½	4 57½	4 47½
July....	4 52½	4 57½	4 52½	4 57½	4 50

* No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Quiet; 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@3.30.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 64½@65⅝c; No. 2 red, 80½@81½c.

CORN—No. 2, 22⅞@23c; No. 2 yellow, 22½c.

OATS—No. 2, f. o. b., 16c; No. 2 white, 20½@22c; No. 3 white, f. o. b., 20½c.

RYE—No. 2, 30c.

BARLEY—No. 2, nominal; No. 3, 27@31c; No. 4, 26c.

FLAXSEED—No. 1, 72c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.62½@2.65.

PROVISIONS—Pork, mess, per bbl., $8.15@8.20. Lard, per 100 lbs., $4.10@4.12½. Bacon, short ribs sides (loose), $4.40@4.65. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $5.12½@5.50; short clear sides (boxed), $4.62½@4.75.

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

SUGAR—Cut loaf, $5.64; granulated, $5.01.

The following were the receipts and shipments today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.	7,000	4,000
Wheat, bu.	2,000	88,000
Corn, bu.	142,000	24,000
Oats, bu.	213,000	113,000
Rye, bu.	3,000	
Barley, bu.	26,000	5,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was steady; creamery, 14@18c; dairy, 9@16c. Eggs, firm; fresh, 8⅛c. Cheese, firm; 10½@10¾c. Dressed poultry, firm; turkeys, 9c; chickens, 8c; ducks, 9@10c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, April 9.—FLOUR—Receipts, 14,467 bbls.; exports, 10,452 bbls.; opened steady, but was weak, followed by a later break in wheat; winter straights, $4.00@4.15; Minnesota patents, $3.85@4.16; Minnesota bakers, $3.35@3.60. Rye flour, steady. Cornmeal, steady.

BARLEY—Steady at 26c.

BARLEY MALT—Dull; western, 45@54c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 12,875 bu.; exports, 15,296 bu.; spot, weak; No. 2 red, 75⅝c; No. 3 hard, winter, 71⅝c. Options opened weak under disappointing cables, rallied sharply on bad crop news, but collapsed in the afternoon under extensive liquidation, general discouragement and weak late cables; closed 1⅜@2c lower; No. 2 red, May, 71 3-16@72 15-16c, closed 71⅝c.

CORN—Receipts, 64,687 bu.; exports, 31,819 bu.; spot, weak; No. 2, 28⅝c. Options opened easy and sold off during the day with wheat and under local unloading closed at a ⅛c decline; April closed at 28½c; May, 28⅜@29c, closed 28⅜c.

OATS—Receipts, 66,000 bu.; exports, 61,243 bu.; spot, quiet; May, 21@21⅛c, closed 21c.

HAY—Quiet; shipping, 65@55½c; good to choice, 72½@75c.

HIDES—Firm, but quiet; western, 20 to 25 lbs., 14c; Buenos Ayres, 15½@16c; Texas, 11c; California, 16½c.

HOPS—Quiet; state, common to choice, 1895 crop, 2½@6c; 1896 crop, 5@10½c.

LEATHER—Firm; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavy, 20@21c.

BUTTER—Receipts, 3,248 pkgs.; western, 15@20c; Elgins, 20c; factory, 8@13c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 853 pkgs.; market quiet; state, large, 9@12½c; state, small, 9@12½c; part skims, 5@8c; full skims, 2½@3c.

EGGS—Receipts, 10,991 pkgs.; market steady; state and western, 9¾@10c; Pennsylvania, 9¼c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady; packet, $8.50@9.50. Cut meats, steady; pickled bellies, $5.50; pickled hams, $9.00@9.50. Lard, steady; western steam, $4.35; May, $4.40. Pork, steady; mess, $9.00@9.25. Tallow, steady.

OILS—Cottonseed, steadier; prime, 20c asked; yellow, 22½@23c. Petroleum, weak; United closed with no price given; Pennsylvania crude, steady; May, 87½c bid; sales, none. Rosin, steady; strained, common to good, $1.65@1.67½. Turpentine, firm at 29¾@30c.

RICE—Steady at 4½@6¼c; Japan, 4⅝@4⅞c.

MOLASSES—Steady; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 23@30c.

METALS—Pig iron, easy; southern, $10.00@11.00; northern, $10.50@12.50. Copper, easy; brokers, $11.50; exchange, $11.50. The lead market closed dull and weak at the decline, with spot lots quoted by the exchange at $3.30@3.32½. Leading brokers quote lead at $3.30.

Cotton Markets.

NEW YORK, April 9.—COTTON—Spots, firm; middling, 7 7-16c; middling, uplands, 7 7-16c; middling, gulf, 7 11-16c; sales, 8,425 bales. Futures, quiet; sales, 110,000 bales; January, $6.89; February, $6.98; April, $7.05; May, $7.09; June, $7.13; July, $7.18; August, $7.10; October, $6.81; December, $6.85. The market opened steady at 2 to 5 points higher on favorable Liverpool cables and reports of heavy rain in southern Mississippi valley. Selling by commission houses and Liverpool broke the market 3 to 4 points after the call, but the market steadied soon after on rumors of heavy sales of spot cotton. At 11 a. m. the market was steady at a net advance of 10 to 20 points, with sales of 5,000 bales.

NEW ORLEANS, April 9.—COTTON—Firm; middling, 7⅛c.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Bulk of sales, 7@7½c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 9@10c; choice to fancy roll, 12@14c; separator creamery, 21c; gathered creamery, 18c.

GAME—Blue winged teal ducks, $1.50; green wing, $1.25; redheads and mallards, $2.50@2.75; canvasbacks, $3.00; Canada geese, large, $5.00@6.00; small, $2.00@3.00.

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

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 6@6½c; cocks, 3@5c.

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

HAY—Upland, $4.50; midland, $3.50; lowland, $3.00; rye straw, $2.50; 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., $1.75.

CAULIFLOWER—Per crate, $3.00@4.00.

ASPARAGUS—Per lb., 15c.

SPINACH—Per bu. box, $1.00; per basket, 75c.

TOMATOES—Per 7-basket crate, $5.00.

WATER CRESS—Per 16-qt. crate, $1.75.

PIE PLANT—Illinois, 50-lb. boxes, $1.25@1.50.

TURNIPS—Per bbl., $1.50.

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

RADISHES—Per doz., 30c.

LETTUCE—Per doz., 20c.

WAX BEANS—Bu. boxes, $3.50.

ONIONS—Per doz., 20@30c.

PARSLEY—Per doz., 25c.

BERMUDA ONIONS—Per crate, $4.50.

SWEET POTATOES—Fancy Illinois, per bbl., $1.75; seed, $1.25@1.50.

ONIONS—Good stock, per bu., $1.25@1.50.

LIMA BEANS—Per lb., 3c.

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

CABBAGE—California, $1.75.

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

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

FRUITS.

STRAWBERRIES—Texas, per 24-qt. cases, $5.00; Louisiana, 24 pints, $2.50.

MALAGA GRAPES—Per keg, $7.00.

CRANBERRIES—Per crate, $1.50.

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

TROPICAL FRUIT.

ORANGES—California navels, 150s to 200s, $3.75; large sizes, $3.15@3.50; seedlings, $2.25@2.65; Mediterranean sweets, fancy, $3.00; choice, $2.50@2.75.

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, 2⅞c; tallow, No. 2, 2c; grease, white A, 3c; grease, white B, 2c; grease, yellow, 2c; grease, dark, 1¾c; 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@3c; dead pulled, 5@6c.

BONES—In car lots, weighed and delivered in Chicago: Dry Buffalo, per ton, $12@14; dry country, bleached, per ton, $10@12; dry country, damp and meaty, per ton, $6@8.

FRESH MEATS.

