COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Cold Weather in the Northwest Brings Strength to Wheat.

THERE IS HEAVY BUYING IN MAY AND JULY

Same Influence Rules the Coarser Grains, Corn and Oats Each Making an Advance in Price.

CHICAGO, March 18.—The appearance of cold weather in the northwest today brought an end to the long spell of weakness in wheat and caused heavy buying, both in May and July. The market was strong throughout, May closing 1½c higher and July 1¼@1⅜c higher. The same influence ruled in the coarser grain markets, corn and oats advancing ¼c each. Provisions were very dull and inclined to weakness, though price changes were small.

Wheat started firm, July ¼c higher at 85¼@85½c and May ⅛c higher at $1.04½. It was raining throughout the west, in itself a depressing factor, but freezing weather was reported in the northwest and there was a good deal of apprehension of the frost line extending over the water-soaked winter wheat fields. Possible damage from this source did not at first result in a great increase in the buying demand, but it stopped the selling pressure, and shorts anxious to cover found it necessary to advance their bids materially before securing the desired wheat. In the first forty-five minutes trading July was advanced to 85⅞c. Then realizing by scalpers caused a reaction to 85⅝c, where the market hung for a short time. After that the market gradually became stronger and trade broadened out considerably. Late advices from Liverpool showed sharp advances, both in cash and in the deferred futures. California sent quite gloomy crop reports, predictions being made that the crop on account of the drouth would not exceed 2,000,000 bu. That these reports were taken seriously in California was evidenced by the number of covering orders, both for May and July contracts, but especially for the former, which were received from that source. Private advices from the northwest said that stocks there were nearly exhausted. These reports were given some color by the falling off in Minneapolis and Duluth receipts, these two cities reporting 275 cars today, against 430 last week and 297 a year ago. Chicago receipts were 108 cars, 33 of which were of contract grade. The total addition to contract stocks was 118,000 bu., private houses contributing 75 cars and 10,500 bu. The seaboard advices were of a bullish character, an improved foreign demand at better prices being reported. The demand for July became quite general about the middle of the session. Outsiders came into the market in greater numbers, while local shorts were heavy buyers. The prices of July reached 86¼c on this bulge. Another short spell of realizing caused a reaction to 85⅝c, but toward the end of the session buying again became heavy and prices advanced. The market ruled strong to the close, July advancing to 86¼@86⅜c and closing strong at 86⅛c. Quite a large trade was done in May. California shorts were especially good buyers. Local traders who have been heavy sellers of that delivery lately also brought back some of their lines. Leiter's brokers were free sellers, but the market was strong enough to absorb everything offered, and probably 500,000 bu. were disposed of by the Leiter people at prices around $1.05½. May sold as high as $1.06 and closed at $1.05¾.

Corn was strong, though not very active. Less favorable weather conditions and the strength of wheat made a better demand, especially from local shorts, and several important lines were covered. Country offerings were small, which also helped. May ranged from 29¼@29⅜c to 29c and closed ¼c higher at 29¼c.

Oats were stronger in sympathy with other grains and on the unfavorable weather. There was little pressure to sell and with a fairly good demand from shorts prices ruled firm at a slight advance. There was a good cash inquiry, but bids were a little out of line. May ranged from 25¾c to 25½c and closed ¼c higher at 25⅝@25¾c.

Provisions were dull on the whole, though trading was too small to admit of material declines. Prices fluctuated narrowly all day, with very little doing beyond a scattered scalping business. At the close May pork was 2½c lower at $9.90, May lard unchanged at $5.15 and May ribs unchanged at $5.10.

Estimated receipts Saturday: Wheat, 130 cars; corn, 210 cars; oats, 180 cars; hogs, 17,000 head.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yest'y.
*Wheat—					
March	1 03	1 03	1 03	1 03	1 02
May	1 04¼	1 06	1 04¼	1 05¾	1 04¼
July	85¼@½	86¼@⅜	85	86⅛	84⅞@⅝
*Corn—					
May	29¼@⅜	29¼@⅜	29	29¼	29
July	30¼@⅜	30⅜	30¼@⅜	30⅛@¼	30¼
Sept	31⅜	31⅜	31⅜	31⅜@⅝	31⅜
*Oats—					
May	25⅛	25⅝	25⅛	25⅝@¾	25⅜@⅝
July	23¼	23⅝	23⅛	23⅜	23⅛@¼
Pork—					
May	9 92½	9 92½	9 87½	9 90	9 92½
July	9 97½	9 97½	9 92½	9 95	9 97½
Lard—					
May	5 15	5 15	5 12½	5 15	5 15
July	....	....	....	5 20	5 22½
Sh't Ribs—					
May	5 10	5 10	5 07½	5 10	5 10
July				5 15	5 17½

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Quiet; winter patents, $4.80@5.00; straights, $4.30@4.60; spring specials, $5.40@5.50; spring patents, $4.70@5.10; bakers, $3.60@3.90.

WHEAT—No. 3 spring, 83½@95½c; No. 2 red, $1.02@1.03.

CORN—No. 2, 28⅝c.

OATS—No. 2, 25½c, f. o. b.; No. 2 white, 29¼@30¼c; No. 3 white, 28@29c.

RYE—No. 2, 49c.

FLAXSEED—No. 1, $1.18@1.22.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.80.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $9.90@9.95. Lard, per 100 lbs., $5.10@5.12½. Short ribs sides (loose), $4.92½@5.17½; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4.75@5.00; short clear sides (boxed), $5.25@5.40.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.19½.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $5.88; granulated, $5.38.

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	26,000	36,000
Wheat, bu	77,000	85,000
Corn, bu	266,000	138,000
Oats, bu	273,000	291,000
Rye, bu	10,000	2,000
Barley, bu	47,000	45,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was steady; creameries, 13@18c; dairies, 10½@16c. Cheese, quiet at 8@8½c. Eggs, 9½c. Live poultry, quiet; turkeys, 7@9c; chickens, 7½@8c; ducks, 7@8c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations for the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, March 18.—FLOUR—Receipts, 22,434 bbls.; exports, 12,766 bbls.; market quiet; prices lower to sell; city mill patents, $5.85@6.10; city mill clears, $5.60@5.75; Minnesota patents, $5.20@5.45; Minnesota bakers', $4.25@4.55; winter patents, $4.90@5.50; winter straights, $4.50@4.65; winter extras, $3.90@4.10; winter low grades, $2.90@3.00. Rye flour, dull; fancy, $2.85@3.25. Buckwheat flour, quiet at $1.30@1.50.

BUCKWHEAT—Steady at 43@44c.

CORNMEAL—Quiet; yellow western, 69c.

RYE—Steadier; No. 2 western, 58½c.

BARLEY—Dull; feeding, 41½c.

BARLEY MALT—Quiet; western, 52½@67c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 55,500 bu.; exports, 86,133 bu. Spot, firm; No. 2 red, $1.04⅞, f. o. b., afloat to arrive, and $1.05⅛ spot. Options opened firm at ⅛@⅜c advance and were strongly sustained all day by bullish market news from abroad and active covering on cold weather, threatening the wheat belt; export demand light, but freight men reported another big demand for grain steamers; closed, ⅝@1¼c net higher; No. 2 March, $1.04⅜@1.04½; closed, $1.04½; May, 99⅞c@$1.00⅝; closed, $1.00⅝.

CORN—Receipts, 96,525 bu.; exports, 85,319 bu. Spot, firm; No. 2, 36⅛c. Options opened steady and ruled generally firm all day with wheat; the wet weather west and early opening of navigation also had a bull effect; closed, ⅛c higher; May, 33⅞@34c; closed, 34c.

OATS—Receipts, 160,800 bu.; exports, 21,354 bu. Spot, firmer; No. 2, 31@31½c; No. 2 white, 32½c. Options, stronger with the other grain markets and closed ⅛c net higher; May closed, 29⅞c.

FEED—Quiet; bran, 80@82½c; middlings, 80c; rye feed, 62½@65c.

HAY—Dull; shipping, 30@35c; good to choice, 55@70c.

HOPS—Steady; 1895 crop, 4@6c; 1896 crop, 7@9c; 1897 crop, 17@18c; Pacific coast, 1895 crop, 4@6c; 1896 crop, 8@10c; 1897 crop, 17@18c.

HIDES—Firm; Galveston, 15@15½c; Texas dry, 13c; California, 17½@18½c.

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, 20@20½c.

WOOL—Quiet; fleece, 17½@23½c; Texas, 13½@15½c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady; family, $11.25@11.75; extra mess, $8.50@9.00; beef hams, $22.50@23.00; short clears, $10.00@11.00. Cut meats, quiet; pickled bellies, $5.75@6.50; pickled shoulders, $4.50@4.62½; pickled hams, $7.75@8.00. Lard, easy; western steamed, $5.40; refined, weaker. Pork, dull; mess, $10.00@10.25; short clear, $10.50@12.50; family, $11.00@11.50. Tallow, dull; city, 3 11-16c; country, 3¾@3⅞c.

