COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Bear Factors Are All Powerful in the Grain Pits.

WHEAT, CORN AND OATS SHOW DECLINES

Cables Are Weak and World's Visible Statement Shows a Much Smaller Decrease Than Expected—Provisions Unchanged.

CHICAGO, May 18.—The grain and provision markets were again rather weak today. Wheat fell the farthest, being affected by weak cables first and a disappointing world's visible decrease later, closing at a 1¼c decline. Corn and oats closed ⅛@¼c lower. Provisions opened lower, but closed at substantially unchanged prices.

In wheat Liverpool showed a severe break at the opening, the first quotations from there showing a ½d decline and later recording another 1d break. That would have been enough in itself to have sent ... market weak, but with the almost perfect weather and 622 carloads of wheat received at Minneapolis and Duluth, in addition there was apparently no hope for the market. The first trades in July made simultaneously in the pit were over a range of from 71c to 70⅝c, principally at 70¾c. Yesterday's closing price was 71⅜c. Some heavy traders were satisfied with such a nice clean profit overnight on large lines and were about the only class of buyers to be found. This was sufficient to steady the market, however, and trading for the next hour was done at from ⅛c to ¼c higher than the bulk of the opening transactions. Buying later became more prominent, the fact of the market receiving such support in the face of the discouraging news unsettling the confidence of the smaller shorts and causing them, too, to become buyers. The result was an advance to 71⅛c. New York reported clearances of wheat and flour at more than 400,000 bu. for the day and late cables brought buying orders. The market held comparatively firm until the receipt of Bradstreet's report of the world's visible, showing a decrease of 1,953,000 bu., whereas 3,000,000 bu. or more decrease had been looked for. The decrease in the world's stocks the week before was about 5,000,000 bu. The making public of those figures caused a decline to 70⅝c. Rumors of heavy export business at the seaboard caused a slight stiffening of prices just before the close, the final quotation for July being 70⅝c.

Corn was easier, but showed more strength, either in view of the fine weather or the actions of wheat. Shorts were liberal buyers on the opening break. This was the sustaining feature of the market. Elevator people were sellers. Exports were 864,000 bu. July opened ⅛c lower at 24⅝c, sold between 24⅝c and 24⅞c, closing at 24⅝@24¾c.

The market for oats was uninteresting and a small business was transacted. Prices were almost at a standstill for some time after the opening, but when wheat commenced to go down oats did likewise. There was a good cash business at lower prices. July opened about ¼c lower at 17⅝c. It advanced to 17⅞c on some covering by shorts, then declined to 17⅝c, where it closed.

Provisions were rather puzzling, some dealers buying the market up and then selling it off with apparently no other object than to keep the market moving. Opening prices were weak and lower on the heavy hog receipts west. Packers gave the market good support. At the close July pork was unchanged at $8.22½, July lard unchanged at $3.80 and July ribs 2½c lower at $4.47½.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 6 cars; corn, 125 cars; oats, 200 cars; hogs, 31,000 head.

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'dy.
*Wheat—					
May....	72	72⅜	70¾	70¼	72⅝
July....	70¾-71	71⅛	70¼	70⅝	71⅜
Sept....	66@¼	66⅜	65¾	66¼	66¼-67
*Corn—					
May....	.....	.....	.....	24⅛	24⅜
July....	24¾	24⅝@¾	24⅝	24⅝@¾	24¾
Sept....	25¾	25⅞	25¾	25¾@⅞	25⅞
*Oats—					
May....	17⅜	17⅜	17¾	17¾	17⅞
July....	17⅝	17¾-18	17⅝	17⅜	17¾-18
Sept....	18	18@⅛	17⅞	17⅞-18	18⅛
Pork—					
May....				8 20	8 20
July....	8 17½	8 30	8 15	8 22½	8 22½
Sept....	8 27½	8 30	8 25	8 25	8 25
Lard—					
May....				3 75	3 75
July....	3 77½	3 82½	3 77½	3 80	3 80
Sept....	3 87½	3 92½	3 87½	3 90	3 90
Sh't Ribs—					
May....				4 50	4 45
July....	4 50	4 50	4 47½	4 50	4 50
Sept....	4 52½	4 55	4 50	4 52½	4 52½

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Weaker; winter patents, $4.60@4.70; straights, $4.40@4.60; bakers, $3.90@4.25; spring specials, $4.60@4.70; springs patents, $4.00@4.30; straights, $3.70@3.90.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 70⅝@71c; No. 3 spring, 69@73c; No. 2 red, 88⅞@90⅞c.

CORN—No. 2, 24⅝@24⅞c; No. 2 yellow, 24@25c.

OATS—No. 2, 17¾@18c, f. o. b.; No. 2 white, 22@23c, f. o. b.; No. 3 white, 20½@22¼c.

RYE—No. 2, 34@34½c.

BARLEY—No. 2, nominal; No. 3, f. o. b., 28½@32c.

FLAXSEED—No. 1, 76½@77½c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.85.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $8.20@8.25. Lard, per 100 lbs., $3.75. Short ribs sides (loose), $4.40@4.70. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $5.00@5.25. Short clear sides (boxed), $4.87½@5.00.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.19.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $5.34; granulated, $4.71.

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	80,000	5,000
Wheat, bu	6,000	217,000
Corn, bu	70,000	164,000
Oats, bu	242,000	681,000
Rye, bu	4,000	41,000
Barley, bu	28,000	29,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was quiet; creamery, 10@14c; dairy, 7@12c. Cheese, weak; 8¼c. Live poultry, steady; turkeys, 7@8c; chickens, 7c; ducks, 8c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, May 18.—FLOUR—Receipts, 4,433 bbls.; shipments, 14,000 bbls.; weak and lower to sell; Minnesota patents, $4.25@4.40; bakers, $3.50@3.60; winter patents, $3.55@3.80; winter extras, $3.50@3.75; winter low grades, $2.60@2.90. Rye flour, dull.

CORN MEAL—Dull; yellow western, 60c.

RYE—Easy; No. 2 western, 36⅝c.

BARLEY—Dull at 28½c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 145,225 bu.; exports, 312,568 bu.; spot weak. Options opened lower, owing to fine crop news and weak cables; rallied on large clearances and war rumors, but finally weakened under a disappointing decrease in world's stocks and light export demand, closing ⅝@1¼c net lower; September, 72⅞@72 15-16c, closed at 72⅝c.

CORN—Receipts, 788,725 bu.; exports, 262,269 bu.; spot easy. Options steady on covering, but yielded to fine crop reports and the break in wheat, closing ⅛@¼c lower; May closed at 29⅝c; September closed at 21⅝c.

OATS—Receipts, 40,800 bu.; exports, 258,759 bu.; spot quiet; No. 2, 23c. Options dull and barely steady, closing ⅛c lower.

HAY—Quiet; receipts larger; shipping, $5.50@5.60; good to choice, $7.00@7.50.

HOPS—Quiet; state, common to choice, 1897 crop, 8@15c; 1896 crop, 5@10c; Pacific coast, 1895 crop, 8@5c; 1896 crop, 6@11½c; London, £3 15s.

HIDES—Firm; Galveston, 12c; Buenos Ayres, 18½@19c; Texas, 10⅛c; California, 15½@16c.

LEATHER—Firm; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, 19@20c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, dull; family, $9.50@10.50; extra mess, $7.00@8.00. Cut meats, steady; pickled bellies, $5.00@5.50; pickled shoulders, $5; pickled hams, $9.00@9.50. Lard, dull; western steam, $4.05; refined, easy. Pork, steady; mess pork, $8.75@9.25; new mess, short clear, $9.00@9.50. Tallow, dull.

BUTTER—Receipts, 17,600 pkgs.; western creameries, 11@14c; Elgins, 14c; factory, 7½@10c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 67,000 lbs.; market quiet; state, large, 9⅝c; small, 9⅝@10⅛c; part skims, 2½@3c.

EGGS—Receipts, 11,322 pkgs; steady; state and Pennsylvania, 11c; western, 10⅛c; southern, 9@9½c.

