CONDITION OF OMAHA'S TRADE

Jobbers Give Favorable Accounts of the Week's Transactions.

RETAILERS ARE PLEASED WITH RESULTS

Values on Many Commodities Show Tendency to Advance—Local Bank Clearings Make Very Satisfactory Showing.

While the rains on one or two days may be said to have interfered to some extent with the movement of merchandise in consuming channels, the week as a whole was of a character entirely pleasing to the business interests of the city. Retailers in all seasonable lines have only good words to say regarding present conditions and almost everyone appears to be comfortably busy. Money in the hands of consumers appears to be fairly plentiful and there seems to be a general willingness to part with it. A vast improvement is noted in the demand for merchandise that for several years has been slow sale, such as furniture, carpets, etc. The people of the city and neighboring towns are refurnishing their houses and putting them in shape to receive visitors the coming summer. In fact the demand just at present is so large that it is no easy matter for local furniture and carpet houses to keep pace with it and deliver the goods fast enough to meet wishes of customers.

In a jobbing way there is also a very satisfactory business doing, which is fully equal to what dealers look for at this season of the year. Just at the present time country buyers are very busy and accordingly the country retail trade is not quite so brisk as it was a few weeks ago. Everything, however, appears to be in satisfactory shape as regards merchandising interests in general, though as a matter of course the war creates some uncertainty and acts as a disturbing factor in values.

Local bank clearings continue to show heavy gains over a year ago, thus indicating that there is a very material gain in the volume of business doing.

LUMBER LESS ACTIVE.

As noted a week ago the wholesale demand for lumber is not so brisk as it was a short time ago, but that is only an incident to the season, March being always a better month than April. If a comparison is made between now and a year ago the showing would be entirely to the advantage of the present year. In a retail way there is an enormous local demand for lumber that keeps every yard in the city bustling with activity. There is really a good deal more building going on in Omaha than one might suppose who had not given close attention to the subject.

VALUES ADVANCING.

Prices of wholesale groceries continue to have an upward tendency. This is especially true of the sugar market, as several advances have taken place in the last three or four days. Quotations rule from 1-16 to ¼c higher than last week, the advance varying with the grade. The general opinion seems to be that prices will go still higher.

Farinaceous goods are also on the incline, especially beans, which are reported 10@15c per bushel higher than a week ago.

The coffee market remains practically steady in spite of the enormous demand. Jobbers report the heaviest trade that they have ever experienced in this line and say that it is caused by country merchants stocking up in anticipation of the proposed duty, which will probably amount to about 3 cents per pound. It is of course a matter of speculation as to whether the duty if levied will apply to stocks already on hand or only to the incoming supply, but dealers in general seem to be of the opinion that the present stock will not be taxed.

The proposed duty on tea and tobacco has caused a heavy demand for these goods as well. Several brands of tobacco have already advanced 2@5c per pound and it is expected that cigars will have an additional tax of $2 to $3 per 1,000.

California dried fruits are likewise on the advance. A few weeks ago apricots, peaches and prunes advanced, owing to the severe frost in California, and now they are being quoted higher because of the drouth. It is said that the dry weather is having more effect upon the market than the cold wave had.

The grocery trade as a whole was of a very satisfactory character the last week and jobbers report that in many cases difficulty was experienced in filling orders promptly because of the great demand for immediate delivery.

DRY GOODS UNCHANGED.

Very little change is taking place in the wholesale dry goods market. Prices are not fluctuating and the volume of business transacted from week to week varies but little. At present liberal orders for fall stocks are coming in rapidly, which shows that country merchants are expecting a big business. There is also considerable demand for spring and summer goods owing to duplicate orders.

Reports from hardware jobbers indicate still further falling off in the demand for their class of goods. They say, however, that this is not an unusual condition, as pleasant weather at this season of the year always has the same effect. When the farmers get their crops planted an improvement is looked for. In spite of the rather slow condition of the market there is still a shortage in the supply of screen door netting, poultry netting and steel goods.

Boot and shoe jobbers are not particularly rushed for this season of the year. Their traveling men are on the road and are meeting with fair success. A decided improvement is noted over last year and consequently jobbers feel pretty well satisfied.

WHOLESALE FRUIT AND PRODUCE.

In the produce market the demand for staple goods is very satisfactory, but anything in the line of fancy goods does not seem to be in very active demand. Oranges and strawberries are in good request, but apples are scarce and high and for that reason not very fast sellers. Vegetables are unusually low for this season of the year, so low in fact that very little margin is left for the grower. In some instances producers are complaining that this is the lowest market in the west and consequently refuse to ship here.