RICE—Steady; fair to extra, 4½@6½c; Japan, 5½c.

OILS—Petroleum, dull. Rosin, steady; strained, common to good, $1.42½@1.45. Turpentine, steady at 33½@34c. Cottonseed, dull; prime crude, 20c; prime crude f. o. b. mills, 16@16½c; prime summer yellow, 22½c; off summer yellow, 22c; butter oil, 25@27c; prime winter yellow, 28@28½c.

MOLASSES—Firm; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 28@33c.

METALS—Business on the Metal exchange continues exceedingly dull and with the exception of lead, prices show no change whatever. At the close today pig iron warrants were quiet at $6.75 bid and $6.85 asked. Lake copper, quiet at $11.87½ bid and $12 asked. Tin, dull at $14.30 bid and $14.50 asked. Spelter, steady at $4.17½ bid and $4.25 asked. Lead, dull; easy at $3.67½ bid and $3.72½ asked. The firm that fixes the settling prices for miners and smelters calls lead $3.50.

BUTTER—Receipts, 3,031 pkgs.; firm; western creamery, 15@19c; Elgins, 19c; factory, 12@15c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 1,831 pkgs.; dull; September, 8c; light, skims, 5¾@6c; part skims, 4@6c; full skims, 2@3c.

EGGS—Receipts, 9,046 pkgs.; easy; state and Pennsylvania, 10½@10¾c; western, 10⅛c.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKETS.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Good stock, 8c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 9@11c; separator creamery, 20c; gathered creamery, 15@16c.

VEAL—Choice fat, 80 to 120 lbs., quoted at 8@9c; large and coarse, 6@7c.

LIVE POULTRY—Chickens, 5½@6c; old roosters, 3c; ducks, 6c.

GAME—Mallards, $3.00@3.25; teal, $1.25@1.50; brants, $3.50@4.50; Canadian geese, $5.50@6.00; mixed, $1.25@1.50.

PIGEONS—Live, $1; dead pigeons not wanted.

HAY—Upland, $5.50; midland, $5.00; lowland, $4.50; rye straw, $4.50; color makes the price on hay; light bales sell the best; only top grades bring top prices.

VEGETABLES.

CELERY—Good stock, large, 50c; small, 25@30c.

ONIONS—Per bu., $1.00@1.10.

BEANS—Hand-picked navy, per bu., $1.25@1.30.

SWEET POTATOES—Kansas, 10-peck bbls., $2.50.

CABBAGE—Good stock, per lb., ¾@1¼c.

POTATOES—Home grown, 50@55c; Colorado stock, 70c.

TOMATOES—Per crate, seven baskets, $4.00@4.25.

FRUITS.

STRAWBERRIES—Per 24-qt. case, $7.50.

APPLES—Winter stock, $3.50@3.75; California Bellefleur, boxes, $1.50; Colorado Jonathans, boxes, $1.75; Nebraska, boxes, $1.25.

CRANBERRIES—Fancy Jersey, per bbl., $10.00.

GRAPES—Malagas, $5.00@6.00.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—California navels, $2.75@3.00; fancy seedlings, $2.50; choice, $2.25.

LEMONS—California, fancy, $2.75; choice, $2.50; fancy Messina, $3.00@3.50.

BANANAS—Choice, large stock, per bunch, $2.00@2.25; medium sized bunches, $1.75@2.00.

MISCELLANEOUS.

NUTS—Almonds, per lb., large size, 12@13c; small, 11c; Brazils, per lb., 9@10c; English walnuts, per lb., fancy soft shell, 10@11c; standards, 8@9c; filberts, per lb., 10c; pecans, polished, medium, 6@7c; extra large, 8@9c; large hickory nuts, $1.00@1.10 per bu.; small, $1.25@1.35 per bu.; coconuts, per 100, $4.00; peanuts, raw, 5@5½c; roasted, 6@6½c.

FIGS—Imported, fancy, 3-crown, 14-lb. boxes, 10c; 5-crown, 44-lb. boxes, 13c; 2-lb. boxes, 22@23c per box; California, 10-lb. box, $1.00.

HONEY—Choice white, 12c; Colorado amber, 10@11c.

KRAUT—Per bbl., $3.50; half bbl., $2.25.

MAPLE SYRUP—Five-gal. can., each, $2.75; gal. cans, pure, per doz., $12.00; half-gal. cans, $6.25; quart cans, $3.50.

DATES—Hallowee, 60 to 70-lb. boxes, 5½c; Sair, 5c; Fard, 9-lb. boxes, 9c.

CIDER—Per half bbl., $3.00; bbl., $5.00.

FRESH MEATS.

DRESSED BEEF—Good native steers, 6¾c; good forequarters steers, 5½c; good hindquarters steers, 8½c; western steers, 6¾c; fancy heifers, 6¾c; good heifers, 6c; good forequarters heifers, 5c; good hindquarters heifers, 8c; good cows, 5¾c; fair cows, 5½c; cow forequarters, 4½c; cow hindquarters, 7½c.

BEEF CUTS—Hanging tenderloins, 4½c; ribs, No. 1, 11c; ribs, No. 2, 8c; ribs, No. 3, 6½c; rounds, No. 1, 7¼c; rounds, No. 2, 6¾c; rounds, No. 3, 6¼c; trimmings, 4½c; beef shanks, 2c; brains, per doz., 25c; sweetbreads, per lb., 12c; sweetbreads (calves), per lb., 40c; kidneys, per doz., 35c; ox tails, each, 5c; livers, per lb., 2½c; hearts, per lb., 2½c; tongues, per lb., 11c; calf livers, each, 35c; calves, whole carcass or sides, 9c; calf head and feet, scalded, per set, 75c; tenderloins, fresh, 18c; tenderloins, frozen, 15c; boneless strips, fresh, 9½c; boneless strips, frozen, 8c; strip loins, fresh, 7½c; strip loins, frozen, 6½c; rolls, boneless, 9½c; rolls, spencer cpts, 9c; sirloin butts, boneless, 9c; shoulder clods, boneless, 6½c; rump butts, boneless, 5¾c; No. 1 chucks, 5c; No. 2 chucks, 4½c; No. 3 chucks, 4c; boneless chucks, 5c; cow plates, 3¼c; steer plates, 4c; flank steak, 7c; loins, No. 1, 13½c; loins, No. 2, 10½c; loins, No. 3, 8½c; short loins, market style, 2c above loins; short loins, hotel style, 4c above loins; cow loin, ends, 8c; steer loin, ends, 9c.

MUTTON—Fancy lambs, 9c per lb.; lambs, 8c; sheep, 7c; market racks, long, 9c; hotel racks, short, 11c; loins, 9c; saddles, 9c; legs, 9c; lamb legs, 10c; breasts and stews, 3½c; tongues, each, 3c; forequarters, 5½c.

PORK—Dressed pigs, 6½c per lb.; dressed hogs, 5¾c; tenderloins, 14c; loins, short, 6½c; long, 6c; spare ribs, 5c; ham sausage butts, 5¾c; Boston butts, 5¼c; shoulders, rough, 5c; shoulders, skinned, 5½c; trimmings, 4½c; leaf lard, not rendered, 5¼c; heads, cleaned, 4c; snouts and ears, 3c; neckbones, 2c; cheek meat, 4c; neck bones, 2c; 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; hog rinds, 1c; blade bones, 5c.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 7½c; No. 2 green hides, 6½c; No. 1 salted hides, 9c; No. 2 green salted hides, 8c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 10c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 8c.

SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each, 15@75c; 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.

TALLOW, GREASE, ETC.—Tallow, No. 1, 3@3¼c; tallow, No. 2, 3c; rough tallow, 1½c; white grease, 2½@2¾c; yellow and brown grease, 1½@2½c.

FURS—Bear (black or brown), $5.00@20.00; otter, $1.50@8.00; mink, 15@60c; beaver, $1.00@6.00; skunk, 15c, 25c, 50c; muskrat, 3c, 5c, 7c; raccoon, 15@60c; red fox, 25c@$1.25; gray fox, 25@50c; wolf (timber), 25c@$2.50; wolf (prairie coyote), 10@50c; wildcat, 10@25c; badger, 5@40c; silver fox, $50.00@75.00.

St. Louis General Markets.

ST. LOUIS, March 18.—FLOUR—Weaker; patents, $4.70@4.85; straights, $4.35@4.50; clear, $4.00@4.25; medium, $3.50@3.75.

WHEAT—Higher, closing strong, with May, ⅞@1c; July, 1 11-16c, and September 1c above yesterday. Spot, higher; No. 2 red cash, elevator, 98½c; track, 98½c; March, 99c; May, $1.00⅝; July, 81@81¼c; September, 76⅝c; No. 2 hard cash, 92½c.

CORN—Futures neglected early, but later became firm and closed tame and fractionally higher than yesterday. Spot, higher; No. 2 cash, 26¾c; March, 26⅜c; May, 26⅝c; July, 28½@28⅝c; September, 29c bid.