OILS—Petroleum, dull; United closed at 89c bid; Pennsylvania crude, steady; June, 89c bid; sales, none. Rosin, firm. Cottonseed, dull; prime crude, 20c; prime yellow, 23½@24c. Turpentine, easy at 27½@28c.

RICE—Easy; fair to extra, 4¼@6c; Japan, 4⅜@4½c.

MOLASSES—Quiet. New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 23@28c.

FREIGHTS TO LIVERPOOL—Dull; cotton by steam, 16c; grain by steam, 1½d.

METALS—Pig iron, dull; southern, $9.25@10.70; northern, $10.00@12.00. Copper, firm; brokers, $11.12½; exchange, $11.00@12.00. Tin, barely steady; straits, $13.40@13.50; plates, easy. Spelter, quiet at $4.12½@4.20. Lead, easy; exchange, $3.22½@3.27½; brokers, $1.12½.

London Colonial Wool Sales.

LONDON, May 18.—There was increased animation shown at the wool auctions today. Bidding came from all quarters and prices showed a firm tendency. Russia bought scoured, and Germany took specialties in all descriptions, except superior. Australian greasy merino and crossbreds sold 5d to 10d higher than the opening prices of the present series. Cape of Good Hope and Natal wools were in good supply with greasy selling 5 per cent higher than the opening rates. The offerings today numbered 14,830 bales, and the withdrawals were 500 bales. The continent and home trade also made purchases. The following are the sales in detail: New South Wales, 1,735 bales; scoured, 7¾d@1s 2d; greasy, 4½@9½d. Queensland, 4,110 bales; scoured, 10¼d@1s 5d; greasy, 5¾@9d. Victoria, 1,453 bales; scoured, 9@15d; greasy, 5¾@10½d. South Australia, 427 bales; greasy, 5½@8½d. Tasmania, 18 bales; greasy, 5¾d. New Zealand, 5,040 bales; scoured, 7d@1s ½d; greasy, 3@9½d. Cape of Good Hope and Natal, 1,084 bales; scoured, 7¾@9d; greasy, 4@6½d.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKETS.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Bulk of sales, 7½c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 6@8c; choice to fancy roll, 11@12c; separator creamery, 15@16c; gathered creamery, 13c.

GAME—Everything out of season.

VEAL—Choice fat, 80 to 120 lbs., quoted at 8@9c; large and coarse, 4@5c.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 6c; cocks, 3@5c.

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

HAY—Upland, $5.00; midland, $4.50; lowland, $4.00; rye straw, $4.00; 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 ½-bu. box, 75c.

PIE PLANT—Per lb., 1c.

CUCUMBERS—Per doz., 40@50c; Texas, ⅓-bu. box, $1.00.

ASPARAGUS—Per doz., 30@35c.

SPINACH—Per basket, 50c; per bbl., $1.00.

TOMATOES—Per 6-basket crate, $3.50.

RADISHES—Per doz., 20@25c.

LETTUCE—Per doz., 25@30c.

WAX BEANS—Per ⅓-bu. box, $1.00; per bu., $2.50.

PARSNIPS—Per bbl., 75c.

STRING BEANS—Per ⅓-bu. box, $1.00.

NEW ONIONS—Per doz., 10@15c.

PARSLEY—Per doz., 25@30c.

BERMUDA ONIONS—Per crate, $3.50; southern, 65-lb. sack, $2.00; new California, white, large and fancy, per lb., 3c.

LIMA BEANS—Per lb., 5c.

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

CABBAGE—California, 2½c per lb.

POTATOES—New, per bbl., $4.25; per lb., 3c; old native stock, per bu., 25c; early Ohio seed potatoes, Red river valley, 40c; Minnesota, Burbanks, 40c.

FRUITS.

CALIFORNIA CHERRIES—Per 10-lb. box, $1.50.

STRAWBERRIES—Fancy express receipts, Missouri, $2.25; Arkansas, $2.00.

APPLES—Fancy, large, $3.00@3.50.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—Seedlings, $3.00@3.25; Mediterranean sweets, fancy, $3.50.

LEMONS—Messinas, fancy, $3.75@4.00; choice, $3.25@3.50; choice California, $2.75.

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

PINEAPPLES—Per doz., $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@13c; 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@15c.

CIDER—Clarified juice, per half bbl., $2.35; per bbl., $4.00@4.25.

MAPLE SYRUP—Five-gal. cans, each, $2.25; gal. cans, pure, per doz., $12; half-gal. cans, $6.25; quart cans, $3.50.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 5½c; No. 2 green hides, 4½c; No. 1 green salted hides, 6½c; No. 2 green salted hides, 5½c; 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, shearlings (short wooled early skins), each, 15c; dry shearlings (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, 2¾c; 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, 7@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 carlots, 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., 7c; good forequarters, steers, 5½c; good hindquarters, 8½c; western steers, 6½c; 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, 10c; strip loins, 8c; rolls, 9c; sirloin butts, 9c; shoulder clods, 5½c; rump butts, 5c; steer chucks, 4¾c; cow chucks, 3¾c; boneless chucks, 4½c; cow plates, 2½c; steer plates, 3¾c; 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, 8@10c; ribs, No. 1, 12c; ribs, No. 2, 10c; ribs, No. 3, 7c; steer rounds, 7c; cow rounds, 6½c; cow rounds, shank off, 7c; cow rounds, shank and rump off, 7½c; trimmings, 4c; beef shanks, 2½c; brains, per doz., 25c; sweetbreads, per lb., 11c; sweetbreads (calves), per lb., 40c; kidneys, per doz., 35c; ox tails, each, 7c; livers, per lb., 2½c; hearts, per lb., 1½c; tongues, per lb., 12c.

PORK—Dressed pigs, 5½c; dressed hogs, 5c; tenderloins, 10½c; loins, 5¾c; spare ribs, 3¾c; ham sausage, butts, 5c; shoulders, rough, 5c; shoulders, skinned, 5½c; trimmings, 4½c; leaf lard, not rendered, 5½c; heads, cleaned, 3c; snout and ears, 3c; backbones, 2c; cheek meats, 3c; neck bones, 2½c; pigs' tails, 3c; 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., 30c; livers, each, 3c.

CONDITION OF THE WOOL MARKET.

Sales Are Slow, but Prices Are Steady—Territories Dull.

BOSTON, May 18.—Business in the wool market here has dropped off considerably during the past week, and sales are slow. Prices, however, are held fairly steady. Territory wools are dull. Fleece wools continue firm under light offerings, but the demand is limited. The Australian wools are taken freely at former prices. Quotations: Unwashed, medium Missouri, one-fourth blood combing, 17c; Missouri three-eighths blood combing, 19c; braid combing, 18c. Texas wools: Spring medium, 12c; scoured price, 32@34c; spring fine (12 months), 10@12c; scoured price, 35@36c. Territory wools: Montana, fine medium and fine, 10½@12½c; scoured price, 35@36c; staple, 38@39c; Utah, Wyoming, etc., fine medium and fine, 10@12c; scoured price, 35@36c; staple, 37@38c. California wools: Northern spring, 14@16c; southern, free, 10@11c; scoured price, 34@35c. Australian wools: Scoured basis, combings, superfine, 48@49c; combing, good, 43@46c; combing, average, 42c; Queensland, combing, 43@45c.

St. Louis General Markets.

ST. LOUIS, May 18.—FLOUR—Dull, weak and unchanged; patents, $4.75@4.90; extra fancy, $4.40@4.50; fancy, $3.80@3.90; choice, $3.25@3.35.

WHEAT—The speculative market opened weak and fractionally lower. A rally followed soon after the opening and prices fluctuated throughout the day, closing ⅞c to 1c under yesterday; spot steady; No. 2 red, cash, in elevator, 91c bid; July, 75⅝c; August, 72⅞c; September, 72⅝c.

CORN—Futures dull and ranging easier; spot higher; No. 2 cash, 21⅝c bid; September, 24@24⅛c.

OATS—Dull, steady to weak for futures; spot a shade off; No. 2 cash, 19½c bid; July, 15⅝c bid.

RYE—Lower; 33c, on track.

BARLEY—Nominal.

CORN MEAL—$1.60@1.65.

BRAN—Quiet and unchanged; sacked, east track, worth nominally 47@48c.