DRESSED BEEF—Good native steers, 400 to 600 lbs., 6½c; good forequarters steers, 5½c; good hindquarters, 8½c; western steers, 6¼c; fancy heifers, 6½c; 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, 4½c; cow chucks, 4c; boneless chucks, 4½c; cow plates, 3½c; steer plates, 4c; flank steak, 6c; loins, No. 1, 14c; loins, No. 2, 12c; loins, No. 3, 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. 3, 7c; steer rounds, 6c; cow rounds, 5¾c; cow rounds, shank off, 7c; cow rounds, shank and rump off, 7½c; trimmings, 4c; beef shanks, 2½c; brains per doz., 35c; sweetbreads per lb., 12c; sweetbreads (calves), per lb., 40c; kidneys, per doz., 45c; ox tails, each, 3c; livers, per lb., 3c; hearts, per lb., 2c; tongues, per lb., 12c.

MUTTON—Lambs, 8c; yearlings, 7¾c; sheep, 7½c; market racks, long, 9c; hotel racks, short, 12c; legs and saddles, 9c; lamb legs, 10c; breasts and stews, 3c; tongues, each, 5c; plucks, each, 3c.

PORK—Dressed pigs, 5½c; dressed hogs, 5¼c; tenderloins, 14c; loins, 7½c; spare ribs, 5¼c; ham sausage, butts, 5½c; shoulders, rough, 5½c; shoulders, skinned, 5¾c; trimmings, 5c; leaf lard, not rendered, 5c; heads, cleaned, 4c; snouts and ears, 4c; backbones, 3c; cheek meats, 2½c; neck bones, 3c; pigs' tails, 3½c; plucks, each, 5c; chitterlings, 5c; hocks, 4c; hearts, per doz., 25c; stomachs, each, 3c; tongues, each, 7c; kidneys, per doz., 10c; brains, per doz., 15c; pigs' feet, per doz., 20c; livers, each, 3c.

CONDITION OF THE WOOL MARKET.

Sales Are Less Than Last Week, Due to Sellers Holding Back.

BOSTON, April 9.—The American Wool and Cotton Reporter says of the wool trade: The wool market may be characterized as somewhat less excited than the week before, but it can nevertheless be described as active and firm. The lessened activity may be ascribed to two causes, smaller offerings and the uncertainty attending the retroactive clause in the new tariff bill. In a word, it is not that the dealers cannot sell wool, but that they will not. Quotations appear to have reached the point where the manufacturers have become conservative. Many of them are fond of letting the fact be known that they have got at least a year's supply of wool on hand, evidently with the hope that by so doing they can stem the current of rising quotations. At any rate, they have not been in the market the past week in quite such full numbers as previously. A constant diminution is taking place in the offerings of territory wools. These wools are now being bought on the sheep's back with great eagerness by not a few persons, and it is predicted that in their excitement the buyers will eventually allow themselves to pay unduly high figures. Scoured and pulled wools continue active, although sales are greatly reduced compared with a week ago. The demand for foreign wools continues brisk, large sales of Australian greasy Capes and South American crossbreds being noted. Good sales of foreign scoured are also reported. Sales in Boston the past week aggregate 8,526,000 pounds, 4,170,000 pounds being domestic and 4,356,000 pounds foreign, compared with a total of 12,839,000 pounds last week. Sales in Boston, New York and Philadelphia for the week aggregate 12,739,400 pounds, 5,898,500 pounds being domestic and 6,840,900 pounds foreign. Sales since January 1, 151,071,000 pounds, compared with 61,540,515 pounds last year.

The Boston Commercial Bulletin will say tomorrow of the wool market: "The demand has dropped off and the market is quiet. Prices are, however, stronger than ever. There is a great scarcity of medium wool. Super-pulled wools have advanced 3c, the scoured pound, to 5c. The purchases for the United States in the London auction just closed are more than double all previous purchases. They aggregate 100,000 bales. Wool is largely held out of the market for an advance and western growers are declining to contract further for wool on the sheep's backs. The sales of the week are 3,906,000 lbs. domestic and 2,928,000 lbs. foreign, against 5,108,000 lbs. domestic and 5,690,000 lbs. foreign for the same week last year. The sales to date show an increase of 29,659,800 lbs. domestic and 20,802,400 lbs. foreign from the sales to the same date in 1896. The receipts to date show an increase of 15,298 bales domestic and 76,196 bales foreign."

NEW YORK, April 9.—WOOL—Firm.

ST. LOUIS, April 9.—WOOL—Steady.

Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, April 9.—WHEAT—Good grades steady early, closing weak; low grades lower throughout; No. 2 hard, 75c; No. 3, 69@72c, latter for special billing; No. 4, 60c; No. 2 red, 93c; No. 3, 87@91c; No. 4, 70@80c; No. 2 spring, 73@76c; No. 3, 69@72c.

CORN—Market about steady, rather quiet; No. 2 mixed, 21@22c, latter for special billing.

OATS—Market firm, fairly active; No. 2 white, 19@22c.

RYE—Market steady; No. 2, 31c.

HAY—Market firm and unchanged; timothy, $8.50@9.00; prairie, $5.50@6.00.

BUTTER—Creamery slow and weak; southern stock strong; creamery, 16c; dairy, 10@14c.

EGGS—Market firm and in better demand; strictly fresh, 7½c; cases included, 8¼c.

Sugar Markets.

LONDON, April 9.—SUGAR—Beet, April 8s 9d. Cane, Muscovado, 10s 2½d; centrifugal, 10s 6d.

NEW YORK, April 9.—SUGAR—Raw, dull; fair refining, 3c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3⅜c. Refined, dull; crushed, 6c; powdered, 5c; granulated, 4⅞c.

STATISTICS OF FAILURES

Figures for the First Quarter in 1897 Carefully Compiled.

GIVE ROOM FOR MUCH ENCOURAGEMENT

Returns, Compared with Those of Three Previous Years, Disclose Considerable Improvement and a Bright Prospect.

NEW YORK, April 9.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade will say:

Out of 4,006 failures with liabilities of $60,572,561 in the first quarter, seventy-four banking failures covered more than a fifth of the amount, $12,744,650, and 3,345 failures, with liabilities of $35,947,892, or nearly three-fifths, are classified this week, according to branches of business, leaving only 587 failures, and less than a fifth of the liabilities, $12,000,019, in branches of manufacture or trade not specified. Only two of the thirteen manufacturing classes, and only four of thirteen trading classes show liabilities for the quarter larger than la t year, an l only th e manufacturing and three trading show larger average liabilities. For the month of March, only three manufacturing and three trading classes show larger amounts than last year, and only two manufacturing and five trading show a larger average of liabilities. In almost every case, also, it is shown that the increase is due to one or two exceptionally large failures in that class. The returns, compared with those of three previous years disclose much improvement already, and a bright prospect for more hereafter.

A sudden collapse in the wheat market, exceeding 3 cents in a day, appears to have no other cause than a belated perception that past accepted estimates of yield and consumption, official and otherwise, have been misleading. Floods and other unfavorable weather for seeding have no weight. Expectation of great scarcity and high prices burst like a bubble, and for a time the only support was the taking of profits by speculators for a fall. Receipts have not warranted hopes of a great advantage, nor do they now warrant much expectation of a decline. Western receipts are smaller than last year, and Atlantic exports not large, though over 60 per cent larger than a year ago.

Corn receipts continue heavy and exports for the week were 2,323,237 bushels, against 1,142,710 bushels last year, and against Atlantic exports of wheat, amounting, flour included, to only 1,521,122 bushels, against 967,553 bushels last year.

In spite of floods, which must have materially affected the prospect, cotton has only advanced an eighth during the week. The fate of those who were absolutely certain that the crop of 1896 was very short has left but little confidence for further speculation. Receipts thus far still indicate a supply of American considerably greater than has ever been consumed in one year, but uncertainty about the coming crop induces much buying. The demand for cotton goods does not increase, although sales of fair magnitude continue, but printing cloths are dull.