OATS—Futures strong and fractionally higher. Spot, stronger; No. 2 cash, 26c; track, 27c; March, 26c; May, 26⅛c; July, 23c; No. 2 white, 28½c.

RYE—Quiet, 48½c.

FLAXSEED—Nominal, $1.15.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.85@2.90.

CORNMEAL—$1.50@1.55.

BRAN—Quiet, steady; sacked, east track, 57½c bid.

HAY—In little demand, except for fine timothy; prairie, $5.00@8.25; timothy, $8.00@10.50.

BUTTER—Quiet; creamery, 15@19½c; dairy, 9@15c.

EGGS—Lower, 8¼c.

WHISKY—$1.20.

COTTONTIES—70c.

BAGGING—5⅛@6c.

METALS—Lead, dull, $3.52½. Spelter, nominal, $4.

PROVISIONS—Pork, lower; standard mess, jobbing, $10.87½. Lard, easier; prime steam, $4.95; choice, $5.05. Bacon, extra short clear (boxed lots), $5.62½@5.75; ribs, $5.75@5.87½; shorts, $5.87½@6.00. Dry salt meats, boxed shoulders, $4.50@4.75; extra short clear, $5.12½@5.25; ribs, $5.25@5.37½; shorts, $5.37½@5.50.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 3,000 bbls.; wheat, 8,000 bu.; corn, 90,000 bu.; oats, 54,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 21,000 bbls.; wheat, 19,000 bu.; corn, 79,000 bu.; oats, 31,000 bu.

Liverpool Market.

LIVERPOOL, March 18.—WHEAT—Spot, steady; No. 2 red western, winter, 8s.

CORN—Spot, steady; American mixed, new, 3s 4½d; futures, steady; March, 3s 3¾d; May, 3s 3d; July, 3s 3⅛d.

FLOUR—St. Louis fancy winter, steady at 9s 3d.

HOPS—At London, Pacific coast, firm at £4 5s@£4 15s.

PROVISIONS—Beef, firm; extra India mess, 68s 9d; prime mess, 58s 9d. Pork, prime mess, fine western, firm at 51s 3d; prime mess, medium western, 48s 9d. Hams, short cut, steady at 3s 6d. Bacon, firm at 31s; short ribs, steady at 31s; long clear middles, light and heavy, 31s 6d; long clear middles, heavy, steady at 29s; short clear backs, steady at 28s 6d; clear bellies, steady at 32s; shoulders, square, steady at 24s 6d. Lard, prime western, steady at 27s 6d.

CHEESE—American finest white and colored, easy at 38s 6d.

TALLOW—Prime city, firm at 20s.

OILS—Cottonseed, Liverpool refined, steady at 15s 3d. Turpentine spirits, firm at 25s 9d. Rosin, common, steady at 4s 3d.

New Orleans Market.

NEW ORLEANS, March 18.—HOG PRODUCTS—Quiet; pork, standard mess, $10.25. Lard, refined tierce, 3⅝@3⅞c; pure lard, 5¼@5⅜c. Boxed meats, dry salt shoulders, 5c; sides, 5⅝c; bacon, sides, 6¼c. Hams, choice sugar cured, 8½@9¼c.

COFFEE—Rio, ordinary to fair, 6⅞@8⅜c.

RICE—Steady; ordinary to good, 3⅝@4⅜c.

FLOUR—Extra fancy, $4.60@4.70; patents, $4.95@5.00.

CORNMEAL—$1.65@1.70.

BRAN—72c.

HAY—Prime, $12.00@12.50; choice, $14.00@14.50.

CORN—No. 2 sacked, mixed, 37c; white and yellow, 38c.

OATS—No. 2 sacked, 32c.

Cincinnati Markets.

CINCINNATI, March 18.—FLOUR—Firm; fancy, $4.35@4.55; family, $3.80@4.10.

WHEAT—Firmer; No. 2 red, 96½c.

CORN—Dull; No. 2 mixed, 31½c.

OATS—Firm; No. 2 mixed, 29@29½c.

RYE—Quiet; No. 2, 53c.

PROVISIONS—Lard, quiet at $4.95. Bulk meats, steady at $5.15. Bacon, firm at $5.95.

WHISKY—Firm at $1.20.

BUTTER—Easier; Elgin creamery, 20½c; Ohio, 13@18c; dairy, 10@12c.

SUGAR—Easy; refined, $4.10@5.85.

EGGS—Firmer at 9c.

CHEESE—Steady; good to prime Ohio flat, 9@9½c.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, March 18.—WHEAT—Active, 1@1½c higher; No. 1 hard, 90c; No. 2, 87@90c; No. 3, 86@86½c; No. 1 red, 94@95c; No. 2, 93@94c; No. 3, 89@90c; No. 2 spring, 86@88c; No. 3, 83@85c.

CORN—Steady to ¼c higher; No. 2 mixed, 25⅝@26c.

OATS—Active, steady; No. 2 white, 27¼@28c.

RYE—Steady; No. 2, 46c.

HAY—Dull; choice timothy, $8.50@9.00; choice prairie, $7.00@7.25.

BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 15@18½c; dairy, 14@16c.

EGGS—Steady; 6c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 13,200 bu.; corn, 36,500 bu.; oats, 13,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 81,600 bu.; corn, 55,200 bu.; oats, 3,000 bu.

Baltimore Market.

BALTIMORE, March 18.—FLOUR—Dull; western superfine, $2.70@3.10; western extra, $3.35@4.00; western family, $4.30@4.60; winter wheat patents, $4.75@5.00; spring wheat patents, $5.20@5.40; spring wheat straights, $5.00@5.15; receipts, 8,320 bbls.; exports, 500 bbls.

WHEAT—Firmer; spot and month, 99¾@99⅞c; May, $1.00¼@1.00⅜; steamer, No. 2 red, 96½@96⅝c; receipts, 24,500 bu.; exports, 80,000 bu.; southern wheat, by sample, 96c@$1.00½; southern, on grade, 96⅜@$1.00¼.

CORN—Firm; spot and month, 33¼@33⅜c; May, 33⅜@33½c; steamer mixed, 32½@32⅝c; receipts, 314,810 bu.; exports, 42,857 bu.; southern white corn, 33@34c; southern yellow, 33¼@33⅜c.

OATS—Quiet; No. 2 white, 34@34½c; No. 2 mixed, 32@32½c; receipts, 32,443 bu.; exports, 40,000 bu.

RYE—Steady; No. 2 nearby, 55¼@55½c; No. 2 western, 56¼@56½c; receipts, 15,727 bu.; exports, none.

HAY—Dull; choice timothy, $12.50@13.00.

GRAIN FREIGHTS—Fairly active for steamers; steam to Liverpool, per bu., 3¼d, May; Cork for orders, per quarter, 3s 10½d, March; 3s 1½d@3s 6d, April.

BUTTER—Steady; fancy creamery, 19@20c; imitation, 17@18c; fancy ladle, 15c; good ladle, 13@14c; store packed, 10@12c.

EGGS—Fresh, 10½c.

CHEESE—Steady; fancy New York, large, 9¼@9½c; fancy New York, medium, 9½@10c; fancy New York, small, 10¼@10½c.

Grain Receipts at Principal Markets.

CHICAGO, March 18.—Receipts: Wheat, 108 cars; corn, 220 cars; oats, 195 cars. Estimated tomorrow: Wheat, 130 cars; corn, 210 cars; oats, 180 cars.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 18.—Receipts: Wheat, 234 cars.

ST. LOUIS, March 18.—Receipts: Wheat, 6 cars.

DULUTH, March 18.—Receipts: Wheat, 41 cars.

KANSAS CITY, March 18.—Receipt: Wheat, 22 cars.

Toledo Market.

TOLEDO, March 18.—WHEAT—Higher; No. 2 cash, 98c; May, 98¼c.

CORN—Higher, steady; No. 2 mixed, 30½c.

OATS—Dull; No. 2 mixed, 27c.

RYE—Unchanged; No. 2 cash, 50½c.

CLOVERSEED—Active; prime cash, March and April, $2.80.

Philadelphia Produce.

PHILADELPHIA, March 18.—BUTTER—Firm; western creamery, 20c; western prints, 21c.

EGGS—Steady; fresh nearby and western, 11c.

CHEESE—Easier; New York fancy full cream, 8½@9¼c; New York prime, 7½@8c.

Detroit Market.

DETROIT, March 18.—WHEAT—No. 1 white, 95c; No. 2 red, cash and May, 97c.

CORN—No. 2 mixed, 29½c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 30c.

RYE—No. 2, 51c.

San Francisco Wheat Market.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 18.—WHEAT—Inactive; December, $1.33¾; May, $1.42.

BARLEY—Inactive; December, 98c; May, $1.08½.

Peoria Markets.

PEORIA, Mach 18.—CORN—Steady; No. 2, 28½c.

OATS—Firm; No. 2 white, 26½@26¾c.