FLAXSEED—Steady at 74½c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.50@2.60.

HAY—Dull and unchanged.

BUTTER—Lower; creamery, 11@14½c; dairy, 6@12c.

EGGS—Unchanged; 7⅝c.

POULTRY—Chickens, firm old, hens, 6c; springs, 10@15c; ducks, spring, $3.00@4.00 per dozen.

WHISKY—$1.19.

METALS—Lead, quiet at $3.05@3.07½. Spelter, easy at 37½c.

COTTON TIES—65c.

BAGGING—5¾@6c.

PROVISIONS—Pork, steady; standard mess, jobbing, $8.25@8.75. Lard, steady; prime steam, $3.60; choice, $3.65. Bacon (boxed), $3.97½; ribs, $5.37½; shorts, $5.10. Dry salt meats (boxed), shoulders and extra short clear, $4.80; ribs, $5; shorts, $5.10.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 6,000 bbls.; wheat, 11,000 bu.; corn, 42,000 bu.; oats, 36,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 5,000 bbls.; wheat, 11,000 bu.; corn, 92,000 bu.; oats, 9,000 bu.

Changes in Available Supply.

NEW YORK, May 18.—Bradstreet's report: Stocks of wheat last week, United States and Canada, decrease, 3,653,000 bu.; afloat for and in Europe, Liverpool Corn Trade News, increase, 1,100,000 bu.; total world's available, decrease, 1,953,000 bu.

Corn: United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, decrease, 974,000 bu.

Among the more important decreases in available stocks of wheat last week, not reported in the official available supply statement, are nearly 600,000 bu. in northwestern interior elevators; 244,000 bu. at Fort William, Ont.; 12,000 bu. at various Manitoba storage points; 185,000 bu. at Oswego and 27,000 bu. at Burlington, Ia.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, May 18.—The dry goods market was quiet today in the various lines of cotton goods. In spite of the cheerful weather of the past two days the trade in retail in the ultra seasonable goods has been only fair. This has reflected back through jobbers to first hands, where buying is exceedingly light for the time of the year, though supplementary orders for summer goods are recorded. In woolen and worsted men's fabrics the market is quiet, the fall sales being of a listless sort. Dress goods are fairly active at fair prices, though buyers are still anxious to trade as close as possible. Bleached and brown goods are at a standstill. Print cloths are quoted at 2 7-16c; prints show no change in any grade. Staples are steady at firm, though low prices.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Improved Tone Abroad and Domestic Factors Also Favorable.

NEW YORK, May 18.—The tremendous potentiality for evil always latent in the eastern question was measured to some degree by the sense of relief reflected in the exchanges of the world today over Turkey's acceding to the demand of the powers for a cessation of hostilities against Greece. Values all over Europe improved from moment to moment, and even American securities remote as are the properties they represent from any danger of harm in the cataclysm of a European war, advanced in price all through the market. The improved tone abroad was the salient influence of the market, but it was aided by various favorable domestic factors in the situation. The further weakening of the exchange market, both for sterling and for continental exchange, added to the conviction that if any gold is exported this week the amount will be small. There was in the tone of the stock market a reflected indifference to the possibility of action by the senate on the Cuban question that might be unacceptable to Spain. This was partly due to the belief prevalent in Wall street that the administration has determined upon a conservative policy on Cuba, but holders of securities are also less inclined to timidity on account of the agitation of the Cuban question than was formerly the case. Perhaps the restricted volume of the trading was due in part to the Cuban discussion in the senate, the total sales reaching only about 135,000 shares. Although about half this amount was absorbed by the five leading stocks, the smaller sales were better distributed through the list than for some time past, many usually inactive shares coming in for a fair degree of activity. Chicago Gas was the leader of the market, and was strong all day, until just before the close, when it reacted a sharp fraction. St. Paul and Burlington came next in point of activity and moved nearly parallel all day, showing very vigorous strength. St. Paul, however, showing a slightly wider reaction just at the close. The strength of the grangers was a material factor in the strength of the whole market and was assisted by the grain situation in the northwest, and the increase in St. Paul's gross earnings for the second week in May of $14,948. The southern and southwestern railroads also continued their showing of increased earnings in the second week's statements, Missouri, Kansas & Texas, with an increase of $29,480, and Kansas City, Pittsburg & Gulf of $29,695. London was a small buyer of stocks, but was also a seller, and how far the one offset the other cannot be accurately stated. Burlington's extreme rise was ¾ per cent and St. Paul's 1⅜ per cent. New Jersey Central moved over a range of 1⅝ per cent under bear pressure and affected the other coalers by sympathy, but closed practically unchanged. General Electric was also under continued pressure, but showed no important change on the day. Manhattan was forced down 1¼ per cent, and rallied feebly. Tobacco moved up 1⅜ per cent at the close under manipulation. Brooklyn Union Gas lost 1⅝ per cent. Lead common gained 1⅜ per cent, and the preferred 1¼ per cent on account of the benefits from the proposed tariff. St. Louis and San Francisco is preferred, advanced 3⅝ per cent, and Norfolk & Western preferred, 1¼ per cent. Union Pacific and Western Union gained 1 per cent each, and Leather preferred rose 1¼ per cent. Fractional net gains were made throughout the whole list.

The bond market ruled fairly active, with generally higher prices current. Some few exceptions were noted, but these were centered in the low grade inactive liens, including Colorado Midland trust receipts, which yield 2½ per cent a year. Atchison general 4s were quite animated with a block of 700 changing hands at 80⅝, the top price. The aggregate sales were $1,304,000. Governments were easier on the first call for 4s, but later hardened slightly. Transactions aggregate $12,000.

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

Atchison	10¼	N. Y. Central	99⅛
Adams Ex	148	N. Y. & N. Eng	37
Alton, T. H	60	Ontario & W	13¾
Am. Express	112½	Oregon Nav	10
Baltimore & Ohio	11½	O. S. L. & U. N	15⅞
Canada Pacific	54¼	Pacific Mail	26¼
Canada Southern	46⅞	Peoria, Dec. & E	⅝
Central Pacific	8	Pittsburg	160
Ches. & Ohio	16⅛	Pullman Palace	157
Chicago & Alton	150	Reading	18⅛
C. B. & Q	74	R. G. W	12
Chicago Gas	81¾	do pfd	30
Consolidated Gas	160½	Rock Island	63¼
C. C. C. & St. L	28⅛	St. Paul	74
Colo. Coal & Iron	⅝	do pfd	132
Cotton Oil Cert	10	St. Paul & Omaha	56¾
Delaware & Hud	104¼	St. P. & O. pfd	138
Del., Lack. & W	148¾	Southern Pacific	14½
D. & R. G. pfd	37⅜	Sugar Refinery	113⅜
Erie	12	Tenn. Coal & Iron	19⅛
Erie pfd	28⅛	Texas Pacific	8¾
Fort Wayne	160	Tol. & O. Cen. pfd	40
G. Northern pfd	95	Union Pacific	7¾
C. & E. I. pfd	1¾	U. S. Express	38
Hocking Valley	9	W. St. L. & Pac	5
Illinois Central	93	W. St. L. & P. pfd	12⅜
St. P. & Duluth	15	Wells Fargo Ex	102½
K. & T. pfd	27¼	Western Union	77¾
Lake Erie & West	12½	W. & L. E. pfd	2¾
do pfd	60	Minn. & St. Louis	16⅛
Lake Shore	103½	Den. & R. G	9⅜
Lead Trust	24⅝	Gen. Electric	28⅝
Louisville & N	45¼	Nat'l Linseed	10
L. & N. A	¼	Colo. Fuel & Iron	16¾
Manhattan Con	84⅛	do pfd	87
Memphis & C	15	Tol. St. L. & K. C	5⅛
Michigan Central	95	do pfd	18⅛
Mo. Pacific	12⅝	Southern	7⅛
Mobile & Ohio	17	Southern pfd	25⅜
Nashville Chat	66	Tobacco	71
N. J. Central	75½	Tobacco pfd	102
N. & W. pfd	26¼	A. S. R. pfd	103¼
North Am. Co	4¼	Leather pfd	55⅝
Northern Pacific	12⅝	Rubber	12
N. Pacific pfd	36¼	Rubber pfd	62
U. P., D. & G	1¼	Am. T. & C. Co	87½
Northwestern	104¼	C. C. Co	150
do pfd	154½		

The total sales of stocks today were 132,438 shares, including the following: American Sugar, 11,100; Burlington & Quincy, 15,100; Chicago Gas, trust receipts, 18,700; General Electric, 3,100; Manhattan Consolidated, 3,400; Reading, 4,800; Rock Island, 3,000; St. Paul, 17,400; Union Pacific, 4,500; Western Union, 6,600; New Jersey Central, 10,400.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, May 18.—MONEY ON CALL—Easy at 1¼@1½ per cent; last loan, 1½ per cent; closed at 1¼@1½ per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—3½@4 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Easy, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.87½ for demand, and at $4.86@4.86¼ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.87@4.88½; commercial bills, $4.85¼@4.85½.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—61@61½c.