Speculation in wool has been checked by the possibility that duties may take effect April 1, and some large shipments from abroad have been countermanded, while traders here are less disposed to sell. But trading between dealers makes up more than half the sales of 12,739,400 pounds for the week, and since sales in six weeks at three markets have been 76,464,600 pounds, it is not improbable that many mills have, as is claimed, a full year's supply. The demand for men's goods has diminished, the first round of purchases having been completed by many buyers, with results fairly encouraging and the demand for dress goods, especially of the lower grades, has caused an advance of 5 per cent, in some lines.

The iron industry is hampered by the contest between Mesaba ore interests, which prevents as yet any settlement of ore prices, and leads many to expect further decline in finished products. The Illinois steel works, the Lake Erie works at Cleveland, and the works of Oliver & Co. and Byers & Co., at Pittsburg, are stopped by labor difficulties, and some furnaces have stopped because the production of pig had outrun the demand for finished products and heavy stocks remained unsold. Bessemer, at Pittsburg, for pig brings only $10, and Gray forge only $8.75, the lowest on record, but no quotable decline is seen in finished products, and nails are strong.

WEEKLY CLEARING HOUSE TOTALS.

Aggregate of Business Transactions of the Associated Banks.

NEW YORK, April 9.—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:

CITIES.	Clearings.	Inc.	Dec.
New York	$ 561,219,025	7.6	
Chicago	74,483,267		3.3
Boston	106,606,214	4.1	
Philadelphia	70,225,197	19.1	
St. Louis	24,208,407	5.6	
San Francisco	11,925,516	2.5	
Baltimore	16,085,063		20.9
Pittsburg	15,406,094	2.6	
Cincinnati	13,155,450	3.1	
Kansas City	10,769,428	14.5	
New Orleans	7,243,12[illegible]		13.3
Buffalo	3,796,698		11.2
Milwaukee	4,742,511	20.3	
Detroit	5,032,608		8.8
Louisville	6,511,491	14.6	
Minneapolis	6,040,927		
OMAHA	4,174,469		2.8
Providence	5,637,890	9.5	
Cleveland	6,173,653	17.8	
Houston	5,625,896	27.7	
St. Paul	2,763,811		23.5
Denver	2,444,541		23.7
Indianapolis	4,246,475	1.0	
Columbus, O.	3,941,600	3.4	
Hartford	2,875,842	3.6	
Richmond	1,927,222		19.2
Washington	2,233,975	3.7	
Dallas	2,300,753	4.4	
St. Joseph	1,365,572	10.1	
Peoria	1,524,005		20.4
Memphis	1,974,655	31.0	
Portland, Ore.	1,122,892	13.1	
Rochester	1,573,354		4.3
New Haven	1,573,416	12.1	
Savannah	2,157,515	43.3	
Springfield, Mass.	1,382,241		13.2
Worcester	1,552,453	7.6	
Portland, Me.	1,531,350	10.8	
Atlanta	1,385,901	17.9	
Fort Worth	1,329,885		18.2
Waco	977,385		16.2
Syracuse	1,028,308	3.3	
Des Moines	1,142,598		4.2
Grand Rapids	724,984		4.3
Seattle	549,876	3.4	
Lowell	879,449	47.4	
Wilmington, Del.	710,361		2.0
Norfolk	883,535		5.2
Sioux City	586,962	13.7	
Los Angeles	1,366,661		6.2
Tacoma	464,595		3.5
Spokane	543,542	19.3	
Jacksonville	286,769		29.2
Lincoln	320,698	3.2	
New Bedford	486,332		9.1
Wichita	410,464		10.5
Birmingham	404,365		
Topeka	321,646	2.2	
Lexington, Ky.	320,154	5.9	
Binghamton	369,000	18.2	
Bay City, Mich.	179,162		21.8
Fall River	708,765		22.7
Akron, O.	275,300	16.5	
Springfield	147,705		29.3
Canton, O.	249,100	23.7	
Sioux Falls	29,732		51.8
Fremont	55,073		
Hastings, Neb.	80,215	31.1	
Chattanooga	271,000		1.4
Nashville	1,213,378	14.1	
Galveston	4,983,400	14.2	
Salt Lake	1,429,861	9.2	
Scranton	833,717		15.1
Augusta	917,231	21.7	
Dayton	718,087		17.2
Knoxville	484,418	8.7	
Kalamazoo	229,819	6.1	
Rockford	1,901,095	21.1	
Davenport	711,340		
Toledo	1,421,683	11.8	
Totals United States	$1,016,093,321	9.2	
Exclusive of New York	454,664,296	11.5	
DOMINION OF CANADA.			
Montreal	$ 11,918,724	60.7	
Toronto	7,320,074	37.1	
Halifax	1,310,481	37.7	
Hamilton	813,274	22.4	
Winnipeg	990,246	1.2	
St. Johns, N. B.	563,311		
Totals	$ 22,342,799	45.7	

REVIEW OF THE STOCK MARKET.

Week Has Been a Professional One and Exhibited Heaviness.

NEW YORK, April 9.—Bradstreet's Financial Review tomorrow will say:

Altogether the market has been a professional one, and at the beginning of the week exhibited further heaviness. Covering of shorts on an extensive scale set in on Wednesday and carried prices in many instances to a considerably better level. This movement was not attended by any very striking news, but would seem to be the result of overselling by the professional traders and their allies. The fact that the railroads did not justify the hopes of the bears in regard to their action upon the transmissouri decision and have studiously refrained from inaugurating any rate wars was, of course, an important factor in this connection, and it may also be observed that except in a few stocks like Jersey Central, where special reasons for liquidation existed, no large volume of investment stock came upon the market during the recent declines. Loosely held long stock was, however, forced out, but it is now evident that the short selling was upon a much more extensive scale than had been supposed, and as further unfavorable developments seemed far off, uneasiness on the part of professionals caused a general desire to close their contract on the bear side. But this disposition has doubtless been accelerated by manipulation on the part of some leaders of the bears, and it may be remarked that commission house buying, indicative of renewed public interest in the market has been lacking. The reduction of the Bank of England rate with the decline of the money markets, both in London and on the continent, pointing as they do, to decreased apprehensions that war will grow out of the Cretan question, was considered favorable factors. At the same time London has been inactive and shows little or no interest in our market.

BRADSTREET'S WEEKLY REVIEW.

Floods Have a Depressing Effect Generally Upon Business.

NEW YORK, April 9.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say:

The situation as a whole shows no gain. Staple lines are only fairly active. Overflows, washouts and floods continue to do great damage in the Mississippi and Missouri river valleys, through a portion of which the general trade remains practically at a standstill. Rainy weather extending from the central western to the northwestern spring wheat states has rendered country roads almost impassable, with the natural effect upon business. As the region threatened by floods includes the richest portion of the cotton belt, the prospect for delay in planting a second time indicates the possibility of a heavy reduction in acreage this year; hence the advance in cotton this week.

Pig iron, steel billets and cast iron pipe are lower in price and the demand for steel and iron is not as heavy as it has been, although the price of lake ore has been fixed at a low figure and an ore pool formed.

Wheat has continued a disappointment as to price, dropping nearly 4 cents a bushel on Bradstreet's report of an increase in the world's visible supply last week, instead of a decrease, as expected, due to a larger quantity of wheat in sight abroad.

Chicago has only about held its own, little if any improvement being reported in trade there. St. Louis, more dependent on traffic with the flooded region, reports a decrease in the volume of business. Jobbers at Omaha, St. Paul, Milwaukee and Portland, Ore., report a better demand, notably in dry goods, oils, paints, glass, shoes and leather. Prospective advances in the wool tariff are behind another rise in the price of wool and woolens, but cotton goods thus far fail to advance, because of the restricted production in meeting the current demand. Nearly all staples, except those mentioned as having advanced, have declined.