WHISKY—High proof spirits, $1.19½.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Market is Manipulated by the Professional Traders.

NEW YORK, March 18.—Today's stock market fluctuated over quite a wide extreme, first upward and then downward, and with a later recovery above the early high point. But it is noticeable that the day's net changes, although mostly on the side of gains, were not large. The extreme dullness was a feature. This and the character of the rumors which affected the market indicated the manipulation of small professional traders, whose existence depends upon a movement of prices, whether up or down. The late rally was the feature of the day and was significant of the nervous waiting attitude of the speculative world. This rally was affected on detailed rumors as to what had been taking place at the secret meeting of the cabinet in Washington. Compromise with Spain over Cuba was the burden of this rumor, accompanied by the information that Spain was perfectly willing to grant everything on the sole condition that its flag remains in Cuba. The professional short sellers hastened to cover open contracts on the strength of this report, and another to the effect that the distinguished officer of high rank in the United States navy had expressed the opinion that the Maine was destroyed by an internal explosion due to an Accident. Business in the flurry caused by these rumors was more active than at any time during the day, but was not on an unusually large scale, especially considering the wide movement of prices. Neither was the rally well held, the reaction touching practically all stocks and approaching to a substantial fraction in many cases. As for the opening spurt it was largely assisted by the buoyancy of the local traction stocks, based on the reported offer of the rapid transit commission for an extension of the elevated system. Manhattan more than recovered its dividend on the first quotation on the strength of this and Metropolitan jumped 2¼ per cent. The subsequent movement downward was equally conspicuous in these stocks and other specialties. The heaviness and dullness were without the slightest interruption after the opening spurt up to the recovery in the last hour. The relapse in Spanish 4s in London and Paris was not reassuring. Notwithstanding yesterday's slight hardening in the rates of exchange and the distinctly easier tone in today's money market, further gold to the amount of $200,000 was engaged for import today. The bond market showed weakness in the early dealings and a firmer tendency at the close. Total sales, $1,300,000. United States new 4s and the old 4s, coupon, were ½ lower, and the old 4s, registered, ½ lower bid.

The Evening Post's London financial cablegram says: The stock markets here were idle and featureless today, with a bullish inclination. Americans opened dull, became better on the ostentatious buying by a leading American house, gave way later on New York selling and closed weak. The report of the naval board of inquiry on the Maine disaster is anxiously awaited. Spanish 4s were ¾ lower. New York is said there to be speculating considerably in that stock. The Chinese loan prospectus is out. The details are as already cabled, but an important point to note is that the entire loan has to be paid up as early as May 3. This doubtless indicates the payment to Japan on May 8 of the entire balance of the indemnity of £12,000,000. The ease in the London money market was increased today by the release of £500,000 of Japanese money from the Bank of England.

Following are the closing quotations of the leading stocks on the New York market today:

Atchison	11⅛	Hawaii Com. Com.	29¾
do pfd	25¾	St. P. & Om.	70
Baltimore & Ohio	17	do pfd	150
Canada Pacific	82¼	St. P. M. & M.	127
Canada Southern	46	So. Pacific	15⅛
Central Pacific	12	So. Railway	7⅝
Ches. & Ohio	19	do pfd	26¼
Chicago & Alton	150	Texas & Pacific	9⅜
C., B. & Q.	90⅝	Union Pacific pfd	50⅛
C. & E. I.	53	U. P. D. & G.	7⅝
C. C. C. & St. L.	27¼	Wabash	6⅝
do pfd	82	do pfd	15
Del. & Hudson	109	Wheel. & L. E.	1⅛
Del. L. & W.	150	Wheel. & L. E. pfd	9⅜
Den. & Rio G.	11¼	Adams Ex.	102
do pfd	44⅝	American Ex.	120
Erie (new)	12⅛	United States Ex.	38
Erie 1st pfd	34⅛	Wells Fargo Ex.	114
Ft. Wayne	166	Am. Cot. Oil	16⅛
Great Northern pfd	149	A. Cot. Oil pfd	67⅝
Hocking Valley	5⅛	Am. Spirits	6
Illinois Central	99⅝	Am. Spirits pfd	17⅛
Lake Erie & W.	13⅜	Am. Tobacco	96⅛
do pfd	67⅝	do pfd	113
Lake Shore	185	People's Gas	90¼
Louisville & Nash.	49⅝	Cons. Gas	179
*Manhattan L.	101⅛	Com. Cable Co.	165
Met. St. Ry.	140¾	Col. F. & Iron	17⅜
Michigan Central	103⅝	do pfd	78
Minn. & St. L.	26	Gen. Electric	32⅜
do 1st pfd	82⅛	Illinois Steel	45
Mo. Pacific	25⅝	La Clede Gas	42¼
Mobile & Ohio	26	Lead	29
Mo. K. & T.	10⅛	do pfd	101¾
Mo. K. & T. pfd	32⅝	Nat. Lin. Oil	15
Chi. Ind. & L.	7	Pacific Mail	24
do pfd	24	Pullman Pal.	169⅛
N. J. Central	92	Silver Certificates	55
N. Y. Central	102⅝	Stand. Rope & T.	3⅜
N. Y. Chi. & St. L.	13	Sugar	119⅛
do 1st pfd	63	do pfd	107
do 2d pfd	30	T. C. & Iron	19¾
Norfolk & Western	12⅛	U. S. Leather	5⅝
No. Amer. Co.	5⅛	do pfd	57¼
No. Pacific	21⅝	U. S. Rubber	16⅛
do pfd	60⅛	do pfd	65⅛
Ontario & W.	14⅛	Western Union	85⅛
Ore. R. & Nav.	44	Northwestern	117¾
Ore. Short Line	28	do pfd	174
Pittsburg	168	Rio Grande West	23
Reading	16⅜	do pfd	54
Rock Island	83⅛	Chicago-Great W.	9⅛
S. L. & S. F.	6⅜	S. L. & S. W.	4
do 1st pfd	54⅛	do pfd	9¼
St. Paul	89⅛	Reading 1st pfd	39¼
do pfd	145⅛		

*ex-div.

Total sales of stocks today, 300,200 shares, including: Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, 25,760; Louisville & Nashville, 7,050; Manhattan, 22,005; Metropolitan, 13,175; New York Central, 6,193; Northern Pacific, 7,355; Northern Pacific preferred, 16,795; Rock Island, 9,255; St. Paul, 26,055; Union Pacific, 16,894; Tobacco, 12,910; People's Gas, 6,050; Sugar, 66,939.

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, March 18.—4 p. m.—Closing:

Consols, m'y	111⅞	N. Y. Central	114¼
Consols, acct	112	Pennsylvania	58¾
Can. Pacific	84⅛	Reading	8⅝
Erie	13⅛	Mex. Cen. new 4s	66
Erie 2nds	35⅛	Atchison	11⅝
Ill. Central	103	L. & N.	50⅛
Mexican ordinary	20⅝	Grand Trunk	8⅜
St. Paul common	92		

BAR SILVER—Steady at 25⅝d per oz.

MONEY—2 per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 2⅝@3 per cent; for three months' bills, 2 15-16@3 per cent.

Foreign Financial.

LONDON, March 18.—Gold is quoted at Buenos Ayres today at 166. American eagles are quoted at 76s 7½d.

PARIS, March 18.—The bourse opened dull, chiefly on London offers, and later was steadier. Rentes and Italian securities at first weakened. Then there was a relapse in Spanish 4s. Afterward they became firmer, but 4s closed heavy and Turkish securities finished decidedly weak. Three per cent rentes, 103f 25c for the account. Exchange on London, 25f 11c for checks.

BERLIN, March 18.—Prices on the bourse were irregular today. American securities were weaker and Canadian Pacifics were well supported. Bank shares were animated in anticipation of the Chinese loan.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, March 18.—MONEY ON CALL—Nominally, 2½ per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—4½@5½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Easy, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.83¾@4.84 for demand, and $4.80¾@4.81 for sixty days; posted rates, $4.81½@4.82½ and $4.84½@4.85½; commercial bills, $4.80@4.80½.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—55@55⅝c.

BAR SILVER—55c.