BAR SILVER—60⅝c per oz.

MEXICAN DOLLARS—47⅝c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Steady.

RAILROAD BONDS—Firm.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. new 4s, reg	122½	D. & R. G. 7s	110½
U. S. new coup	122½	do 4s	87⅝
U. S. 5s, reg	113	Erie 2ds	61
U. S. 5s, coup	113	G. H. & S. A. 6s	107
U. S. 4s, reg	110½	do 7s	110
U. S. 4s, coup	112	H. & T. C. 5s	110½
U. S. 2s, reg	96	do 6s	102½
Pacific 6s of '95	104½	M., K. & T 1st 4s	84¼
Ala., class A	107	do 2d 4s	55¾
Ala., class B	106	Mutual Union 6s	107
Ala., class C	101	N. J. C. Gen. 5s	110
Ala., Currency	100	No. Pacific 1sts	117
La. New Con. 4s	96	No. Pacific 2nds	54¾
Missouri 6s	100	N. W. Consols	143
N. C. 6s	124	do S. F. Deb. 5s	113½
N. C. 4s	104	St. P. Consols 7s	133¾
S. C. nonfund	⅛	St. P. C. & P. W. 5s	116
Tenn. new set 6s	80	St. L. & I. M. Gen. 5	67¾
Tenn. new set 5s	105	St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6	111
Tenn. old 6s	60	Texas Pac. 1sts	89⅝
Va. Centuries	64½	Texas Pac. 2ds	20¾
do deferred	5¾	U. P. 1sts of '96	102⅜
Atchison 4s	80½	West Shore 4s	108¼
do 2ds	45⅝	L. & N. unified 4s	79⅛
Canada So. 2nds	103	O. R. & N. 4s	84½
C. P. 1sts of '95	103		

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, May 18.—Call loans, 2@3 per cent; time loans, 3@4 per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F	10⅛	West End pfd	93
American Sugar	113⅛	W. Elec	22
Am. Sugar pfd	103⅝	W. Elec. pfd	50⅛
Bay State Gas	4⅛	Ed. Elec. Ill	147
Bell Telephone	259¼	Gen. Elec. pfd	65
Boston & Albany	212	Atchison pfd	19⅛
Boston & Maine	160	Atchison 4s	89
C. B. & Q	73	New England 6s	113
Fitchburg	92⅛	Boston & Montana	124
General Electric	29⅛	Butte & Bost n	17⅛
Illinois Steel	32⅛	Calumet & Hecla	870
Mexican Central	7¾	Centennial	6⅜
N. Y. & N. E	37	Franklin	11
Old Colony	177	Kearsarge	15⅛
O. S. L	15⅛	Osceola	30¼
San Diego	9	Quincy	108
Union Pacific	7¼	Tamarack	123½
West End	70¼	Wolverine	9⅛

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta	4	Gould & Curry	19
Alpha Con	6	Julia	4
Andes	20	Kentucky Con	4
Belcher	20	Mexican	38
Best & Belcher	56	Occidental Con	9
Bullion	3	Ophir	91
Caledonia	10	Overman	14
Challenge Con	21	Potosi	49
Chollar	75	Savage	31
Confidence	100	Sierra Nevada	40
Con. Cal. & Va	185	Union Con	35
Con. Imperial	1	Utah Con	4
Crown Point	22	Yellow Jacket	27

Silver bars, 61c; Mexican dollars, 49@50c; drafts, sight, 15c; drafts, telegraph, 17½c.

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, May 18.—The following are the closing mining quotations:

Chollar	60	Ontario	650
Crown Point	25	Ophir	85
Con. Cal. & Va	170	Plymouth	18
Deadwood	105	Quicksilver	100
Gould & Curry	25	Quicksilver pfd	1000
Hale & Norcross	70	Sierra Nevada	35
Homestake	2900	Standard	100
Iron Silver	35	Union Con	30
Mexican	30	Yellow Jacket	20

Financial Notes.

BOSTON, May 18.—Clearings, $15,299,362; balances, $2,472,579.

BALTIMORE, May 18.—Clearings, $2,140,723; balances, $281,486.

NEW YORK, May 18.—Clearings, $108,346,124; balances, $5,985,878.

PHILADELPHIA, May 18.—Clearings, $10,969,851; balances, $1,214,122.

CHICAGO, May 18.—Clearings, $14,401,800. New York exchange, 60c premium. Foreign exchange, steady; demand, $4.87½; sixty days, $4.86½.

ST. LOUIS, May 18.—Clearings, $4,500,380; balances, $544,669. Money, 4@7 per cent. New York exchange, 60c premium bid; 80c premium asked.

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, May 17.—4 p. m. closing:

Consols, m'y	112¾	St. Paul com	75¾
Consols, acc't	113 9-16	N. Y. Central	101¼
Can. Pacific	55¾	Pennsylvania	53¾
Erie	12⅝	Reading	9¼
Erie 1st pfd	29⅝	Mex. Cen. new 4s	70¼
Ill. Central	95	Atchison	10⅝
Mexican ordinary	19¼	L. & N	45⅝

BAR SILVER—Dull at 27⅝d per oz.

MONEY—½ per cent.

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

Foreign Financial.

PARIS, May 18.—Three per cent rentes, 102f 35c.

Coffee Markets.

NEW YORK, May 18.—COFFEE—Opened steady to 5 points lower, following unsatisfactory European news, further eased off under foreign selling. Receipts at Brazil were partially offset by liberal warehouse deliveries in this country; closed steady at from 5 to 15 points lower; sales, 25,750 bags, including September $7.45@7.50. Spot coffee, Rio, weak and nominal; No. 7, invoice, $7.87½; jobbing, $8.37½. Mild, steady; Cordova, $11.50@13.75; sales, 1,000 bags Rio, No. 7, $7.75, ex-ship; 300 bags Savanilla, p. t.; 600 bags Maracaibo, p. t. Total warehouse deliveries from the United States, 18,869 bags, including 17,849 bags from New York. New York stock today, 368,450 bags; United States stock, 425,722 bags; afloat for the United States, 310,000 bags; total visible for the United States, 735,722 bags, against 341,726 bags last year and 540,906 bags in 1895.

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 18.—COFFEE—No. 7 Rio, 9,400 reis; exchange, 7¾d; receipts, 14,000 bags (two days); cleared for the United States, 3,000 bags; stock, 216,000 bags.

SANTOS, May 18.—COFFEE—Steady; good average Santos, 9,750 reis; receipts, 7,000 bags (two days); stock, 321,000 bags.

HAVRE, May 18.—COFFEE—Closed quiet, net unchanged to ¼f advance; sales, 8,000 bags.

HAMBURG, May 18.—COFFEE—Prices declined ¼ to ½ pfg.; sales, 6,000 bags.

Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, May 18.—WHEAT—Lower and slow; No. 2 hard, 76c; No. 3, 72@75c; one car yellow berry, 80c; No. 4, 55@66½c; one car yellow berry, 73c; No. 2 spring, 79½c; No. 3, 75c; No. 2 red, 95c; No. 3, 88@94c; No. 4, 80@86c.

CORN—About steady; better demand; No. 2 mixed, 21¼@21½c.

OATS—Steady; fairly active; No. 2 white, choice, old, 23c.