Exports of wheat (flour included) from both coasts of the United States and St. John, N. B., this week amount to 2,036,797 bushels, compared with 2,464,000 bushels last week, 1,764,000 bushels in the week a year ago, 1,955,000 bushels in the week two years ago, 2,934,000 bushels three years ago and contrasted with 2,948,000 bushels in the like week of 1893. Exports of Indian corn amount to 4,645,585 bushels this week, compared with 4,970,000 bushels last week and 1,391,000 bushels in the week a year ago, 814,000 bushels two years ago, 1,457,900 bushels three years ago and as contrasted with 908,000 bushels in the like week of 1893.

Business failures remain at the lower level recently reported, 232 this week, compared with 212 last week, 231 in the week a year ago, 225 two years ago and 211 three years ago. There are thirty-two business failures reported from the Canadian dominion this week, against thirty-eight last week, thirty in the week a year ago and twenty-six two years ago.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

More Animation is Observed on Wall Street Than on Recent Days.

NEW YORK, April 9.—Compared with the trading of some days of this week, there was considerable animation to business on the Stock exchange today, though the market has by no means attained large proportions yet. Nearly half the sales today were of Sugar and Chicago Gas, and the grangers and coalers took up a large part of the remaining half, so that the apparent increase in business was largely confined to a few stocks. The market opened with quite a marked upward tendency and as prices worked upwards there was a broadening in the scope of the buying. But a number of unfavorable influences developed and induced the traders to take their profits. This proved too much for the market and values sagged off, closing prices showing in most cases sharp net losses. There was quite a notable demand at one time during the day for the Vanderbilts, which have come to be looked upon of late as the first returning indication of an outside interest in the market. This was largely diminished as the market gave way to depression. Some of the buying of Sugar in the early part of the day seems to have been influenced by reports of protests against the sugar schedule of the tariff bill by foreign governments, the dealers in stocks apparently considering from this the tariff bill as a whole was likely to fail and to leave the sugar duties as at present. This is an example of the professional character of the dealings in Sugar and the manner in which the price has been manipulated. The selling to realize was large and affected the price not only of Sugar but helped to drive down prices in general. After touching 115 the price fell 1¾ per cent. Chicago Gas was almost as largely dealt in as Sugar and was strong nearly all day, closing at 82, as compared with 80½ at yesterday's close. The strength in local gas securities continued a feature also. Brooklyn Union rose 2¾ per cent, but reacted 1½ per cent. The course upwards of the grangers was checked by the renewed weakness in the wheat market and they fell off from ⅝ to a point. Missouri Pacific fell a point also while the decline in the railway list generally did not exceed a fraction. The realizing sales in Sugar also caused heavy liquidation in the coalers. Under the pressure of this New Jersey Central declined 2⅝ per cent, Delaware & Hudson 2¼ per cent and Reading 1¼ per cent, the latter on very heavy sales. Leather preferred held its own, losing a point, but recovering. The Rubber shares were strong on account of the failure of some competitors, the common rising 3½ per cent, afterwards losing the fraction, and the preferred gaining 1⅜ per cent and declined 1 per cent. The fall in wheat encouraged a renewal of short selling in many shares and the renewed liquidation in the coalers on account of the persistent depression in the coal business co-operated to drive prices down. The closing was weak, with the downward course unchecked.

The bond market maintained a fairly good tone, although some slight heaviness developed in a few of the active issues. Wisconsin Central first trust receipts were marked by changes and closing with a loss of 2 per cent. The changes either way in the balance of the market were light. The sales were $988,000. Government were neglected at the board, but displayed renewed strength and rose slightly or bid prices.

The Evening Post's London financial cablegram says: "The stock markets continued good today on cheap money. Gilt-edged stocks were naturally the best and were most affected by the change in the bank rate, the speculative markets being dampened by the approach of Easter, to say nothing of the unsettled political situation. The situation has been satisfactorily concluded. Americans were good, but the close was under the best. There was a disposition on the part of those who bought Americans after the elections to realize as soon as they can get a fair profit. Canadian Pacifics are bid in the street. About $200,000 in gold from the Cape have been bought for Japan and the continent at the previous price quoted. The Paris bourse opened firm, but closed dull. The Berlin market was steady."

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

Atchison	10⅜	do pfd	15¼
Adams Ex.	148	N. Y. Central	100⅝
Alton, T. H.	56	N. Y. & N. E.	37
Am. Express	111	Ontario & W.	13¼
Baltimore & Ohio	13⅛	Oregon Nav.	10
Canada Pacific	50	O. S. L. & U. N.	16
Canada Southern	47¼	Pacific Mail	26⅛
Central Pacific	8	Peoria, Dec. & E.	½
Ches. & Ohio	17	Pittsburg	162
Chicago & Alton	162	Pullman Palace	158⅛
C. B. & Q.	71⅝	Reading	20⅛
Chicago Gas	81⅞	R. G. W. pfd	12⅛
Consolidated Gas	160⅛	Rock Island	62¼
C., C., C. & St. L.	29¼	St. Paul	73
Colo. Coal & Iron	⅜	St. Paul pfd	132
Cotton Oil Cert.	10¾	St. Paul & Omaha	59⅛
Delaware & Hud.	103	St. P. & O. pfd	138
Del. Lack. & W.	152	Southern Pacific	14½
D. & R. G. pfd	38½	Sugar Refinery	113¼
East Tenn.	12⅜	Tenn. Coal & Iron	24¼
Erie	29½	Texas Pacific	8
Erie pfd	17	Union Pacific	5
Fort Wayne	162	U. S. Express	40
G. Northern pfd	119	W. St. L. & Pac.	5
C. & E. I. pfd	95	W. St. L. & P. pfd	12⅛
Hocking Valley	3½	Wells Fargo Ex.	100
Illinois Central	92	Western Union	81¼
St. P. & Duluth	18	Minn. & St. Louis	11
K. & T. pfd	27	Den. & R. G.	10
Lake Erie & West.	13½	Gen. Electric	31¼
do pfd	62	Nat'l Linseed	12
Lake Shore	165	Col. Fuel & I.	18
Lead Trust	23¾	do pfd	87
Louisville & N.	46	Tol. St. L. & K. C.	5½
L. & N. A.	¼	do pfd	18½
Manhattan Con.	85	Southern	8
Memphis & C.	15½	Southern pfd	26¼
Michigan Central	94	Tobacco	74½
Mo. Pacific	19	Tobacco pfd	103
Mobile & Ohio	66	Am. T. & C. Co.	87
N. J. Central	77	Am. Sugar pfd	102¾
N. & W. pfd	25⅜	Rubber	104⅛
North Am. Co.	3⅞	Rubber pfd	64
Northern Pacific	13⅛	Am. Spirits	12⅝
N. Pacific pfd	30¼	do pfd	32
U. P., D. & G.	¼	O. R. & N. 4s pfd	41
Northwestern	104⅛		

The total sales of stocks today were 195,434 shares, including: American Tobacco, 3,300; American Sugar, 43,200; Burlington, 9,100; Chicago Gas, 49,100; New York Central, 6,100; Omaha, 4,300; Reading, 11,400; Tennessee Coal and Iron, 3,000; New Jersey Central, 12,400.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, April 9.—Call loans, 2@3½ per cent; time loans, 3@4¼ per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F.	10½	Ed. Elec. Ill.	145
American Sugar	113⅜	Gen. Elec. pfd	73
Am. Sugar pfd	102½	Atchison 4s	80¼
Bay State Gas	4 11-16	New England 6s	113½
Bell Telephone	219½	Gen. Elec. 5s	94⅛
Boston & Maine	162	Wis. Cen. 1sts	32
C. B. & Q.	71⅝	do 4s	119½
Fitchburg	92½	Allouez Mining Co	90
General Electric	31¼	Atlantic	20
Illinois Steel	33	Boston & Montana	121½
Mexican Central	8	Butte & Boston	16⅜
Old Colony	177¾	Calumet & Hecla	375
Ore. Short Line	15½	Centennial	7⅛
Rubber	15	Franklin	10
San Diego	10	Kearsarge	16¾
Union Pacific	5⅛	Osceola	30¼
West End	71½	Quincy	19
West. Elec.	24	Tamarack	119
W. Elec. pfd	50	Wolverine	9
Wis. Central	1		

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, April 9.—4 p. m. closing:

Consols, m'y	112 9-16	Mexican ordinary	21¼
Consols, acc't	112⅝	St. Paul common	75⅛
Can. Pacific	51½	N. Y. Central	102½
Erie	13¾	Pennsylvania	53⅛
Erie 2nds	30⅜	Reading	10½
Ill. Central	94½	Mex. Cen. new 4s	69¼

BAR SILVER—28⅝d per ounce.