MEXICAN DOLLARS—45c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Easier: new 4s, reg. and coupon, 122¼; 4s, reg., 110; coupon, 111; 2s, reg., 98¼; 5s, reg. and coupon, 111½; Pacific 6s of '99, 103.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U S new 4s reg	122	N. J. C. 5s	112
U.S. new 4s coup	122	N. C. 6s	125
U. S. 4s, reg	109¾	N. C. 4s	102
U. S. 4s coup	111	No. Pacific 1sts	116
U. S. 2s reg	98¼	No. Pacific 3s	59⅝
U. S. 5s reg	111½	No. Pacific 4s	94⅛
U. S. 5s coup	111¼	N. Y. C. & St. L. 4s	103¼
District 3.65s	116	N. & W. 6s	119¾
Ala. class A	108¾	N. W. Consols	144
Ala. class B	108¾	N. W. Deb. 5s	115¼
Ala. class C	97	Ore. Nav. 1sts	113¼
Ala. Currency	97	Ore. Nav. 4s	94
Atchison 4s	89	O. S. L. 6s, t. r.	120
Atchison adj. 4s	57⅛	O. S. L. 5s, t. r.	92¾
Canada So. 2nds	106⅛	O. Imp. 1sts, t. r.	101
Chicago Ter'l 4s	82	O. Imp. 5s, t. r.	55
C. & O. 5s	114	Pacific 6s of '95	103
C. H. & D. 4½s	104¾	Reading 4s	80⅝
D. & R. G. 1sts	110	R. G. West 1sts	80½
D. & R. G. 4s	89	St. L. & I. M. Con. 5	90⅝
East Tenn. 1sts	105	St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6	116
Erie Gen. 4s	69¼	St. P. Consols	140⅛
F W & D. 1s. t. r.	67	St. P. C. & P. 1sts	118
Gen. Elec. 5s	101	St. P. C. & P. 5s	114¾
G. H. & S. A. 6s	102	Southern Ry. 5s	89
G. H. & S. A. 2ds	103	S. R. & T. 6s	55
H. & T. Cent. 5s	110	Tenn. new set 3s	85
H. & T. C. con 6s	107	Tex. Pac. Rg. 2ds	32
Iowa C. 1sts	99¾	U. P. D. & G. 1sts	54
K. P. Con., t. r.	99	Wab. 1st 5s	106¾
K. P. 1sts, t. r.	131¼	Wab. 2ds	75⅛
La. New Con. 4s	101⅛	West Shore 4s	108¾
L. & N. Uni. 4s	86	Va. Centuries	68
Missouri 6s	100	Va. deferred	3½
M. K. & T. 2ds	59¼	Union Pacific pfd	50⅛
M. K. & T. 4s	86	Union Pacific 4s	91¼
N. Y. C. 1sts	115¼		

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, March 18.—Call loans, 3@4 per cent; time loans, 4@5 per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F.	10¾	Boston L.	54½
American Sugar	119⅜	Ed. Elec. Il.	165
Am. Sugar pfd	108	Gen. Elec. pfd	90
Bay State Gas	1¼	Atchison pfd	25
Bell Telephone	245	Atchison 4s	87⅛
Boston & Albany	219	Gen. Elec. 5s	99⅛
Boston & Maine	163	Wis. Cent 6s	124
C. B. & Q.	90⅝	Allouez Mining Co	1½
Fitchburg	98¾	Atlantic	28¾
General Electric	32	Boston & Montana	172⅝
Illinois Steel	45	Butte & Boston	21½
Mexican Central	5	Calumet & Hecla	515
N. Y. & N. E. pfd	91½	Centennial	11¼
Old Colony	188	Franklin	12
O. S. L.	28	Osceola	38¾
Rubber	16⅛	Quincy	106
Union Pacific	18¼	Tamarack	145
West End	79½	Wolverines	17¼
W. Elec	21	Parrott	20
W. Elec. pfd	52⅛		

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 18.—Official closing quotations on mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta	15	Julia	1
Alpha Con	7	Justice	30
Andes	10	Kentucky Con	2
Belcher	22	Mexican	30
Best & Belcher	30	Occidental Con	250
Bullion	9	Ophir	42
Caledonia	27	Overman	10
Challenge Con	25	Potosi	40
Chollar	45	Savage	24
Confidence	65	Scorpion	3
Con. Cal. & Va	76	Sierra Nevada	115
Con. New York	1	Silver Hill	2
Crown Point	13	Union Con	37
Exchequer	5	Utah Con	10
Gould & Curry	18	Yellow Jacket	25
Hale & Norcross	140	Standard	160

Silver bars, 55c; Mexican dollars, 45½@46c; drafts, sight, 12½c; telegraph, 15c.

New York Mining Quotations.

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

Chollar	44	Ontario	250
Crown Point	11	Ophir	44
Con. Cal. & Va	70	Plymouth	8
Deadwood	15	Quicksilver	100
Gould & Curry	15	Quicksilver pfd	200
Hale & Norcross	125	Sierra Nevada	110
Homestake	3700	Standard	160
Iron Silver	36	Union Con	30
Mexican	25	Yellow Jacket	25

Financial Notes.

OMAHA, March 18.—The bank clearings for the day were $941,583.35. Balances, $106,837.28. The clearings in 1897 were $559,151.88 and the balances, $78,108.71. Increase in clearings, $382,431.47.

CHICAGO, March 18.—Clearings, $15,264,936. New York exchange, 25c discount. Posted rates, $4.81½ and $4.84½. Stocks dull and generally easier. Quotations: Alley L, 59½ bid, 60 asked; Biscuit, 21½; Biscuit preferred, 77½; Diamond Match, 131 bid, 134½ asked; Lake Street L, 11½; North Chicago, 213; Strawboard, 26 bid, 27 asked; West Chicago, 91⅝.

ST. LOUIS, March 18.—Clearings, $4,299,143; balances, $483,948. Money, 5@8 per cent. New York exchange, par bid, 12½c premium asked.

MEMPHIS, March 18.—Clearings, $316,415; balances, $60,780. New York exchange, selling at $1.50 premium.

NEW ORLEANS, March 18.—Clearings, $1,435,455. New York exchange, bank par; commercial, $1 per $1,000 discount.

BALTIMORE, March 18.—Clearings, $2,216,827; balances, $321,682.

PHILADELPHIA, March 18.—Clearings, $10,618,818; balances, $1,359,976.

NEW YORK, March 18.—Clearings, $114,333,956; balances, $7,712,236.

BOSTON, March 18.—Clearings, $15,118,760; balances, $1,657,156.

CINCINNATI, March 18.—Clearings, $2,059,500; money, 2½@6 per cent; New York exchange, 40c discount.

Bank of Germany Statement.

BERLIN, March 18.—The weekly statement of the Imperial Bank of Germany shows the following changes as compared with the previous account: Cash in hand, increase, 14,200,000 marks; treasury notes, increase, 860,000 marks; other securities, increase, 18,380,000 marks; notes in circulation, increase, 6,680,000 marks.

American Securities in London.

LONDON, March 18.—The market for American securities opened dull and sluggish, fluctuated somewhat, and after a slight decline was slightly better at the close. Operators were inactive. The closing tone was quiet, but steady, and the demand generally light. Spanish 4s closed at 54⅝.

COTTON MARKET.

Dullness in Futures Continues, Due to Numerous Causes.

NEW YORK, March 18.—The dullness in cotton futures continued, today's market being intensely so. A favorable start was made, the market opening firm, with prices 1@3 points higher on a small rush of shorts to cover, following a much better class of cables from Liverpool than expected. This demand was soon satisfied and during the balance of the session traders were few and far between. Prices sagged off to 1@2 points below the final figures of yesterday, with the close quiet and steady at unchanged prices to 2 points net higher. The weaker ruling of the stock markets here and in London, and a decline in the price of print cloths at Fall River to 2⅛, less 1 per cent, the lowest figure on record, caused the conservative bulls to fight shy of the market, while the bears feared to increase their short interests, owing to the remarkable firmness of spot cotton throughout the south, favorable reports from the Manchester yarn and cloth markets and continued free selling of cotton for export. Spot, steady; middling, 6⅛c; net receipts, 99 bales; gross, 2,784 bales; exports to Great Britain, 4,578 bales; to France, 478 bales; stock, 179,912 bales. Weekly: Net receipts, 3,629 bales; gross, 20,825 bales; exports to Great Britain, 14,602 bales; to France, 818 bales; to the continent, 8,848 bales; forwarded, 6,943 bales; sales, 1,608 bales; spinners, 908 bales. Total today: Net receipts, 19,104 bales; exports to Great Britain, 29,318 bales; to France, 528 bales; to the continent, 13,336 bales; stock, 1,002,783 bales. Consolidated: Net receipts, 144,675 bales; exports to Great Britain, 106,483 bales; to France, 8,795 bales; to the continent, 55,457 bales. Total since September 1: Net receipts, 7,718,417 bales; exports to Great Britain, 2,779,661 bales; to France, 721,134 bales; to the continent, 2,310,468 bales.

LIVERPOOL, March 18.—COTTON—Spot, fair demand, prices unchanged; American middling, 3 11-32d. The sales of the day were 12,000 bales, of which 500 bales were for speculation and export and included 11,700 bales American; receipts, 15,000 bales, including 9,800 bales American. Futures opened quiet with a poor demand and closed steady; American middling, L. M. C., March, 3 19-64d, buyers; March and April, 3 19-64d, buyers; April and May, 3 19-64@3 20-64d, sellers; May and June, 3 19-64@3 20-64d, buyers; June and July, 3 20-64d, buyers; July and August, 3 20-64@3 21-64d, sellers; August and September, 3 20-64d, buyers; September and October, 3 20-64d, buyers; October and November, 3 19-64@3 20-64d, buyers; November and December, 3 19-64@3 20-64d, sellers; December and January, 3 19-64@3 20-64d, sellers. The cotton exchange will observe the Easter holidays by closing from 1 p. m. April 7 until April 12.