RYE—No. 2, 31c.

BUTTER—Weak; creamery, 11½@13c; dairy, 9@11c.

EGGS—Weak; 7c.

Cotton Markets.

NEW YORK, May 18.—COTTON—Spot, steady; middling, 8⅝c; middling uplands, 7⅝c; middling gulf, 8c; sales, 546 bales. Futures steady; sales, 77,400 bales; January, $6.89; February, $6.93; March, $6.97; May and June, $7.35; July, $7.39; August, $7.33; September, $7.03; October, $6.84; November, $6.88; December, $6.86.

NEW ORLEANS, May 18.—COTTON—Steady; sales, 1,500 bales; ordinary, 6¼c; good ordinary, 6⅝c; low middling, 7c; middling, 7 7-16c; good middling, 7⅝c; middling, fair, 8 3-16c.

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, May 18.—WHEAT—Spot, No. 1 red, northern spring, dull, 6s 2d.

CORN—American mixed, spot, 2s 4d; May, dull, 2s 7½d; June, 2s 7¾d; July, 2s 8¾d.

FLOUR—St. Louis fancy winter, steady at 8s 6d.

PROVISIONS—Bacon, Cumberland cut, 18 to 30 lbs., steady, 28s 6d. Shoulders, square, 12 to 14 lbs., firm, 28s. Lard, prime western, dull, 20s. Hams, short cut, 14 to 16 lbs., steady at 24s 9d.

California Dried Fruits.

NEW YORK, May 18.—CALIFORNIA DRIED FRUITS—Firm for prime evaporated apples; other fruits, steady; evaporated apples, prime wire tray, 4@4¼c per lb.; wood dried prime, 4¼c; prunes, 2½@7c, as to size and quality. Apricots, royal, 8@11c; Moor Park, 12@14c. Peaches, unpeeled, 6@10c; peeled, 11@14c.

NUTS—Quiet, but steady; walnuts, 6½@7½c; almonds, paper shelled, 12@13c; soft shelled, 9c; hard shelled, 7c.

Peoria Markets.

PEORIA, May 18.—CORN—Active; No. 2, 24c.

OATS—Irregular and easier; No. 2 white, 22@22½c.

WHISKY—Market steady; finished goods on the basis of $1.19 for high wines.

RECEIPTS—Corn, 79,300 bus.; oats, 60,450 bus.; rye, none; whisky, none; wheat, 1,800 bus.

SHIPMENTS—Corn, 10,000 bus.; oats, 51,650 bus.; rye, none; whisky, 740 bbls.; wheat, 1,800 bus.

Toledo Markets.

TOLEDO, May 18.—WHEAT—Lower; cash and May, 8c; July, 76⅝c; September, 77¼c.

CORN—Steady; No. 2 mixed, 26c; No. 3, 25c.

OATS—Dull and easy; No. 2 mixed, 19c.

RYE—Dull; 36c asked.

CLOVER SEED—Unchanged.

Sugar Markets.

NEW YORK, May 18.—SUGAR—Raw, refining, 2⅝c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3⅝c. Refined, steady; mold A, 4⅝c; standard A, 4⅝c; confectioners' A, 4⅜c; cut loaf, 5¼c; crushed, 5¼c; powdered, 4⅞c; granulated, 4½c; cubes, 4⅝c.

Oil Markets.

OIL CITY, Pa., May 18.—Credit balances, 89c; certificates, 90c; shipments, 55,980 bbls.; runs, 111,114 bbls.

LONDON, May 18.—Calcutta linseed, spot, 32s 3d; May and July delivery, 32s 3d.

Wool Markets.

NEW YORK, May 18.—WOOL—Steady; fleece, 18@25c; pulled, 15@22c.

ST. LOUIS, May 18.—WOOL—Unchanged; medium, 13@14½c; light fine, 9@12c; heavy fine, 7@10c; tub washed, 17@23c.

American Securities in London.

LONDON, May 18.—The market for American securities opened firm and remained so all day, being influenced by European advices. The close was steady, with the demand generally light.

Minneapolis Wheat Quotations.

MINNEAPOLIS, May 18.—WHEAT—Lower; May, 72c; July, 71⅝c; September, 64c; No. 1 hard, 73⅝c; No. 1 northern, 72⅝c; receipts, 157 cars.

Manchester Textile Trade.

MANCHESTER, May 18.—The cloth and yarn business is on a very restricted scale.

San Francisco Wheat Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.—WHEAT—Quiet; May, $1.33; December, $1.27¼.

TRIED TO SELL A TEAM OF MULES.

DeVine Arrested on a Charge of Horse Stealing.

Joseph DeVine is locked up at the police station on the somewhat lengthy charge of "horse stealing and grand larceny." Monday afternoon John Peterson, a farmer living near Benson, left his team of mules and wagon near Ninth and Dodge streets. When he went back for them half an hour later they had disappeared. Yesterday morning Peterson went to South Omaha and upon visiting the stock market arrived just in time to prevent the sale of his property. DeVine had the outfit in his possession, and as soon as he saw the rightful owner manifested a desire to make himself scarce. Peterson, however, had him placed under arrest until he could come to this city and swear out the proper information against him, and last evening the prisoner was brought to Omaha. DeVine asserts that he bought the team of a farmer who lives in Florence, but the story is said to be too thin to stand investigation. The outfit was offered for sale in South Omaha for $75.

Out with Their Fighting Dogs.

Jack Wolf and John Bishop were out at Twenty-fifth and Leavenworth streets airing their dogs Monday afternoon. Wolf's dog got away from him and tried to make a meal off Bishop's animal. The latter's owner interfered and was bitten in the arm. He alleges that Wolf purposely let his dog loose and did not try to stop the fight. A warrant was issued for Wolf's arrest on the charge of keeping a vicious dog. Another warrant on the same charge was issued for the arrest of Will Gifford of 1816 Pierce street. Albert Swanson alleges that he was peaceably passing the residence at 9 o'clock Monday night, when Gifford's dog tore his trousers and bit him in the leg.

Caught Tapping a Till.

A 13-year-old boy, Henry Gillim, was arrested yesterday on the charge of tapping a till in the store of J. B. West, Twenty-fourth and Hamilton streets. West alleges that he was just in time to catch the boy coming from behind the counter. When he was captured the boy turned over $7, which West alleges was the contents of the till. West says he has been robbed in a similar manner before. The boy was arraigned in police court, but his hearing was postponed until his parents could be notified to be present.

Escaped Vagrant Recaptured.

George Duncan, a vagrant who slipped away from the police about a month ago when about to serve out a sentence of twenty days in the county jail, was captured last evening near Twelfth and Dodge streets. His postoffice address for the next twenty days will be at Jailer Shand's popular boarding house.

Episcopal Council Today.

The Episcopal diocesan council of Nebraska will meet at Trinity cathedral at 10 o'clock this morning. At 8 o'clock this evening the meeting will be addressed by Dr. Langford of New York and Dr. Coone of China.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET

Unusual Supply of All Sorts Finds the Dealers Ready to Buy.

BETTER DEMAND FOR THE BEEF STEERS

Liberal Offerings Soon Taken at Steady Prices—Hogs Go Briskly at a Shade to Five Cents Lower.

SOUTH OMAHA, May 18.—Receipts for the days indicated were:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.	Horses.
May 18	3,060	9,679	3,293	....
May 17	2,680	1,418	3,241	....
May 15	1,176	4,295	1,715	....
May 14	2,443	5,349	1,539	....
May 13	2,240	6,705	6,946	....
May 12	2,772	5,405	2,390	....
May 11	2,828	6,247	1,519	20
May 10	1,181	2,698	1,897	....
May 8	2,369	4,568	1,159	....
May 7	2,503	5,429	1,232	....
May 6	1,677	5,834	2,749	1
May 5	1,704	6,500	....	....
May 4	2,246	8,718	2,686	1
May 3	1,886	3,635	3,423	....