Local dealers are very much interested in reports from California to the effect that shippers of fruit in that state are at a loss to know what to do on account of the damage to the fruit crop from frosts and drouths. The indications, it is said, are good for a large crop of grapes, but even these are threatened by the dry weather. As yet very little can be told as to the final outcome of the fruit crop. Within the last year or two a very large business in fruits has been done with the south, so that even if the supply of California fruit should fall short of requirements it does not necessarily follow that there will be a shortage in Omaha. Colorado, especially, has come to supply this market very largely with peaches.

RENTS AND REAL ESTATE.

Those who are in a position to know say that the present prospect is that rents have not yet reached the top, though there is not likely to be another general rise. The continually increasing demand of the week for inside property has brought a slight rise in particular localities. Several leases for an extended period were renewed last week at a slight increase. Store buildings, particularly south of the viaduct, which rent for six months at a time, have all increased in rent about 10 per cent. Small store buildings in the north part of the city, renting from month to month, are on a par with house rents, though the demand is not so strong. Store room is still plentiful in the city and rents on this kind of property can hardly be expected to step up.

Real estate transfers do not show much change either in number or price, averaging about $20,000 per day. No change for the better in the actual salable value of property in general can be expected so long as the great number of forced sales crowd the market, though a tendency toward a stronger market is seen in some particular choice sales now being negotiated.

St. Louis General Market.

ST. LOUIS, April 23.—FLOUR—Higher; patents, $4.85@5.00; straights, $4.00@4.70; clear, $4.15@4.35; medium, $3.50@4.00.

WHEAT—Higher, closing ¼c for May, 1¼c for July and ⅝c for September above yesterday; spot, lower; No. 2 red, cash, elevator, $1.03; track, $1.03½@1.05; April, $1.04; May, $1.06½; July, 85⅝c; September, 79⅝c bid; No. 2 hard, cash, 98c.

CORN—Irregular and fractions either side of yesterday's close; spot, lower; No. 2 cash, 31¾c; April, 31¾c; May, 31c asked; July, 31⅝c; September, 32¼c.

OATS—Futures were dull and firm; spot, steady; No. 2 cash, 28c; track, 29c; April, 28⅛c; May, 28⅜c bid; July, 24⅛c bid; September, 22⅛c bid; No. 2 white, 31⅛c.

RYE—Higher at 57c bid.

SEED—Flaxseed, nominal at $1.20; prime timothy seed, $2.65@2.75.

CORNMEAL—Firm at $1.60@1.65.

BRAN—Stronger in demand; sacked, east track, 60c.

HAY—Higher; prairie, $6.00@8.50; timothy, $6.00@2.75.

BUTTER—Firm; creamery, 15@18½c; dairy, 11@16c.

PROVISIONS—Pork, lower; standard mess, jobbing, $10.62½@10.75. Lard, lower; prime steam, $5.27½; choice, $5.37½. Bacon, boxed shoulders, $5.25; extra short clear, $6.12½; ribs, $6.25; shorts, $6.37½. Dry salt meats, dry shoulders, $4.75; extra short clear, $5.62½; ribs, $5.75; shorts, $5.87½.

EGGS—Steady at 9½c.

WHISKY—$1.20.

COTTON TIES—70c.

BAGGING—5⅝@6½c.

METALS—Lead, quiet at $3.47½; spelter, steady at $4.05.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 8,000 bbls.; wheat, 20,000 bu.; corn, 151,000 bu.; oats, 29,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 4,000 bbls.; wheat, 3,000 bu.; corn, 83,000 bu.; oats, 11,000 bu.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKETS.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Good stock, 9c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 9@11c; separator 18c; gathered creamery, 15@16c.

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

LIVE POULTRY—Chickens, 6¼@7c; old roosters, 3½@5½c; young roosters, 6@6½c.

GAME—Weather too warm for game.

PIGEONS—Live, $1.15@1.25; dead pigeons not wanted.

HAY—Upland, $7.00; midland, $6.00; lowland, $5.50; rye straw, $4.00; color makes the price on hay; light bales sell the best; only top grades bring top prices.

VEGETABLES.

ONIONS—Per bu., 90c@$1.

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

SWEET POTATOES—Kansas, 10-peck bbls., $3.50; seed sweet potatoes, $2.00.

CABBAGE—New—Florida, per crate, $2.25.