NEW ORLEANS, March 18.—COTTON—Futures quiet; sales, 19,900 bales; March, 5.59 bid; April, $5.58@5.59; May, $5.61@5.62; June, $5.64@5.66; July, $5.68@5.69; August, $5.67@5.68; September, October and November, $5.67@5.69; December, $5.70@5.72; January, $5.72@5.74. Spot steady; sales, 3,750 bales; ordinary, 4 9-16c; good ordinary, 4 15-16c; low middling, 5¼c; middling, 5 9-16c; good middling, 5 15-16c; middling, fair, 5 5-16c; receipts, 4,360 bales; stock, 449,181 bales.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, March 18.—Trading in dry goods is stimulated to some degree by the needs of jobbers throughout the country, who have been conducting a lively spring business and feel the need of replenishing stocks. Seasonable goods in nearly all lines are in reorder request to a considerable extent. Lines of fall cotton goods continue to attract buyers' attention and fair sales are reported. The business transacted all though the country at second hands remains heavy and this has had its effect on the primary market. In prints there is a continued gain of slight proportions. Staple cottons show a tendency toward a stiffer market. Print cloths are weak. A sale is reported of 10,000 extras at 2⅛c, less 1 per cent. The best bids registered at 2 1-16c and manufacturers have so far refused to do business at this rate. Odd goods are quiet.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET

Receipts Moderate and Demand Very Much in Keeping with Supplies.

SHIPPING ORDERS SAVE THE PRICES

Cattle Open Dull and Easy But Outside Buying Brings Prices Up to Steady—Hogs Five Cents Higher.

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

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.	Hor's.
March 18	2,307	4,708	2,999	....
March 17	1,864	4,730	14,146	3
March 16	3,597	4,945	5,355	....
March 15	3,720	6,007	3,041	36
March 14	2,188	1,620	4,826	2
March 12	2,108	4,532	796	20
March 11	2,482	5,942	1,905	....
March 10	2,342	4,697	10,207	....
March 9	2,804	6,251	6,576	47
March 8	2,939	6,609	7,869	3
March 7	3,200	3,176	3,584	4
March 5	1,137	5,437	1,270	66
March 4	1,823	6,545	5,245	43
March 3	1,652	5,599	3,763	2
March 2	1,294	5,349	4,833	5
March 1	2,779	7,800	4,230	3
February 28	1,834	4,541	4,051	....

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

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
C., M. & St. P. Ry.	1	..	..
Missouri Pacific Ry.	2	5	..
Union Pacific System	27	15	13
C. & N. W. Ry.	1	1	..
F., E. & M. V. R. R.	20	13	..
S. C. & P. Ry.	6	..	..
C., St. P., M. & O. Ry.	13	6	..
B. & M. R. R. R.	17	17	2
C., B. & Q. Ry.	3	4	..
K. C. & St. J.	1	..	..
C., R. I. & P. Ry., east	2	..	..
C., R. I. & P. Ry., west	..	1	..
Total receipts	93	62	15

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.	79	894	23
G. H. Hammond Co.	77	1,092	362
Swift and Company	413	823	2,487
Cudahy Packing Co.	560	1,230	798
P. D. Armour, Chicago	118	.....	.....
R. Becker & Degan	271	.....	.....
Vansant & Co.	13	.....	.....
J. L. Carey	19	.....	.....
Lobman & Rothschilds	50	.....	.....
W. I. Stephens	50	.....	.....
Krebbs & Co.	134	.....	.....
Livingston & Schaler	36	.....	.....
H. Hamilton	25	.....	.....
L. F. Husz	25	.....	.....
Meyers	182	.....	.....
Hammond country	.....	.....	362
Cudahy, Kansas City	24	470	.....
Plankington, Milwaukee	.....	442	.....
Other buyers	128	.....	1,473
Left over	100	250	460
Totals	2,304	5,201	5,905

CATTLE—Receipts today, 2,307 head; yesterday, 1,864 head; one week ago, 2,482 head; two weeks ago, 1,823. Average quality of the cattle today was very fair, that is there were quite a good many loads of desirable beef cattle, though there was nothing fancy in sight. So far as values were concerned, the market was not much changed from yesterday. The weather was rather unfavorable, the rain, rendering the yards decidedly disagreeable and not adding, by any means, to the appearance of the cattle.

BEEF STEERS—The dark and gloomy weather, which made the cattle look at their worst, seemed to have an equally bad effect upon buyers. Their early bids were generally easier and the trade opened slow and draggy. A little later the arrival of liberal shipping orders braced the market up very materially and put new life into the trade. Desirable bunches of cattle soon began moving toward the scales and the market became quite active on that kind of stuff, with prices just about steady. Half-fat cattle that did not find favor in the eyes of the feeder buyers were slow and easier.

BUTCHERS' STOCK—No great number of cows and heifers were on sale, not to exceed ten or fifteen loads all told. At the same time the demand was quite brisk and the market fully steady. Buyers claimed that their purchases averaged them a little higher than yesterday. The offerings were all taken in good season and the trade, so far as butchers' stock was concerned, was soon over with.

STOCK CATTLE—The demand was very strong for light stock cattle, but there were very few cattle with which to meet it. Such as were to be found sold readily. There was a good representation of half-fat stuff, which sold about the same as yesterday. Representative sales:

NATIVES.

BEEF STEERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
5	934	$3 90	9	777	$4 00	1	1130	$4 00
5	1116	4 10	4	1412	4 00	1	1400	4 30
1	1230	3 70	1	1130	3 75	1	810	3 85
51	987	3 90	8	1432	4 10	7	985	4 10
21	1116	4 15	42	1090	4 25	3	1265	4 35
20	1138	4 35	11	1311	4 40	6	1250	4 40
18	1337	4 45	20	1463	4 45	34	1483	4 60
1	860	3 75	1	920	3 75	1	1190	4 00
1	930	4 00	1	780	4 10	1	1120	4 25
6	1550	4 25	5	1214	4 30	7	1282	4 40
8	825	4 50	18	1353	4 55	19	1368	4 60
25	978	3 90	1	932	4 00	24	1130	4 05
5	1440	4 20	8	1165	4 20	21	1224	4 25
5	1184	4 30	27	1251	4 45	3	1026	4 65
24	1171	4 65	20	1067	4 25	20	1015	4 25
39	1217	4 30	18	1433	4 35	1	1270	4 35
22	1101	3 35	1	1230	4 40	44	1131	4 20
5	1102	4 20	19	859	3 55	1	1200	4 35
37	1153	4 30	20	1158	4 40	1	1230	4 40
16	1499	4 70						

COWS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
2	635	2 25	4	930	2 50	1	1030	3 75
2	985	2 85	1	1050	3 10	1	940	3 10
2	935	3 35	2	1100	3 35	8	1313	3 50
6	1168	3 55	2	1150	3 55	3	1006	3 55
7	1044	3 75	1	1140	2 50	1	1050	2 60
2	970	2 90	3	993	3 00	1	1050	3 00
1	1000	3 10	50	1179	3 25	7	1230	3 40
1	1300	3 50	3	1430	3 60	1	1150	3 80
1	870	2 60	1	960	2 95	1	1133	3 00
1	1000	3 15	1	980	3 25	4	1235	3 40
2	1275	3 45	1	1230	3 50	1	1320	3 55
25	1227	3 60	12	927	3 75	1	930	2 25
1	1020	2 50	3	946	3 00	2	1060	3 00
5	1074	3 15	1	1130	3 25	16	1036	3 25
2	1090	3 40	1	1380	3 40	6	1158	3 45
1	1020	3 50	2	1040	3 60	2	1165	3 65
1	1000	3 00	3	943	3 40	3	1113	3 45
1	1180	3 50	1	1300	3 60	1	1350	3 65
21	1089	3 65	4	1030	2 65	4	1000	2 90
5	1190	3 00	21	1035	3 30	1	1070	3 30
3	870	3 30	4	1077	3 40	1	1280	3 40
1	1560	3 60	7	938	3 60	2	820	3 65
9	1152	3 70	4	1150	3 85			

HEIFERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
2	730	3 60	1	530	3 65	3	876	3 70
5	476	3 75	1	470	3 75	1	850	3 80
1	850	3 90	2	1025	4 00	2	595	2 85
2	750	3 65	12	875	3 70	7	787	3 70
2	515	3 75	1	820	3 80	3	543	3 90
20	563	4 20	1	810	3 25	3	1016	3 60
7	588	3 85	2	890	3 70	1	950	3 75
2	870	3 40	1	1020	3 50	26	869	3 80
1	540	3 85	1	850	3 95	3	416	4 00
2	590	4 25						