MONEY—¼ per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short and three months' bills, 1 1-16@1⅛ per cent.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, April 9.—MONEY ON CALL—Easy at 1½@2 per cent; last loan, 1½ per cent; closed, offered at 1½ per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—1½@2 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Steady, with actual business in bankers' bills, $4.87@4.87¼ for demand and $4.85½@4.86 for sixty days; posted rates, $4.86½ and $4.88@4.88½; commercial bills, $4.85.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—61⅞@62⅜c.

BAR SILVER—61⅞c per ounce.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Strong.

STATE BONDS—Dull.

RAILROAD BONDS—Firm.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. new 4s, reg.	124⅜	D. & R. G. 7s	112⅝
U. S. new coup.	124⅜	D. & R. G. 4s	88⅜
U. S. 5s, reg.	114	Erie 2ds	64¼
U. S. 5s, coup.	114	G. H. & S. A. 6s	103½
U. S. 4s, reg.	111	do 7s	101
U. S. 4s, coup.	112⅜	H. & T. C. 5s	109½
U. S. 2s, reg.	99½	do 6s	99½
Pacific 6s of '95	104	M. K. & T. 1st 4s	82⅝
Ala., class A	106½	do 2d 4s	57⅛
Ala., class B	104	Mutual Union 6s	112
Ala., class C	100	N. J. C. Gen. 5s	110
Ala. Currency	100	No. Pacific 1sts	116
La. New Con. 4s	94⅛	do 2ds	54¼
Missouri 6s	100	N. W. Consols	144
N. C. 6s	124	do S. F. Deb. 5s	112⅜
N. C. 4s	102	R. G. West. 1sts	72¾
S. C. nonfund	⅛	St. P. Consols 7s	133½
Tenn. new set 6s	75	St. P. C. & P. W. 5s	115½
Tenn. new set 5s	105	St. L. & I. M. Gen. 5s	70¼
Tenn. old 6s	60	St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6	110
Va. Centuries	63	Texas Pac. 1sts	88⅜
do deferred	50	Texas Pac. 2ds	19¼
Atchison 4s	59⅛	U. P. 1sts of '96	101⅛
Atchison 2d A	45	West Shore 4s	107⅝
Canada So. 2nds	105	O. R. & N. 1sts	113½
C. P. 1sts of '95	102⅜	do 4s	83

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

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

Alta	7	Hale & Norcross	88
Alpha Con	10	Julia	4
Andes	22	Justice	3
Belcher	28	Kentucky Con	5
Best & Belcher	64	Mexican	45
Bullion	10	Occidental Con	15
Caledonia	12	Ophir	100
Challenge Con	37	Overman	9
Chollar	110	Potosi	33
Confidence	81	Savage	27
Con. Cal. & Va.	155	Sierra Nevada	49
Con. Imperial	2	Silver Hill	1
Con. New York	1	Union Con	26
Crown Point	16	Utah Con	7
Exchequer	3	Yellow Jacket	28
Gould & Curry	35		

Silver bars, 62c; Mexican dollars, 49¾@50c; drafts, sight, 20c; drafts, telegraph, 22½c.

New York Mining Quotations.

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

Chollar	100	Ontario	700
Crown Point	12	Ophir	95
Con. Cal. & Va.	145	Plymouth	20
Deadwood	115	Quicksilver	100
Gould & Curry	30	Quicksilver pfd	8900
Hale & Norcross	80	Sierra Nevada	49
Homestake	2900	Standard	155
Iron Silver	35	Union Con	25
Mexican	40	Yellow Jacket	25

Financial Notes.

BALTIMORE, April 9.—Clearings, $2,171,932; balances, $309,435.

BOSTON, April 9.—Clearings, $15,433,053; balances, $1,513,112.

NEW YORK, April 9.—Clearings, $80,017,880; balances, $5,508,007.

PHILADELPHIA, April 9.—Clearings, $7,724,715; balances, $1,265,378.

CHICAGO, April 9.—Clearings, $13,077,955; New York exchange, 20c premium; foreign exchange, steady; demand, $4.87½; sixty days, $4.86.

ST. LOUIS, April 9.—Clearings, $4,150,560; balances, $588,123. Money, 5@7 per cent; New York exchange, 30c premium bid; 50c premium asked.

Foreign Financial.

BERLIN, April 9.—Exchange on London, eight days' sight, 20 marks 4 pfg.

PARIS, April 9.—Exchange on London, 25f 13½c for checks. Three per cent rentes, 102f 70c for the account.

LONDON, April 9.—Gold is quoted at Buenos Ayres today at 196.50; at Lisbon, 46.50. American eagles are quoted at 76s 4½d. The Bank of England today received bullion to the amount of £35,500 from Australia; Spanish 4s, 60½.

St. Louis General Markets.

ST. LOUIS, April 9.—FLOUR—Dull, weak and unchanged; patents, $3.55@3.70; extra fancy, $2.35@3.35; fancy, $3.80@3.90; choice, $3.15@3.25.

WHEAT—Opened firmer, but the trading was light and showed but little life. After numerous fluctuations the speculative market closed 1@1½c lower than yesterday. Spot, higher; No. 2 red, cash, elevator, 99c bid; track, 91@92½c; May, 81⅛c; July, 68⅛c asked.

CORN—Opened fairly active, but weak. There was very little speculative demand and no rush to either buy or sell, the close finally being fractions under yesterday. Spot, lower; No. 2 cash, 24c asked; May, 21c bid; July, 22½@22⅝c; September, 24c.

OATS—Dull, dragging and lower; spot, higher; No. 2 cash, 18⅝c asked; May, 18⅛c asked; July, 17⅝c bid.

RYE—Nominally 31c, track.

CORNMEAL—$1.40@1.45.

BRAN—Dull and weak; sacked, east track, worth nominally 48@50c.

FLAXSEED—Lower at 68½c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.60@2.65.

HAY—Easier; timothy, $8.50@14.00; prairie, $4.00@7.50.

BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 16@21½c; dairy, 10@17c.

EGGS—Firm at 7½c.

WHISKY—Steady at $1.18.

METALS—Lead, dull at $3.17@3.20. Spelter, strong at $3.92½ bid.

COTTON TIES—65c.

BAGGING—5⅝@6½c.

PROVISIONS—Pork, firm; standard mess, jobbing, $8.25@8.50. Lard, prime steam, $3.85; prime, $4.02½. Bacon (boxed), shoulders, $4.95; extra short clear, $5.27½; ribs, $5.45; shorts, $5.55. Dry salted meats (boxed), shoulders, $4.82½; extra short clear, $4.90; ribs, $5.05; shorts, $5.12½.

DRESSED POULTRY—Chickens, firm; hens, 6@6½c per pound; springs, $3.50@4.00 per dozen; turkeys, quiet at 7@9c; ducks, firm at 7½c; geese, nominal, at 3@4c.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 4,000 bbls.; wheat, 4,000 bu.; corn, 53,000 bu.; oats, 29,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 3,000 bbls.; wheat, 2,000 bu.; corn, 47,000 bu.; oats, 4,000 bu.

Coffee Markets.