POTATOES—Home grown, 50@55c; Colorado stock, 70c; northern fancy early Ohio seed potatoes, 85c.

TOMATOES—Per crate, $3.00@3.25.

NEW BEETS—Per doz. bunches, 45@50c.

RADISHES—Per doz. bunches, 30@35c.

LETTUCE—Per doz. bunches, 35@40c.

GREEN ONIONS—Per doz., 12@15c.

WATERCRESS—Per 16-qt. case, $1.60.

CUCUMBERS—Per doz., $1.25@1.50.

WAX BEANS—½ bu. box, $1.

PEAS—Per bu., fancy Mississippi, $1.25.

SPINACH—Per basket, $1.

PIEPLANT—Home grown, per lb., 2c.

FRUITS.

STRAWBERRIES—Per 24-pint case, $2.25; 24-qt. case, $4.50.

APPLES—Winter stock, $3.00@3.50.

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

GRAPES—Malagas, $5.00@6.00.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

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

LEMONS—California fancy, $3.00; choice, $2.50@2.75; 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.; cocoanuts, per 100, $4; 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.

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; 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; bbl., $5.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 6c; No. 2 green hides, 5c; No. 1 salted hides, 8c; No. 2 green salted hides, 7c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 9c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 7c.

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, 3c; tallow, No. 2, 2½c; rough tallow, 1½c; white grease, 2½@2¾c; yellow and brown grease, 1½@2¼c.

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; racoon, 15@50c; 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, $5.00@75.00.

FRESH MEATS.

DRESSED BEEF—Good native steers, 7c per lb.; good forequarters steers, 6c; good hindquarters steers, 9c; western steers, 6¾c; native heifers, 6¾c; western heifers, 6½c; good forequarters heifers, 5½c; good hindquarters heifers, 8½c; native cows, 6¼c; western cows, 6¼c; fair cows, 6c; cow forequarters, 5c; cow hindquarters, 8c; backhalves, 6@6½c; triangles, 4½c.

BEEF CUTS—Tenderloins, fresh, 18c; frozen, 15c; boneless strips, fresh, 10c; frozen, 9c; strip loins, fresh, 8½c; frozen, 6½c; rolls, boneless, frozen, 9c; fresh, 10c; rolls, Spencer cuts, frozen, 9c; fresh, 10c; sirloin butts, boneless, frozen, 9c; fresh, 10c; shoulder clods, boneless, 6¼c; rump butts, boneless, 5¾c; No. 1 chucks, 5¼c; No. 2 chucks, 4¾c; No. 3 chucks, 4½c; boneless chucks, frozen, 4¾c; fresh, 5½c; cow plates, 3½c; steer plates, 4c; flank steak, 7c; loins, No. 1, frozen, 12c; fresh, 14c; loins, No. 2, frozen, 10c; fresh, 12c; loins, No. 3, frozen, 8c; fresh, 10c; short loins, market style, 2c above loins; hotel style, 4c above loins; cow loin ends, 8½c; steer loin ends, 9½c; hanging tenderloins, 4½c; ribs, No. 1, frozen, 10c; fresh, 12c; ribs, No. 2, frozen, 8c; fresh, 10c; ribs, No. 3, frozen, 6c; fresh, 8c; No. 1 rounds, 7c; No. 2 rounds, 6¾c; No. 3 rounds, 6½c; beef rounds, shank off, ¾c additional; beef rounds, shank and rump off, 1½c additional; trimmings, 4½c; beef shanks, 3c; brains, per doz., 25c; sweetbreads, per lb., frozen, 10c; fresh, 12½c; sweetbreads (calves), per lb., 40c; kidneys, per doz., 35c; ox tails, each, 2c; livers, per lb., 2½c; hearts, per lb., 2½c; tongues, per lb., 12c; calf livers, each, 35c; calves, whole carcass or sides, 10½c; calf head and feet, scalded, per set, 75c.

MUTTON—Fancy lambs, 9c per lb.; regular lambs, 8c; sheep, 7¼c; 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, 5¼c.

PORK—Dressed pigs, 5½c per lb.; dressed hogs, 5c; tenderloins, 15c; loins, small, 6¾c; large, 6¼c; spare ribs, 4½c; ham sausage butts, 5½c; Boston butts, 5½c; shoulders, rough, 4¾c; shoulders, skinned, 5c; trimmings, 4½c; leaf lard, not rendered, 5½c; heads, cleaned, 3c; snouts and ears, 3c; fresh hams, 16 to 18 lbs., 7½c; fresh hams, short clears, 5¾c; cheek meats, 4c; neckbones, 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., 20c; livers, each, 3c; log rinds, 3c; blade bones, 5c.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, April 23.—WHEAT—Market active, 1@2c higher; No. 1 hard, 99c; No. 2, 96½@98½c; No. 3, 84½@97½c; No. 1 red, $1.00; No. 2, 97c@$1.00; No. 3, 96@97c; No. 2 spring, 93@97c; No. 2, 94c.