BULLS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	1440	3 25	1	1040	3 50	1	1400	3 10
1	1450	3 35	1	1920	3 35	1	1980	2 40
1	1130	3 00	1	1550	3 55	1	1020	2 85
1	1580	3 00	9	1525	3 15	1	970	3 25
1	1370	3 35	1	1630	3 25	1	1460	3 40
1	1470	3 45	1	1270	3 55	1	1320	2 65
1	1190	3 25	2	1480	3 30	1	950	3 50
1	1770	3 50	2	1375	3 55	1	840	3 60
1	1870	3 65						

CALVES.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	120	5 75	2	300	4 00	1	220	5 25
1	250	5 50	1	155	6 00	1	200	6 25
2	120	5 00	1	150	6 50			

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	910	3 75	2	485	4 50	1	850	4 00
7	1034	4 20	1	720	3 75	1	850	4 00
1	1090	4 30	1	850	4 30	2	970	4 30
10	950	4 35	1	890	4 35	4	757	4 40
11	419	5 00	16	516	5 15	1	800	3 75
9	480	4 00	1	580	4 00	8	982	4 20
27	869	4 30	1	750	4 35	2	875	3 75
6	958	4 25	6	996	4 00	2	615	4 60
2	1077	4 60	1	560	4 60	23	1077	4 15
11	766	4 60	2	835	4 25	8	941	4 35
14	783	4 45	4	690	4 50	18	540	4 90
1	720	4 00	1	960	4 10	19	1015	4 20

MILKERS AND SPRINGERS.

No.		Pr.
1	cow and calf	$32 50
1	cow and calf	36 00
1	springer	38 00
1	cow and calf	40 00
1	springer	44 00
1	cow and calf	45 00

HOGS—Receipts today, 4,708 head; yesterday, 4,730; one week ago, 5,942; two weeks ago, 6,542. The average quality of the offerings was good. The market as a whole was in very satisfactory condition and the hogs were all sold and weighed up at an early hour.

In addition to the local demand shippers were in the field and good heavy and butcher weight hogs, which were in very good request, sold a shade to 5c higher. As high as $3.80 and $3.85 was paid for good loads, and a few choice assorted fat backs sold up to $3.90.

Other kinds of hogs, that is, light and mixed stuff, sold in about the same notches as yesterday.

The extreme range was $3.65@3.85 for full loads, with the great bulk of the sales at $3.70, $3.72½ and $3.75. Yesterday one half of the hogs sold at $3.70 or under.

The average of all the sales was 1⅝c higher than yesterday, but 6¾c lower than one week ago and 13⅝c lower than two week ago. Representative sales:

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
11	215	...	$3 65	41	249	...	$3 65
53	213	80	3 67½	68	223	40	3 70
79	213	...	3 70	48	244	40	3 70
57	259	40	3 70	84	204	120	3 70
92	195	...	3 70	29	340	80	3 70
70	201	...	3 70	82	193	...	3 70
52	310	200	3 70	71	274	120	3 70
55	258	160	3 70	68	257	80	3 70
70	251	160	3 70	71	274	120	3 70
39	252	40	3 70	21	341	160	3 70
68	227	40	3 70	42	205	...	3 70
75	260	...	3 70	41	270	80	3 70
58	277	...	3 70	70	212	120	3 70
64	223	80	3 70	81	221	40	3 70
11	258	...	3 72½	69	242	40	3 72½
32	163	...	3 72½	71	241	120	3 72½
66	232	...	3 72½	88	197	120	3 72½
55	249	120	3 72½	28	252	...	3 72½
70	266	120	3 72½	48	283	...	3 72½
64	233	80	3 72½	76	244	80	3 72½
11	279	...	3 72½	34	230	...	3 72½
69	236	80	3 72½	55	266	40	3 72½
60	297	...	3 72½	75	251	80	3 72½
52	296	40	3 75	49	367	...	3 75
63	281	80	3 75	82	224	80	3 75
77	245	40	3 75	55	256	40	3 75
84	220	...	3 75	57	312	120	3 75
15	320	...	3 75	35	298	120	3 75
72	257	40	3 75	68	251	40	3 75
74	261	40	3 75	70	252	...	3 75
95	235	...	3 75	54	279	40	3 75
83	247	...	3 75	30	292	...	3 75
42	248	...	3 77½	69	230	...	3 77½
64	271	40	3 77½	71	251	80	3 77½
35	290	40	3 80	66	282	80	3 80
63	308	80	3 80	45	404	...	3 85
53	322	...	3 85	8	427	...	3 90

WAGON HOGS—THROW OUTS.

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
1	170	...	2 00	1	200	...	2 50
2	290	...	2 50	1	150	...	2 75
2	159	...	2 75	1	310	...	3 00
1	180	...	3 50	1	380	80	3 50
2	435	..	3 60	2	300	...	3 65
6	310	...	3 70	2	220	...	3 70
2	210	...	3 70	7	252	...	3 75
3	243	...	3 75				

SHEEP—Receipts today, 2,999; yesterday, 14,146; one week ago, 1,905; two week ago, 5,245. The offerings were pretty equally divided between sheep and lambs and the quality was very fair on an average.

The market was just about steady, but it was a little slow and buyers took more time than usual to make selections. The fact is that buyers made such large purchases yesterday, when the receipts were the heaviest on record, that they could affod to take their time this morning. Although they did not talk business until late everything was sold in reasonably good season and the market as a whole seemed to be entirely satisfactory to sellers. Representative sales:

No.		Av.	Pr.
30	culls	85	$2 50
484	western mixed	85	3 95
1,203	western wethers	116	4 25
297	western wethers	107	4 30
270	Mexican lambs	73	5 10
232	western lambs	85	5 10

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Active Demand for Hogs and Prices Average Higher.

CHICAGO, March 18.—There was a fair average supply of cattle today. The general demand was as good as it usually is so late in the week and prices were steady and unchanged. Choice fat beeves were scarce and most of the sales were at low prices. The bulk of the beef steers sold at from $4.35 to $5.10, commoner grades bringing from $3.90 to $4.25. Stockers and feeders sold between $3.50 and $4.75. Calves were slow with sales at from $6 to $6.50 for the best grades.

There was an active demand for hogs and prices averaged 2½c higher at from $3.70 to $4.10 for inferior to choice hogs, the bulk of the sales being at from $3.87½ to $4. Little pigs sold largely at from $3.15 to $3.35 and heavier pigs brought from $3.40 to $3.85.

Prices for sheep and lambs were steady with a good general demand. Sheep were wanted at from $3.25 to $4.75 for common to choice flocks, sales being chiefly at from $4.25 to $4.65. Rams sold at from $3.25 to $3.50 and inferior to choice ewes were salable at from $3.50 to $4.50. Yearling sheep were in demand at from $4.50 to $5 and lambs brought from $4.40 to $5.60, with sales chiefly at from $5 to $5.50, shorn lambs bringing from $4.25 to $5.

Receipts: Cattle, 3,000 head; hogs, 21,000 head; sheep, 7,000 head.

St. Louis Live Stock.

ST. LOUIS, March 18.—CATTLE—Receipts, 1,800 head, including 500 head Texans; shipments, 900 head; market steady; fair to fancy native shipping and export steers, $4.50@5.50; bulk of sales, $4.80@5.10; dressed beef and butcher steers, $4.00@5.10; bulk of sales, $4.45@4.85; steers under 1,000 lbs., $3.50@4.80; bulk of sales, $4.00@4.50; stockers and feeders, $3.25@4.00; bulk of sales, $3.50@4.65; cows and heifers, $2.00@4.50.

HOGS—Receipts, 6,400 head; shipments, 2,000 head; market 5c higher on best; steady on others; Yorkers, $3.65@3.85; packers, $3.90@4.00; butchers, $3.90@4.00.

SHEEP—Receipts, 1,100 head; shipments, none; market steady; native muttons, $4.00@4.60; lambs, $5.00@5.50; bucks, $3.70.

Louisville Live Stock.

LOUISVILLE, March 18.—CATTLE—Market dull and fully 10@15c lower; extra good export steers, $4.50@4.65; choice butcher steers, $4.15@4.30; fair to good butcher steers, $3.65@4.15; common to medium butcher steers, $3.40@3.65; choice heifers, $3.90@4.15; fair to choice butcher cows, $2.90@3.65; medium to good feeders, $3.65@4.15.

HOGS—Receipts, 1,400 head; tops, $3.90; mediums, $3.80@3.90; light shippers, $3.40@3.70; pigs, $2.50@3.40.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Market steady and unchanged; good to extra shipping sheep, $3.50@3.75; fair to good sheep, $3.00@3.25; common to medium, $2.00@2.50; extra shipping lambs, $4.75@5.00; fair to good lambs, $4.25@4.75; best butchers, $4.00@4.60; fair to good butchers, $3.50@4.00.

New York Live Stock.