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	6	4	1
Union Pacific System	27	18	4
C. & N. W. Ry	3	1	..
F., E. & M. V. R. R	24	44	3
S. C. & P. Ry	5	1	..
C., St. P., M. & O. Ry	14	7	..
B. & M. R. R. R	43	59	4
C., B. & Q. Ry	..	5	1
K. C. & St. J	..	..	1
C., R. I. & P. Ry., east	2	1	..
C., R. I. & P. Ry., west	8	5	..
Total receipts	132	147	14

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	30	1,814	.....
G. H. Hammond Co	404	1,742	238
Swift and Company	887	2,309	308
Cudahy Packing Co	734	3,726	875
P. D. Armour, Chicago	147	.....	.....
R. Becker & Degan	301	.....	.....
Vansant & Co	51	.....	.....
Lobman & Rothschilds	134	.....	.....
Huston & Co	19	.....	.....
Swift, Kansas City	.....	.....	240
Cudahy, Kansas City	20	.....	202
Cudahy, country	73	.....	.....
I. Meyers	234	.....	.....
Other buyers	81	6	1,083
Totals	3,115	9,597	2,946

CATTLE—Receipts of cattle were large this morning, 132 loads. The market as a whole was in very satisfactory condition, values showing no material change.

A considerable proportion of the cattle consisted of corn fed beeves of very fair average quality. The market on anything that could be classed as desirable beef steers could be summed up in a very few words, "steady and active." While there were a good many cattle on sale there were also quite a good many buyers, both packers and shippers, and all appeared to have liberal orders. The great bulk of all the cattle were sold and weighed up in good season.

The market on the betwixt and between cattle was not so good. No one appeared to want the half-fat cattle which were shipped in for beef, but which were in reality neither suitable for beef nor feeders. As a result the market on that kind of cattle was slow and weak.

The market on cows and heifers was just about steady, and the movement was active. The offerings were all taken early and the pens cleared in good season.

Veal calves, bulls, etc., sold at firm prices. Stockers and feeders were in very fair supply and sold at about the same prices as yesterday. The demand was reasonably good and the offerings mostly changed hands on the opening market. Representative sales:

NATIVES.

BEEF STEERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	1160	$3 50	8	994	$4 15	33	1336	$4 40
1	570	3 50	3	963	4 15	40	1353	4 40
23	890	3 60	5	1278	4 20	20	1171	4 40
1	900	3 60	21	1170	4 20	9	1202	4 40
2	1035	3 75	18	1122	4 20	14	1251	4 40
2	870	3 75	41	1097	4 20	19	1243	4 40
1	1470	3 75	23	1160	4 20	1	1270	4 40
26	892	3 80	1	1520	4 20	12	1194	4 40
26	873	3 80	18	1147	4 20	14	1187	4 40
26	977	3 95	13	953	4 20	5	1218	4 40
7	851	3 95	1	850	4 20	4	1037	4 40
13	1131	4 00	1	900	4 20	14	1233	4 40
3	1140	4 00	14	1082	4 22½	20	1083	4 40
3	1306	4 00	19	1141	4 25	54	1316	4 40
1	1080	4 00	14	1176	4 25	72	1103	4 40
2	1150	4 00	3	1106	4 25	20	1192	4 40
2	955	4 00	74	971	4 25	18	1276	4 40
55	1232	4 00	22	1078	4 25	48	1226	4 40
1	970	4 00	1	1260	4 25	20	1146	4 45
1	830	4 05	20	1000	4 30	59	1232	4 50
8	936	4 05	13	1174	4 30	5	1332	4 50
1	1060	4 10	21	1131	4 30	14	1165	4 50
1	1130	4 10	12	1119	4 30	23	1379	4 50
4	907	4 10	18	1013	4 30	35	1408	4 50
1	740	4 10	9	1193	4 30	26	1401	4 50
10	937	4 10	13	1119	4 30	31	1192	4 55
40	1141	4 10	29	1334	4 30	2	1360	4 55
24	794	4 10	5	1148	4 30	21	1285	4 55
21	995	4 15	19	1122	4 30	22	1228	4 60
3	1036	4 15	6	1250	4 35	17	1340	4 65
21	1110	4 15	21	1325	4 35	16	1326	4 65
9	1052	4 15	15	1155	4 35	5	1334	4 70
21	1040	4 15	42	1155	4 35	9	1096	4 70
3	1130	4 15	12	1163	4 35	20	1330	4 85
14	1055	4 15	42	1098	4 40			

COWS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	1080	1 75	2	980	3 00	1	100	3 45
1	790	1 75	1	960	3 00	3	1146	3 45
1	805	2 00	8	1008	3 15	2	1180	3 50
1	1080	2 00	1	820	3 15	1	1440	3 50
8	1005	2 20	2	1060	2 15	1	1190	3 50
1	770	2 25	3	1160	3 15	1	1100	3 50
1	920	2 25	3	1083	3 20	12	1138	3 50
2	940	2 40	1	1020	3 20	1	1200	3 50
1	910	2 40	1	1100	3 20	2	1215	3 50
1	820	2 40	1	940	3 25	4	1350	3 50
1	1030	2 50	1	1180	3 25	12	1173	3 50
1	1010	2 50	1	1190	3 25	1	1100	3 50
1	1050	2 50	4	1240	3 25	2	1130	3 50
1	960	2 65	1	1290	3 25	1	940	3 50
2	1120	3 65	1	1200	3 25	1	1260	3 55
1	720	2 75	7	1077	3 25	4	1135	3 55
1	1290	2 75	1	1000	3 25	1	1260	3 55
1	840	2 75	3	1056	3 30	6	903	3 55
2	1220	2 90	1	1030	3 35	1	1420	3 65
1	870	2 90	1	1230	3 35	2	1215	3 65
2	1020	2 90	2	1110	3 35	12	1155	3 65
1	1100	3 00	21	852	3 35	3	1180	3 65
1	1400	3 00	2	1320	3 40	1	1410	3 70
1	1200	3 00	3	1340	3 40	1	1320	3 75
1	1110	3 00	2	1128	3 40	7	730	3 80
1	800	3 00	2	1230	3 40	2	980	3 85
2	1030	3 00	1	900	3 40			

HEIFERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	1080	3 00	4	492	3 45	2	580	3 80
2	685	3 00	25	753	3 50	1	780	3 80
1	1170	3 00	6	970	3 60	2	679	3 85
1	730	3 10	1	590	3 60	24	822	3 85
1	650	3 15	11	870	3 60	23	941	3 85
3	460	3 20	26	834	3 60	8	613	3 90
4	875	3 25	8	852	3 70	2	535	3 90
3	460	3 25	5	1080	3 70	5	604	3 90
2	545	3 30	1	1220	3 75	2	1000	3 90
1	720	3 35	1	600	3 75	6	811	4 00
18	971	3 35	2	1000	3 80	29	852	4 00
3	450	3 40	1	630	3 80	1	500	4 00
1	430	3 40						

BULLS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	1406	2 25	1	1780	3 10	1	1557	3 25
1	790	2 75	1	1070	3 15	1	2000	3 30
1	1310	2 75	1	1110	3 15	1	1600	3 75
1	1160	2 85	1	1220	3 15	2	920	3 50
1	1470	2 90	1	2060	3 25	1	1230	2 50
1	1200	2 95	1	1310	3 25	1	1330	2 50
1	1420	3 00	1	1640	3 25	1	1190	3 00
1	1630	3 00	1	1440	3 25	1	1130	3 25
1	1490	3 10	1	1420	3 25	1	1240	3 40
2	1405	3 10	1	1120	3 25	1	1050	3 50

STAGS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	990	3 50	1	1400	3 60	1	1250	4 00

CALVES.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
2	395	3 30	1	110	4 75	7	142	4 75
1	330	4 35	1	90	5 25	2	140	5 75
3	196	4 50	1	200	5 50	6	158	6 00
1	300	4 50	2	260	5 50			

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	760	3 60	2	675	4 10	1	570	4 40
15	990	3 75	3	780	4 10	21	518	4 40
23	1252	3 90	1	650	4 15	1	480	4 40
44	1063	4 00	1	550	4 20	3	500	4 40
1	540	4 00	4	557	4 35	3	546	4 40
20	727	4 05	2	455	4 35			

MILKERS AND SPRINGERS.