NEW YORK, April 9.—COFFEE—Options opened steady; near months lower in sympathy with sharp break in European markets; later in the day the market declined 5 points under active selling by foreign traders. Receipts at Brazil were heavy, but about offset by large warehouse deliveries; closed barely steady, with prices 30 to 40 points lower; sales, 45,750 bags, including April, $6.70. Spot, Rio, weak; No. 7, invoice, $7.25; jobbing, $7.75. Mild, weak; Cordova, $11.75@13.25; sales, 1,600 bags Maracaibo, 100 bags Central American, p. t. Total warehouse deliveries from the United States, 25,840 bags, including 22,454 bags from New York; New York stock today, 354,371 bags; United States stock, 423,211 bags; afloat for the United States, 242,000 bags; total visible for the United States, 675,211 bags, against 430,988 bags last year.

HAVRE, April 9.—COFFEE—Closed easy at a net loss of 2@2¼f; sales, 29,000 bags.

RIO DE JANEIRO, April 9.—COFFEE—Barely steady; No. 7, Rio, 8,200 reis; exchange, 7 31-32d; receipts, 9,000 bags; cleared for the United States, 16,000 bags; for Europe, 4,000 bags; stock, 253,000 bags.

SANTOS, April 9.—COFFEE—Weak; good average Santos, 9,400 reis; receipts, 16,000 bags; stock, 432,000 bags.

HAMBURG, April 9.—COFFEE—¾ pfg lower; sales, 13,000 bags.

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, April 9.—WHEAT—Spot, dull; No. 1 northern, spring, 6s 1½d; futures, steady; May, 5s 7d; July, 5s 7d.

CORN—Spot, steady; futures, steady; April, 2s 6d; May, 2s 7¼d; July, 2s 9½d; American futures, September, new, 2s 6d; old, 2s 10d.

FLOUR—Dull; St. Louis fancy, winter, 8s 3d.

HOPS—At London (Pacific coast), £5@£5s.

PROVISIONS—Hams, short cut, 14 to 16 lbs., 42s 6d. Bacon, Cumberland cut, 28 to 30 lbs., steady, 28s 6d; short ribs, 20 to 24 lbs., 27s; long clear, light, 25 to 38 lbs., 25s; long clear middles, heavy, 40 to 45 lbs., 25s; short clear middles, heavy, 45 to 50 lbs., 24s 6d; clear bellies, 12 to 14 lbs., 27s 6d. Shoulders, square, 12 to 14 lbs., 25s. Lard, steady; spot, 21s 6d.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, April 9.—While the announced auction sale of 20,000 packages of domestic cotton goods commanded attention, it had no effect on purchasers, whose orders were for special makes, qualities, styles and brands; hence their engagements collectively took a good quantity of a miscellaneous complexion. As usual wool, worsted and cotton dress goods did well and were in better demand for more than sellers would concede. Printing cloths were quiet and steady at 2 9-16c. Sales at Fall River for the week were 200,000 pieces.

Peoria Markets.

PEORIA, April 9.—CORN—Easy; new No. 2, 22½c.

OATS—Easy and irregular; No. 2 white, 20@20½c.

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

RECEIPTS—Corn, 41,000 bus.; oats, 15,800 bus.; rye, none; whisky, none; wheat, none.

SHIPMENTS—Corn, 6,400 bus.; oats, 26,800 bus.; rye, none; whisky, 1,125 bbls.; wheat, 600 bus.

London Sales of Sheepskins.

LONDON, April 9.—The sheepskin sales were continued today with offerings of 199,845 Cape of Good Hope and Natal skins. The withdrawals amounted to 35,000. Prices ruled irregular, with competition good for light and coarse wooled skins, which sold at firmer prices. All other stocks showed a decline of ½@1½d. The selection offered was poor.

Toledo Markets.

TOLEDO, April 9.—WHEAT—Lower, but active; No. 2 cash, 86½c; May, 87½c.

CORN—Active, but lower; No. 2 mixed, 23½c.

OATS—Dull, but steady; No. 2 mixed, 17c.

RYE—Dull and weak; No. 2 cash, 34½c.

CLOVER SEED—Steady; prime cash, $4.60.

OILS—North Lima, 52c; South Lima and Indiana, 47c.

Oil City Markets.

OIL CITY, Pa., April 9.—There were no transactions in certificate oil and at the close 84½c was bid. Credit balances suffered a decline of 3c per barrel. Refined dropped 15 points; shipments, 72,228 bbls.; runs, 96,225 bbls.

Minneapolis Wheat Quotations.

MINNEAPOLIS, April 9.—WHEAT—Weaker; May, 66½c; July, 69⅛c; September, 64c; No. 1 hard, 68c; No. 1 northern, 66c; receipts, 159 cars.

San Francisco Wheat Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 9.—WHEAT—Firm; May, $1.15½; December, $1.18⅛.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET

Cattle Receipts Are Considerably Larger Than Came on Thursday.

VERY LARGE PROPORTION OF CORNFEDS

Business Opens Weak but Soon Takes a Brace and Prices Go Up—Hogs Turn Back and Advance a Nickel.

SOUTH OMAHA, April 9.—Receipts for the days indicated were:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.	Horses.
April 9	2,413	2,610	980	....
April 8	1,605	4,036	3,609	....
April 7	3,429	5,175	2,591	....
April 6	1,957	3,321	1,719	....
April 5	1,052	932	2,681	18
April 3	1,461	3,231	809	60
April 2	1,989	4,112	1,799	12
April 1	1,393	3,268	1,353	....
March 31	2,224	3,502	2,439	....
March 30	2,739	5,119	1,601	21
March 29	1,847	2,259	1,473	46
March 27	1,383	4,786	1,462	67
March 26	1,653	4,031	3,665	....

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

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
C., M. & St. P. Ry.	..	1	..
O. & St. L. Ry.	1	..	..
Missouri Pacific Ry.	16	..	..
U. P. system	20	5	..
C. & N. W. Ry.	1	..	..
F., E. & M. V. R. R.	14	16	2
C., St. P., M. & O. Ry.	7	3	..
B. & M. R. R. R.	28	12	2
C., B. & Q. Ry.	..	1	..
K. C. & St. J.	1	..	..
C., R. I. & P. Ry., east	1	2	..
Total receipts	89	40	4

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.	21	86	....
G. H. Hammond Co.	172	1,037	212
Swift and Company	359	668	641
Cudahy Packing Co.	163	947	....
P. D. Armour, Chicago	246	....	....
R. Becker and Degan	85	....	....
J. L. Carey	75	....	....
Lobman & Rothschilds	101	....	....
Hill & Lewis Co.	102	....	....
Benton & Underwood	33	....	....
Huston & Co.	10	....	....
Keels & Co.	124	....	....
Livingston & Schaller	128	....	....
Other buyers	115	....	....
Left over	190	....	....
Total	2,029	2,738	853

CATTLE—Receipts of cattle were ninety cars, as against sixty-eight loads yesterday. A very large proportion of all the cattle here consisted of cornfed beeves, with a little sprinkling of butchers' stock and feeders.

The market on beef cattle opened no more than steady, but as advices from other markets came encouraging it took on more strength. Desirable beeves could safely be quoted strong to 5@10c higher and active at the advance. The most of the cattle on sale changed hands early, the great bulk selling at $4.20@4.40.

Butchers' stock was in very light supply and sold freely at steady prices. Only about a half dozen loads of cows and heifers were on sale, and they did not last long in the face of the good demand.

Stockers and feeders sold at about yesterday's prices, and there was no material change in the situation. The country demand has not been quite so brisk for two or three days past, and the market in consequence is not quite so active as it has been on some days. Representative sales:

NATIVES.