NEW YORK, March 18.—BEEVES—Receipts, 1,369 head; active and slightly stronger; native steers, $4.40@5.30; stags and oxen, $3.50@5.50; bulls, $3.50@4.50; dry cows, $2.20@3.00. European cables quote American steers, 9¾@10½c, dressed weight; sheep, 10@11c, dressed weight, and refrigerator beef at 9@8¾c per pound; no exports today.

CALVES—Receipts, 156 head; active at an advance of ¼c; veals, $5.00@8.00 per 100 lbs.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 5,134 head; slow and steady for sheep and dull for lambs at a slight reduction; sheep, $4.00@5.00; lambs, $5.50@6.25.

HOGS—Receipts, 2,751 head; active and stronger at $4.20@4.45.

Kansas City Live Stock Market.

KANSAS CITY, March 18.—CATTLE—Receipts, 300 head natives, 500 head southern; market 15@25c lower than Monday on all kinds; dressed beef qualities, ordinary, $3.75@4.95; cows and heifers, $2.50@4.50, largely 10c lower; Texas and western fed steers, $3.75@4.60; Colorado feeders, $3.50@4.85; bulls, dull and lower at $2.65@4.00.

HOGS—Receipts, 10,700 head; market active and a shade higher; bulk of sales, $3.65@3.80; pigs, $3.25@3.60; lights, $3.60@3.75; heavies, packers and mixed, $3.70@3.90.

SHEEP—Receipts, 3,800 head; sheep quiet with lower undertone; westerns predominated; sheep, $3.50@4.40; lambs, $4.45@5.20.

Indianapolis Live Stock.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 18.—CATTLE—Receipts, 1,100 head; shipments, 600 head; market rather sluggish; good to prime steers, $4.90@5.25; fair to medium steers, $4.60@4.80; common to good stockers, $3.25@4.00.

HOGS—Receipts, 6,700 head; shipments, 3,000 head; market moderately active; good to choice medium and heavy, $3.90@3.95; mixed, $3.80@3.90; common lights, $3.75@3.85.

SHEEP—Receipts, light; shipments, none; good to choice lambs, $5.15@5.20; common to medium lambs, $3.75@5.00; common sheep, $2.25@3.00.

East Buffalo Live Stock.

EAST BUFFALO, N. Y., March 18.—CATTLE—Dull and slow; fat shipping steers, $4.60@4.75; fat smooth steers, $4.40@4.50; coarse and roughs, $3.75@4.25; light steers, $4.10@4.25; choice fat heifers, $4.25@4.50; mixed butchers, $4.50@5.00; good butchers' cows, $3.50@3.90.

HOGS—Quiet; common to choice roughs, $3.60@4.00; pigs, common to choice, $3.80@3.95.

LAMBS—Choice to extra, $5.70@5.75; culls to common, $4.85@5.40.

SHEEP—Choice to selected wethers, $4.80@4.95; culls to common, $3.25@4.15.

Cincinnati Live Stock.

CINCINNATI, March 18.—HOGS—Active and 5c higher at $3.15@4.00.

CATTLE—Steady at $2.75@5.00.

SHEEP—Steady at $2.75@4.75.

LAMBS—$4.00@5.90.

Stock in Sight.

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

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Omaha	2,307	4,708	2,999
Chicago	3,000	21,000	7,000
Kansas City	800	10,700	3,800
St. Louis	1,000	6,400	1,100
Totals	7,107	42,808	14,899

Wool Markets.

BOSTON, March 18.—The following are the quotations for leading descriptions:

Ohio and Pennsylvania fleeces, X and above, 27@28c; XX, 29c; XX and above, 30c; delaine, 30@31c; No. 1 combing, 30@31c; No. 2 combing, 30@31c. Michigan, Wisconsin, northwest, etc.: Michigan, 24c; No. 1 Michigan combing, 29c; No. 1 Illinois combing, 29c; No. 2 Michigan combing, 28@29c; No. 2 Illinois combing, 28@29c; New York, New Hampshire and Vermont, 23@24c; No. 1 New York, New Hampshire and Vermont, 27c; delaine, Michigan, 25c. Unwashed medium Kentucky and Indiana quarter-blood combing, 23c; Kentucky and Indiana three-eighths-blood combing, 23c; Missouri quarter-blood combing, 22c; Missouri three-eighths-blood combing, 23c; braid combing, 21c; lake and Georgia, 22c. Texas wools, spring medium, twelve-month, 16@18c; scoured, 43@45c; spring fine, twelve months, 15@19c; scoured, 48@50c. Territory wools: Montana fine medium and fine, 16@17c; scoured, 46@48c; staples, 50@52c. Utah, Wyoming, etc.: Fine medium and fine, 15@17c; scoured, 45@47c; staple, 50c. Australian scoured basis, combing superfine, 70@72c; combing, good, 65@68c; combing, average, 62@65c.

The Commercial Bulletin will say tomorrow of the wool market: The market continues very dull. The Cuban situation has frightened all markets. If foreign markets continue to advance it is possible that some Australian wool now in bond may be exported. The fact that the dress goods offered at auction by order of assignees this week in New York brought in some less than half list rates shows the inadvisability of attempting to push sales. The London wool auctions advanced slightly on merinos. No reduction from last week's Boston prices is to be noted. The only sale of ordinary size was of 200,000 lbs. of coarse territory on a basis of 42c clean. The sales of the week are 999,500 lbs. domestic and 475,000 lbs. foreign, against 1,191,000 lbs. domestic and 304,000 lbs. foreign last week, and 3,416,200 lbs. domestic and 4,549,000 lbs. foreign for the same week last year. The sales to date show an increase of 25,358,400 lbs. domestic and 21,242,300 lbs. foreign from the sales to the same date in 1896. The receipts to date show an increase of 20,271 bales domestic and 72,664 bales foreign.

ST. LOUIS, March 18.—WOOL—Dull and easier; medium, 15@19½c; light fine, 13@16c; heavy fine, 8@13c; tub washed, 22@29c.

LONDON, March 18.—At the wool auction sales today 14,800 bales were offered. The selection was good and was principally of greasy merinos. There was animated competition between the continent and home trade, owing to the American buyers not operating. A small selection of scoured sold briskly. Sales in detail: New South Wales, 4,400 bales; scoured, 1s ½d@1s 8½d; greasy, 10@1s 1½d. Queensland, 1,400 bales; greasy, 5½@1s 4d. Victoria, 1,400 bales; scoured, 1s ½d@1s 5d; greasy, 6@11½d. South Australia, 1,400 bales; scoured, 10d@1s 3d; greasy, 5@10d. West Australia, 500 bales; scoured, 1s@1s 3d; greasy, 5@6½d. New Zealand, 2,700 bales; scoured, 5½d@1s ½d; greasy, 6@10d. Cape of Good Hope and Natal, 1,000 bales; greasy, 5½@6½d. Buenos Ayres, 1,200 bales; greasy, 5½@8d.

Oil Markets.

OIL CITY, March 18.—Credit balances, 77c; certificates, first sales, 5,000 bbls. regular delivery at 77¼c; highest, 77⅝c; lowest, 77c; closed offered at 77c; cash oil sold at 76⅝c; total sales, 42,000 bbls.; shipments, 84,578 bbls.; runs, 96,457 bbls.

CHARLESTON, S. C., March 18.—OILS—Turpentine, market quiet at 32c; sales, none.

SAVANNAH, Ga., March 18.—OILS—Spirits turpentine, opened firm at 30c, with sales of 520 bbls., and closed firm at 29c, with sales of 106 bbls. Rosin, firm; sales, 1,085 bbls. Quotations: A, B, C, D, $1.15@1.20; E, $1.25@1.40; F, $1.35@1.40; M, $1.50; H, $1.60; L, $1.60@1.65; K, $1.35@1.75; M, $1.70@1.75; N, $1.75@1.85; window glass, $1.85@1.90; water white, $2.

WILMINGTON, N. C., March 18.—OILS—Spirits turpentine, nothing doing at opening of the market; sales later at 29¼@30c. Rosin, steady at $1.20@1.25. Crude turpentine, nothing doing. Tar, steady at 16c.

Hide and Leather Market.

CHICAGO, March 18.—The Shoe and Leather Review tomorrow will say: The pressure for lower prices has at last produced a decided effect and almost all kinds of hides have declined. The most sensational incident of the week was the drop of half a cent in light native packer cow hides. For weeks they stood at 11c and then slowly came down to 10½c. The demand did not improve and the packers decided to meet the market and 1,600 hides were quickly taken at 10¼c. In country hides all the quotations are ¼c lower.

Manchester Textile Fabrics.

MANCHESTER, March 18.—Cloths and yarns steady with a better feeling.

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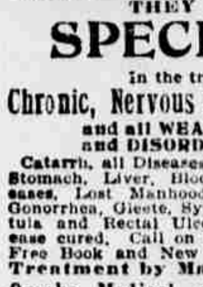

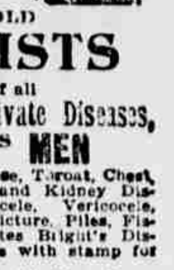

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