CORN—Market active and about steady; No. 2 mixed, 29@29½c.

OATS—Market active and steady; No. 2 white, 28¼@28½c.

RYE—Market steady; No. 2, 51c.

HAY—Market strong and higher; choice timothy, $10.00; choice prairie, $8.25.

BUTTER—Market firm; creamery, 14@17c; dairy, 12@15c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 48,800 bu.; corn, 65,000 bu.; oats, 9,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 15,000 bu.; corn, 34,500 bu.; oats, 3,000 bu.

Cincinnati Market.

CINCINNATI, April 23.—FLOUR—Firm and higher; fancy, $4.45@4.70; family, $3.80@4.10.

WHEAT—Firm; No. 2 red, $1.00@1.02.

CORN—Higher; No. 2 mixed, 34½c.

OATS—Strong and higher; No. 2 mixed, 29½c.

RYE—Firm; No. 2, 58c.

PROVISIONS—Lard, easier at $5.35; bulk meats, quiet at $5.65; bacon, steady at $6.35.

WHISKY—Strong at $1.21.

BUTTER—Lower; Elgin creamery, 19c; Ohio, 12@16c; dairy, 10@11c.

SUGAR—Firm; hard refined, $4.35@5.97.

EGGS—Firm and higher at 9c.

CHEESE—Steady; good to prime Ohio flat, 8¾@9c.

Liverpool Market.

LIVERPOOL, April 23.—PROVISIONS—Hams, short cut, firm at 38s. Bacon, firm at 36s 6d; short ribs, firm at 34s 6d; long clear and light, firm at 34s 6d; long clear middling, heavy, firm at 33s 6d; short clear backs, firm at 33s 6d; clear bellies, firm at 36s 6d. Shoulders, square, firm at 27s 6d. Lard, prime western, steady at 28s 9d.

OILS—Cottonseed oil, Liverpool refined, firm at 16s 6d. Turpentine spirits, strong at 29s. Rosin, common, firm at 4s 6d.

CORN—April, quiet at 3s 9⅜d; May, 3s 9⅛d; July, quiet at 3s 11d.

Grain Receipts at Principal Markets.

ST. LOUIS, April 23.—Receipts: Wheat, 26 cars.

CHICAGO, April 23.—Receipts today: Wheat, 108 cars; corn, 437 cars; oats, 383 cars. Estimated car lots Monday: Wheat, 130; corn, 470; oats, 350.

MINNEAPOLIS, April 23.—Receipts: Wheat, 162 cars.

DULUTH, April 23.—Receipts: Wheat, 45 cars.

Toledo Market.

TOLEDO, O., April 23.—WHEAT—Higher and firm; No. 2, cash and May, $1.07.

CORN—Dull and steady; No. 2 mixed, 33c.

OATS—Dull and firm; No. 2 mixed, 28½c.

RYE—Dull; No. 2, cash, 56c.

CLOVERSEED—Dull and unchanged; prime, cash and April, $3.10.

Detroit Market.

DETROIT, April 23.—WHEAT—No. 1 white, $1.03; No. 2 red, $1.04¾; No. 3 red, $1.01; May, $1.04⅜; July, 87⅝c.

CORN—35½c.

OATS—31½c.

RYE—56⅝c.

Cincinnati Live Stock.

CINCINNATI, April 23.—HOGS—Active at $3.20@4.00.

CATTLE—Slow at $2.75@4.75.

SHEEP—Dull at $2.85@4.50.

LAMBS—Dull at $4.00@5.65.

Philadelphia Produce.

PHILADELPHIA, April 23.—BUTTER—Dull and ½c lower; fancy western creamery, 18c; fancy western prints, 20c.

EGGS—Quiet but steady; fresh western, 11½c.

Peoria Markets.

PEORIA, April 23.—CORN—Market easier; No. 2, 31½c.

OATS—Market easier; No. 2 white, 28¾c.

WHISKY—High proof spirits, $1.20½.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Russia's Withdrawal of All Offers of Wheat Results in a Price Bulge.