BEEF STEERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
8	1073	$3 85	11	921	$4 20	20	1322	$4 35
25	838	3 90	22	1008	4 25	20	1245	4 35
33	861	3 90	13	1190	4 25	95	1283	4 35
1	1080	3 90	53	1240	4 25	1	1170	4 35
1	850	3 90	1	1230	4 25	22	1146	4 35
23	945	3 95	35	1252	4 25	20	1300	4 40
7	1110	4 00	1	1270	4 25	23	1371	4 50
22	1043	4 05	21	1264	4 25	29	1230	4 40
32	977	4 10	1	1330	4 30	29	1255	4 40
16	1018	4 10	3	1166	4 30	2	1265	4 40
1	980	4 15	25	1180	4 30	20	1351	4 50
16	1322	4 15	1	1050	4 30	15	1377	4 60
24	1081	4 15	16	1195	4 30	18	1471	4 60
18	1282	4 20	1	1220	4 30	4	1375	4 70
1	1017	4 20						

COWS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	660	1 60	1	1050	2 65	7	807	3 15
2	780	1 50	1	1040	2 65	1	990	3 25
1	860	2 25	1	940	2 70	5	1144	3 35
1	1050	2 25	1	980	2 75	1	1400	3 40
1	1000	2 25	3	1026	2 75	3	1066	3 40
1	1020	2 40	1	1070	2 90	2	1070	3 45
2	775	2 45	1	900	2 90	1	1100	3 50
1	920	2 50	1	1140	3 00	2	1160	3 50
1	1110	2 50	1	1090	3 00	1	1126	3 50
1	930	2 50	2	955	3 00	1	1170	3 50
2	1170	2 50	1	1050	3 00	1	1180	3 50
3	1053	2 50	1	1050	3 00	3	1163	3 60
1	910	2 50	1	1070	3 00	5	1132	3 60
1	820	2 50	1	1150	3 00	6	1125	3 65
4	872	2 55	1	930	3 00	2	840	3 70
1	850	2 60	1	1030	3 00	8	1011	3 75
1	1010	2 60	3	916	3 00	1	1230	3 90
2	950	2 60	1	1110	3 10	1	1290	4 15

HEIFERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
10	476	3 00	2	505	3 50	1	1040	3 85
2	600	3 20	2	485	3 50	4	825	3 90
12	450	3 25	2	830	3 50	1	880	3 90
3	646	3 25	1	670	3 60	2	925	4 00
3	413	3 30	1	850	3 65	1	1030	4 00
5	364	3 35	18	718	3 75	2	675	4 00
1	740	3 35	2	685	3 80	1	820	4 00
2	825	3 40	2	575	3 85			

BULLS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	1370	1 75	1	1230	2 85	1	1320	3 10
1	1270	2 15	1	990	2 90	1	1620	3 25
2	900	2 30	1	1770	3 00	1	940	3 25
1	1150	2 30	1	1600	3 00	1	1150	3 25
1	1250	2 50	1	1390	3 00	1	930	3 35
1	1340	2 75	1	1400	3 00			

CALVES.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
2	355	2 30	1	190	4 00	1	260	5 50
1	219	3 75	13	338	4 55	1	170	5 50
3	200	4 00	1	130	5 25			

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	1100	3 00	4	825	4 00	4	600	4 15
1	860	3 25	4	927	4 00	5	754	4 20
2	470	3 35	5	1101	4 00	44	1136	4 20
1	510	3 35	13	948	4 00	55	820	4 20
1	650	3 35	9	653	4 00	32	820	4 20
1	810	3 50	33	990	4 10	16	854	4 20
1	760	3 50	5	795	4 10	7	697	4 25
1	770	3 60	20	987	4 10	9	553	4 25
3	620	3 75	5	898	4 15	1	950	4 30
1	880	3 75	1	850	4 15	28	623	4 30
1	960	3 85	5	822	4 15	19	637	4 30
3	846	3 90	16	923	4 15	29	505	4 45
17	931	3 90	4	825	4 15	1	450	4 60

WESTERNS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
5 bulls	980	$2 75	27 heifers	435	$3 40
6 feeders	1071	3 00	22 feeders	797	4 25
1 heifer	840	3 00	4 feeders	480	4 50
OREGON.					
4 feeders	720	3 50	26 feeders	794	4 25
NEVADA.					
2 bulls	1530	2 60	2 cows	990	3 25
2 cows	850	2 60	21 feeders	1050	3 75
12 bulls	987	2 50			
IDAHO.					
101 feeders	941	4 27½			

HOGS—After holding steadily to the down grade for five days the market looked up once more today and values were advanced 5c.

The great bulk of all the hogs sold at $3.85, as against $3.80 yesterday, with the top sales at $3.90 today and $3.85 yesterday.

The demand was good and the market active at the advance, so much so that the pens were soon cleared.

Today's advance leaves the market only 5@10c lower than it was a week ago and only 5c lower than it was at the commencement of the present week. Representative sales:

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
30	252	120	$3 80	72	258	40	$3 85
66	252	40	3 82½	69	252	160	3 85
25	264	...	3 82½	59	279	80	3 85
16	312	...	3 82½	62	287	...	3 85
55	280	40	3 85	50	257	40	3 85
51	208	...	3 85	61	274	80	3 85
34	307	...	3 85	56	297	80	3 85
44	274	...	3 85	59	281	80	3 85
59	285	120	3 85	69	272	...	3 87½
58	303	80	3 85	57	276	...	3 87½
67	249	80	3 85	68	266	...	3 87½
32	268	...	3 85	68	229	...	3 87½
66	257	240	3 85	62	259	...	3 87½
67	290	80	3 85	69	247	120	3 87½
75	296	...	3 85	67	257	...	3 87½
82	262	120	3 85	72	248	40	3 87½
67	228	80	3 85	64	273	...	3 87½
76	255	80	3 85	60	279	120	3 87½
65	219	40	3 85	76	250	250	3 87½
56	245	40	3 85	66	292	...	3 90
46	255	40	3 85	53	195	...	3 90
61	242	40	3 85	72	275	...	3 90
31	273	...	3 85				

PIGS—ODDS AND ENDS.

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
2	160	...	3 50	8	[illegible]	...	3 80
4	435	...	3 60	9	[illegible]	...	3 80
6	305	...	3 80	3	223	...	3 85
4	360	...	3 80	2	165	...	3 85

SHEEP—Receipts were light and the market steady and active. Representative sales:

No.	Av.	Pr.
25 western ewes	106	$3 40
25 western ewes	50	2 50
90 western wethers	107	4 35
96 western wethers	110	4 35
97 western wethers	110	4 35
95 western wethers	107	4 35
425 western lambs	86	4 65

Stock in Sight.

Record of receipts of live stock at the four principal markets for April 9:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Omaha	2,413	2,610	980
Chicago	2,500	14,000	8,000
Kansas City	3,500	8,000	4,000
St. Louis	800	4,000	500
Totals	9,213	28,610	13,480

Kansas City Live Stock.

KANSAS CITY, April 9.—CATTLE—Receipts, 3,500 head. Market strong to 10c higher, active; Texas steers, $3.00@4.25; Texas cows, $2.50@3.20; native steers, $3.00@5.10; native cows and heifers, $1.25@4.10; native steers, $3.00@4.50; bulls, $2.25@3.75.

HOGS—Receipts, 8,000 head. Market fully 5c higher; active; bulk of sales, $3.70@3.87½; heavies, $3.75@3.92½; packers, $3.60@3.85; mixed, $3.75@3.90; lights, $3.50@3.75; Yorkers, $3.70@3.75; pigs, $3.00@3.60.

SHEEP—Receipts, 4,000 head. Market strong; lambs, $3.75@5.25; muttons, $3.40@3.65.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Cattle Steady on the Whole—Hogs Higher—Sheep in Demand.

CHICAGO, April 9.—There was an active and strong Friday market. Choice beeves were scarce and prices were pretty much nominal. In some cases cattle sold 10c higher. There were scattering sales of common dressed beef steers at from $3.65 to $4, and a number of choice steers brought from $5.10 to $5.30; the bulk going for from $4.75 to $4.90. There was a fair stocker and feeder trade at from $3.25 to $4. Calves sold at from $5 to $5.25 for prime.