No.	Pr.
1 springer	22 50
1 cow and calf	23 00
1 springer	25 00
1 cow and calf	28 00
1 springer	30 00
1 springer	31 00
1 cow and calf	32 00
1 cow and calf	35 00
1 springer	35 00

WESTERNS.

UTAH.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
6 feeders	998	$4 20	33 feeders	744	$4 25

MONTANA.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
3 feeders	926	3 85	45 feeders	929	4 35

COLORADO.

No.	Av.	Pr.
72 feeders	1049	4 37½

OREGON.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1 bull	1450	1 50	87 feeders	936	4 25
2 cows	850	2 15	107 feeders	682	4 35

HOGS—Receipts of hogs were large for this market, but none too large for the demand.

The break in provisions yesterday had prepared everyone for a lower hog market today, so that when buyers started out this morning bidding prices that were a shade to 5c lower, salesmen were ready to sell. The market was active at the decline and by the middle of the forenoon practically everything had changed hands.

The great bulk of all the hogs sold at $3.50@3.52½, as against $3.55 yesterday.

The market has been lower every day for eight days in succession, the decline during that time amounting to a big 15c. This takes the market back to the lowest point since March 4, but the market is still 50c higher than one year ago. Representative sales:

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
21	373	160	$3 45	68	244	...	$3 52½
15	292	...	3 47½	59	260	120	3 52½
79	227	...	3 47½	52	319	...	3 52½
43	350	...	3 50	59	299	...	3 52½
47	294	...	3 50	55	316	...	3 52½
59	288	160	3 50	65	280	...	3 52½
56	225	80	3 50	71	275	80	3 52½
59	281	160	3 50	56	289	80	3 52½
65	222	80	3 50	52	256	80	3 52½
54	287	80	3 50	59	264	80	3 52½
53	321	160	3 50	63	235	...	3 52½
63	321	160	3 50	63	235	...	3 52½
69	316	...	3 50	68	262	160	3 52½
68	266	80	3 50	32	248	...	3 52½
57	318	...	3 50	55	274	...	3 52½
58	313	80	3 50	71	252	80	3 52½
66	282	80	3 50	60	264	...	3 52½
30	292	...	3 50	61	261	...	3 52½
58	307	40	3 50	68	280	160	3 52½
15	282	...	3 50	63	312	...	3 52½
16	250	...	3 50	64	236	...	3 52½
64	304	80	3 50	64	254	80	3 52½
54	314	...	3 50	23	254	...	3 52½
64	313	...	3 50	79	244	...	3 52½
59	319	...	3 50	71	250	80	3 52½
70	292	80	3 50	117	274	80	3 52½
11	190	80	3 50	63	235	40	3 52½
59	279	40	3 50	63	255	...	3 52½
62	292	160	3 50	70	256	80	3 52½
51	282	80	3 50	62	274	80	3 52½
54	294	...	3 50	64	272	40	3 52½
46	320	80	3 50	67	264	160	3 52½
64	278	80	3 50	61	290	200	3 52½
52	286	...	3 50	62	268	80	3 52½
42	359	...	3 50	52	290	...	3 52½
15	333	...	3 50	62	237	...	3 52½
66	300	160	3 50	70	244	...	3 52½
53	217	160	3 50	54	289	80	3 52½
61	302	...	3 50	125	274	80	3 52½
21	296	160	3 50	68	293	80	3 52½
56	301	160	3 50	63	276	...	3 52½
73	288	...	3 50	90	318	80	3 55
67	267	120	3 50	249	251	80	3 55
49	325	200	3 50	60	262	...	3 55
46	281	40	3 50	45	323	...	3 55
57	326	240	3 50	64	225	120	3 55
53	330	40	3 50	88	213	160	3 55
53	381	320	3 50	65	246	...	3 55
56	321	...	3 50	84	231	...	3 55
55	318	...	3 50	68	239	...	3 55
22	303	40	3 50	69	230	...	3 55
78	262	80	3 52½	58	224	80	3 55
62	263	80	3 52½	73	222	...	3 55
70	252	10	3 52½	60	229	...	3 55
67	268	40	3 52½	69	229	80	3 55
51	304	40	3 52½	75	232	120	3 55
56	282	...	3 52½	84	265	80	3 55
71	250	40	3 52½	79	227	160	3 55
72	266	240	3 52½	55	209	...	3 55
58	283	200	3 52½	74	257	...	3 55
74	239	120	3 52½	62	250	160	3 55
65	280	...	3 52½	67	226	...	3 55
68	287	...	3 52½	70	230	...	3 55
131	288	200	3 52½	80	225	40	3 55
72	284	820	3 52½	74	244	...	3 55
53	310	...	3 52½	15	225	...	3 55
57	254	...	3 52½	82	224	200	3 55
65	249	80	3 52½	62	252	80	3 55
64	263	...	3 52½	88	196	80	3 57½
63	272	160	3 52½	90	158	...	3 60

PIGS—ODDS AND ENDS.

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
1	510	...	2 75	1	379	...	2 50
2	435	160	3 00	2	450	...	2 50
1	340	...	3 25	6	400	...	3 40
2	305	...	3 40	7	398	...	3 40
4	300	80	3 45	2	250	...	3 40
2	290	...	3 45	9	294	80	3 45
4	255	...	3 45	5	312	80	3 45
5	324	...	3 45	1	290	...	3 45
7	270	80	3 45	1	310	...	3 45
6	231	...	3 45	3	317	...	3 47½
5	304	40	3 45	9	264	...	3 47½
9	263	...	3 45	4	240	...	3 50
6	148	...	3 50	5	246	...	3 50
6	241	...	3 50	6	198	...	3 52½

SHEEP—Receipts of sheep were liberal, but the average quality was not overly good. The market was fairly active at steady prices. Representative sales:

No.	Av.	Pr.
1083 Nevada feeders	60	$3 50
6 Colorado lambs	75	4 00
345 Mexican yearlings	73	4 15
269 Colorado lambs	75	5 40
238 western wethers, shorn	86	3 90
130 Mexican lambs	69	4 40
442 western wethers	87	4 00

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Cattle Active—Hogs Animated and Lower—Sheep Steady.

CHICAGO, May 18.—Prices for cattle remained active. Native beef cattle sold at from $4 to $4.25 for ordinary consignments of lightweight steers up to $5 and $5.25 for choice to prime heavy shipping cattle. Most of the offerings sold at from $4.40 to $5. Stockers and feeders sold at from $3.75 to $4.50, and choice light weight stock cattle were in especially good demand around top prices. Cows and heifers sold at advancing prices, owing to the decreased supplies and bulls were active and firm. This was "calf" day, and there was a large supply and an active demand at an advance of about 5c per 100 pounds, choice lots bringing $6. Texas cattle were unchanged.

Trade in hogs was animated with a further average decline of 2½c per 100 pounds, with sales largely at $3.70. The poorest offerings sold at $3.35, and the best at $3.75, choice heavy selling 2½c below prime light weights. Eastern shippers bought a fair number of hogs, their selections being mainly of medium weights.

Prices for sheep were steady, with a fairly active general demand. Sales were at from $2 to $2.50 for inferior sheep up to $4.65 for prime flocks, with most of the trading at from $3.75 to $4.50. Poor to choice Texans sold at from $2.85 to $4. Lambs were active at from $3.50 to $5.60, Colorados selling at from $5.15 to $5.60. Spring lambs sold at from $6.50 to $7 per 100 pounds for lots averaging from 52 to 65 pounds.

Receipts: Cattle, 2,000 head; hogs, 17,000 head; sheep, 12,000 head.

Kansas City Live Stock.

KANSAS CITY, May 18.—CATTLE—Receipts, 16,000 head; market steady; Texas steers, $2.70@4.35; Texas cows, $2.00@3.25; native steers, $3.50@5.00; native cows and heifers, $1.90@4.00; stockers and feeders, $3.00@4.65; bulls, $2.50@3.60.

HOGS—Receipts, 19,000 head; market weak to 10c lower; bulk of sales, $3.45@3.47½; heavies and packers, $3.40@3.55; mixed, $3.45@3.60; light, $3.40@3.60; Yorkers, $3.55@3.60; pigs, $2.50@3.40.

SHEEP—Receipts, 4,000 head; market steady; lambs, $4.10@6.00; muttons, $2.50@4.65.

St. Louis Live Stock.

ST. LOUIS, May 18.—CATTLE—Receipts, 3,000; market steady for natives and Texans. Shipping steers, $4.65@5.00; stockers and feeders, $2.65@4.15; light steers, $3.70@4.25; cows and heifers, $2.25@3.65.

HOGS—Receipts, 7,000; market weak and a shade lower; light, $3.40@3.55; mixed, $3.35@3.65; heavy, $3.30@3.70.

SHEEP—Receipts, 7,000; market barely steady on good grades only; native muttons, $3.25@4.25. Texas sheep, $3.00@3.95; spring lambs, $5.00.

New York Live Stock.

NEW YORK, May 18.—BEEVES—Receipts, 1,2?8 head; no trading. European cables quote American steers at 11@12c, dressed weight; sheep, 12@13½c; refrigerator beef, 9@9⅝c; exports, 750 beeves, 1,290 sheep and 2,360 quarters of beef.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 1,809 head; quiet for sheep; steady for yearlings and lower for lambs; sheep, $3.00@4.50; lambs, $6.00@6.12½.

HOGS—Receipts, 7,466 head; steady at $4.00@4.25.

Stock in Sight.

Record of receipts of live stock at the four principal markets for May 18:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Omaha	3,060	9,670	3,293
Chicago	2,000	17,000	12,000
Kansas City	16,000	19,000	4,000
St. Louis	3,000	7,000	7,000
Totals	24,060	52,670	26,293

CONTESTING FOR THE HONORS.

Orations by the Students of the Creighton College.

Two of the Creighton college grades entered the contest for elocutionary honors Monday night. The attendance was large, the audience nearly filling the college chapel. The two contestants were J. T. Smith and F. C. McGinn. The third and fourth grades will contest next Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Monday night orations were delivered by E. A. Sullivan, J. J. Gentleman, R. W. Mullen, J. P. Donnelly, E. D. Hamilton and J. A. Madden. During the evening musical selections were rendered by T. J. McShane, E. V. Krug, F. C. McGinn and E. H. Christ. The judges will announce their decision at the next meeting.

Peterson Institutes Proceedings.

A criminal complaint has been filed in the county court by the county attorney, in which Charles Fisher and Ed Hemingway are charged with having assaulted Peter V. Peterson April 10 and robbed him of a check for $250. Hemingway was arrested about two weeks ago and is in the county jail. Fisher is at large and his whereabouts are unknown.

Goes East on a Sad Mission.

F. W. Vaille, formerly located in this city, serving as a railway postal clerk between Omaha and Cheyenne, but now assistant superintendent of the railway mail service at Portland, Ore., passed through Omaha yesterday, accompanying the remains of his wife to Indianapolis, where he is taking them for burial.

Marriage Licenses.

Permits to wed have been issued to the following parties by the county judge:

Name and Residence.	Age.
Carl Olsen, Missouri Valley, Ia	48
Caroline F. M. Hansen, Missouri Valley, Ia	30
George D. Frank, Sarpy county, Neb	34
Mrs. Nellie Powers, Sarpy county, Neb	32
Miner P. Goodrich, Omaha	22
Mabel Fuller, Omaha	19

No Jury in United States Court.

Judge Munger has about abandoned hope for a jury at this term of the court. He received a letter from Judge Sanborn which stated that there was small chance of a jury till after the close of the present fiscal year.

CONFERENCE IS ABRUPTLY ENDED.

Union Pacific and Short Line People Fail to Reach an Understanding.

The conference between receivers and officials of the Union Pacific system, on the one hand, and the directors and officials of the Oregon Short Line, on the other, has abruptly come to an end, without the object of the conference having been accomplished. Information to this effect was received in Omaha yesterday.

The New York meeting was the fourth unsuccessful attempt that had been made to form a traffic agreement between these two railroads. Like the conference held at Salt Lake City, Cheyenne and Omaha, it has adjourned without having reached an agreement that would prove satisfactory to both railroads. The most serious contention is believed to be over the opening of the Ogden gateway to other railroads. Whether the Union Pacific will be successful in its efforts to have that gateway closed to all other railroads save its own remains an open question.

Most of the Union Pacific officials left New York City for Omaha yesterday. They are expected in this city the latter part of the week, either on Friday or Saturday. Freight Traffic Manager Munroe will stop in Chicago on his return and there take up certain rate problems with Assistant General Freight Agent Wood, who has gone over to Chicago to meet Mr. Munroe. It is believed that another attempt to arrive at a satisfactory understanding will be made in the near future. Just where and when the fifth conference will be held is not yet known.

POOLING ON THE NEW RATE SHEET.

Railroads Adopt a New Method to Save Expense.

"The new freight agreement among western roads will not in any way resemble the old agreement of the Transmissouri Freight Rate committee," said Assistant General Freight Agent Wood of the Union Pacific to a Bee reporter. He had just returned from the Kansas City meeting of western freight officials.

Continuing, he said: "The only thing contemplated by the reorganized committee is the publication of a joint rate sheet. It saves an incalculable amount of time and money to issue a joint rate sheet, instead of each road publishing a separate one. I presume it would cost the Union Pacific at least $5,000 to get out a new rate sheet, and some roads would be put to a greater cost than that even. With the joint rate sheet the same work for preparation and publication will answer for all the roads, and later each road can place its own stamp upon the copies it sends out."

BURLINGTON WILL NOT APPEAL.

Will Abandon Driveway if It Loses the Kingman Suit.

"Will the Burlington appeal the Kingman case to the supreme court if an adverse decision should be rendered?" was asked General Solicitor Manderson of the B. & M. by a Bee reporter yesterday.

"No, sir," replied the Burlington official. "We can not afford to. We are engaged in building a $350,000 passenger station here, and if the work should be interfered with, we can not afford to spend more money taking a case of this kind up to the supreme court. If the permanent injunction against our building according to the plans prepared should be granted, we shall simply have to abandon the fine driveway and approach from Tenth street, which is contemplated. Doing away with this feature of the new depot would save the railroad company $75,000. On the other hand, it would compel all traffic and travel to and from the depot to go away around by the way of Ninth street in order to reach the depot."

Railway Notes and Personals.

E. W. Hayes, master mechanic of the Denver, Texas & Fort Worth railroad, is in the city.

Western railroads have announced reduced rates of one and one-third regular fare for the round trip for the following occasions: Grain Dealers' association, Des Moines, June 22-26; Iowa Music Teachers' association, Marshalltown, Ia., June 22-24.

A party of twenty-five eastern capitalists enroute to Edgemont, S. D., will spend today in Omaha. They are in charge of Francis C. Grable, and will arrive in a special car over the Burlington this morning at 7:55. They will leave for Edgemont at 4:35 o'clock this afternoon.

C. Haile is appointed freight traffic manager of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas, with headquarters in St. Louis. Haile has been connected with the Katy general freight department for many years. Latterly he represented the company at the Southwestern Board of Traffic administration.

The Pullman company has received an order from the department of communications and public works of the republic of Mexico for a private car and a dining car for the use of President Diaz. The cars are to be delivered by September 1 next, and it is said that they will be of exceptional style and finish.

The Nebraska Rate Sheet association has just awarded the contract for printing the rate sheet to the Rees Printing company of this city. Several large printing establishments of Kansas City, Chicago and St. Louis also bid for the contract. The contract is a large one, and on the first issue, which will appear about June 1, there will be about 500 hours of work. Subsequent issues will be printed every three months.

FEWER COURT COMMISSIONERS.

After July Judge Munger Will Keep the Number Down.

According to the new law all the United States court commissioners will have to be reappointed July 1. Between now and then Judge Munger will consult with the district attorney and the marshal with regard to the number of commissioners necessary in the state. The number now holding that position will probably be greatly reduced. The judge says he will appoint only enough to conveniently transact the business, and furnish each of them enough to do to warrant them in giving attention to the office. He has only received one application for the position from Omaha, in the person of Gustave Anderson, one of the present commissioners. Mr. Anderson is a republican, but he is an old acquaintance and friend of the judge, and the latter intimated that he would be reappointed to the position.

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