Prices for hogs advanced from 5c to 10c; sales ranged at from $3.10 to $3.95 for heavy packing droves, up to $4.10 for choice heavies, and light weights brought $4.05. The bulk of the hogs sold at from $4 to $4.05.

There was a fairly good demand for sheep, with prices 5c higher for lambs. Lambs sold at from $3.50 to $4 for inferior, up to from $5 to $5.75 for fair to choice western and Colorados sold for $6. Yearlings brought from $4.85 to $5. Sheep sold at from $3.25 to $3.55 for inferior to prime, everything sold; westerns sold at from $4.25 to $5.

Receipts: Cattle, 2,500 head; hogs, 14,000 head; sheep, 8,000 head.

St. Louis Live Stock.

ST. LOUIS, April 9.—CATTLE—Receipts, 800 head. Market strong; fancy export steers, $5.00@5.25; native shipping steers, $4.00@4.90; steers under 1,000 pounds, $3.60@4.00; stockers and feeders, $3.00@4.30; cows and heifers, $1.75@4.30; mixed, $4.00@4.35; cows and heifers, $2.00@3.75.

HOGS—Receipts, 4,000 head. Market 5c higher; light, $3.85@4.00; mixed, $3.70@4.00; heavy, $3.60@4.05.

SHEEP—Receipts, 500 head. Market strong; native muttons, $3.65@4.80; lambs, $4.40@5.25; Texas sheep, $3.00@4.35.

New York Live Stock.

NEW YORK, April 9.—BEEVES—Quiet and steady; bulls, $2.80@3.30; dry cows, $1.65@3.30; no stags or oxen. Cables quote American steers at 11@12c; sheep, 10½@14½c; refrigerator beef, 14@15c; no exports.

SHEEP—Steady and slow; unshorn sheep, $4.50@4.75; good clipped, $4.25.

HOGS—Steady at $4.25@4.50.

GOVERNMENT CROP BULLETIN.

Week Was Unevenly Cold and Generally Very Wet.

WASHINGTON, April 9.—(Special.)—Following is the government weekly crop bulletin.

The week ending at 8 a. m., April 5, averaged warmer than usual in all districts eastward of the Rocky mountain slope, except over the interior portion of the South Atlantic states, where it was slightly cooler than usual. From the gulf states northward to the lake region, including lower Missouri and Red River of the North valleys, the average daily temperature for the week generally ranged from 6 degrees to 9 degrees above the normal. In the middle Atlantic states, New England, and over the eastern portion of the lower lake region the temperature excess generally averaged from 1 degree to 5 degrees.

Over the eastern Rocky mountain slope and in all districts to the westward the week averaged colder than usual, the temperature deficiency ranging from 6 degrees to 10 degrees per day throughout the Plateau region and over the greater portion of the Pacific coast states. The region of greatest temperature deficiency extends from northern Arizona over Utah and the adjacent portions of Idaho, Wyoming and Colorado. Along the immediate Pacific coast the week averaged from 3 degrees to 5 degrees colder than usual.

The week has been one of exceptionally heavy precipitation from the south Atlantic and east gulf coasts northwestward over the central Mississippi and Missouri valleys to the Dakotas and eastern Montana, including the northern and middle Rocky mountain slope and the lower Ohio valley. The actual rainfall in eastern Missouri and from the lower Ohio valley to the east gulf coast generally ranged from two to three inches, and over limited areas from four to six inches fell. Over portions of the upper Missouri valley and northern Rocky mountain slope the weekly rainfall amounted to from one to four inches, being greatest over the eastern portions of South Dakota and Nebraska, where from two to four inches fell.

In the west gulf states, throughout the Plateau region and Pacific states, except along the coast from northern California to the Columbia river, where there was a slight excess, the precipitation was below the average, there being practically none over the southern portions of California, Arizona, New Mexico and western Texas. There was also less than the usual amount of precipitation in New England, over the northern portion of the middle Atlantic states, the greater part of the lake region and along the immediate coast of the Carolinas and Virginia.

Over the greater part of the country the week ending April 5 was not favorable for farming operations, being too wet over states of the central valleys and from the Ohio river southward to the gulf coast. In portions of Louisiana, Mississippi, Kansas, Wisconsin and Michigan the conditions were more favorable, while in New England, the northern portion of the middle Atlantic states, Ohio and Texas the week was, upon the whole, favorable. In the lowlands adjacent to the Mississippi river, southward of its confluence with the Ohio, flood conditions have prevented farm work to a great extent.

Corn planting continues in the southern states and over the more southerly portions the early planted is being cultivated. Preparations for planting are in progress as far north as Ohio.

Winter wheat has been winter killed to greater or less extent over a considerable portion of the principal winter wheat states. Some improvement, however, has been noted in Indiana, Michigan and Missouri; in the last named state much has been winter killed and will be plowed up for other crops. In Kansas the crop is making rapid growth, and in Oklahoma it is reported as in fine condition, while very favorable reports are received from Kentucky and Tennessee.

Practically no spring wheat has yet been sown. North Dakota is covered with snow, and cold, wet weather elsewhere over the spring wheat region has prevented seeding, which will begin in South Dakota this week.

Oat seeding is quite general in the middle Atlantic and east gulf states, and preparations for seeding are in progress in Ohio, Missouri and Michigan, some seeding having been done in the last named state.

Cotton planting is in progress over the southern portion of the cotton belt. In Texas the greater part of the crop has been planted, and where not damaged by heavy rains is coming up nicely. Some replanting in Texas has been necessary, owing to excessive rains in March. In Alabama the early planted cotton is coming up to good stands.

Tobacco plants promise to be plentiful in Virginia and North Carolina, and in Kentucky the season for making tobacco beds has been very favorable. In Florida tobacco is looking very well.

The outlook for fruit is reported as fair in Illinois, good in Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Arkansas and Alabama, and excellent in Missouri. Peaches have been badly injured in northern Georgia, and frosts have caused injury to fruit in North Carolina, Virginia, Ohio, New Mexico and Arizona.

OPENING OF THE GRANT CASKET

Will Require Three Days to Complete the Work.

NEW YORK, April 9.—The work of opening the steel casket containing the remains of the late General U. S. Grant was begun today. The outer case which encloses the casket is fastened by 150 bolts, the holes of which are nearly one inch in diameter. The heads must be drilled through and pounded down before the case can be opened. It was estimated by the men in charge that the work would take three days to perform, but one of the workmen said that he thought that by putting in a lot of overtime the work might be concluded by tomorrow night. Whenever the case may be removed the public will not be given an opportunity to view the remains or view the removal of the casket. That will be done under cover of night and at an hour which will not be made public.

THE REALTY MARKET.

INSTRUMENTS placed on record Friday, April 9:

WARRANTY DEEDS.

John O'Donahoe and wife to E. W. Simeral, lot 15, block 5, Shull's 2d	$ 500
E. W. Simeral to M. L. O'Donahoe, same	510
Henry Mohr and wife to Christ Moodling, lots 6 to 10, block 12, Millard	800
J. H. Levy and wife to John Nowicki, lot 2, block 1, Summit add.	445
J. P. Finley and wife to O. W. Shepherd, lot 7, block 41, South Omaha	600
South Omaha Land company to Mary Neidzelsky, s½ of lot 4, block 347, South Omaha	200
John O'Donahoe and wife to Ann O'Donahoe, lot 49, Cunningham's subdiv	150
Annie Rowley and husband to Joseph Schlitz Brewing association, lot 7, block 1, 2d add to South Omaha	3,300
QUIT CLAIM DEEDS.	
J. J. Gibson to M. E. Haskell, lot 3, block 8, Myers, R. and T.'s add.	1
DEEDS.	
Sheriff to A. L. Smith, lot 7, block 69, South Omaha	1,600
Total amount of transfers	$8,106

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