NEWS UTTERLY ROUTS THE LOCAL BEARS

Corn and Oats Rally with Wheat and Close Higher, but Provisions Are Weak, Although Making Some Recovery.

CHICAGO, April 23.—A bulge of 2c in wheat was caused near the close today by the following cablegram from London: "Russia has withdrawn all offers of wheat. Russian prices advanced 15c per bu. this week." Local bears were utterly routed. July, which had touched 87¼c, was rushed up to 89½c, closing with a net gain of ⅝@⅞c at 89⅞c. Corn and oats rallied with wheat, closing ⅛c higher. Provisions were weak, but made some recovery. Pork lost 12c, and lard and ribs 2½c each.

Declines in wheat futures at Liverpool and favorable crop news, coupled with lack of outside orders, caused a weak opening in this market today. July, which closed yesterday at 88⅜@88½c, was for sale at the opening from 88⅛c to 88¾c, and was kept on the down grade until it got down to 87¼c, from which point it commenced to gradually recover. September was equally depressed, opening down ½@⅞c at 86⅜@86⅝c. May held during the same time between $1.12 and $1.14. Leiter reported acceptances to a fairly liberal extent. London reported a cargo of Manitoba hard spring taken at a price equal to $1.15⅝ per bu. Minneapolis and Duluth markets were strong enough to suggest famine in the not distant future, prices for July being about ½c above July prices here. Beerbohm's estimate of the world's shipments for the week was 8,000,000 bu. Receipts at Chicago were 108 cars, 68 of them contract quality. Minneapolis and Duluth, the former of which is now drawing supplies largely from Kansas, received 218 cars, against 159 last week and 387 a year ago. The sensation of the day came near the close of the session, and referred to the withdrawal of all offers of wheat from Russia to the United Kingdom, accompanied by the statement that the price of Russian wheat had risen the equivalent of 15c a bu. this week. That stirred up the market here, and sent July up in a whirl in the last few minutes, leaving July at 89⅝c for the day. May sold between $1.12 and $1.14, closing at the top.

Corn was heavy during the greater part of the session. The oversold condition became apparent when wheat started up near the close. Shorts were active buyers and closed the market at the top. Chicago receipts were 437 cars. Atlantic ports cleared 640,000 bu. The demand for export was fair. July opened steady to ⅛c lower at 32¾@33c, rallied and closed at 33¼c, a net gain of ⅛c.

Oats were easy early, but stiffened up near the close. News from Europe was bullish, cables from London and the continent saying oats were excited and higher. Clearances were 98,000 bu. Eastern shippers were liberal buyers for export. July opened ⅛c lower at 24c, sold at 23⅞c, closing at 24⅛@24¼c, a net gain of 1-16c.

Provisions were hard to sell on the opening and realizing gave prices quite a set back. Bacon had another 6d rise at Liverpool. On the early drop commission houses bought freely, and near the close provisions made a rally. July pork opened ½@3½c lower, closing at $11, a net loss of 12c. Lard sold between $5.50 and $5.57, closing at the top, a loss of 3½c. July ribs ranged from $5.42 to $5.50, closing net 2½c lower at $5.50.

Estimated receipts for Monday: Wheat, 130 cars; corn, 470 cars; oats, 350 cars; hogs, 40,000 head.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yest'y
Wheat—					
May...	1 13¾	1 14	1 12	1 14	1 14½
July...	87¾-88	89½	87¼	89⅛	88⅜@½
Sept...	80⅜@¾	81¾	80⅛	81⅛	81¼
Dec...	80	81	79½	80¾	80⅜
Corn—					
May...	31¾-32	32¼	31¾	32¼	32¼@⅜
July...	32¾-33	33¼	32¾	33¼	33⅛
Sept...	33¾@⅞	34⅛@¼	33⅞	34⅛@¼	34@⅛
*Oats—					
May...	27@⅛	27¼@⅜	27	27¼@⅜	27¼@⅜
July...	24	24⅛@¼	23⅞	24⅛@¼	24⅛
Pork—					
May...	10 70	10 85	10 60	10 85	10 95
July...	11 00	11 05	10 80	11 05	11 12½
Lard—					
May...	5 45	5 47½	5 45	5 47½	5 50
July...	5 52½	5 57½	5 50	5 57½	5 65
Sept...	5 60	5 65	5 60	5 65	5 70
Sh'Ribs—					
May...	5 32½	5 42½	5 32½	5 42½	5 42
July...	5 45	5 50	5 42½	5 50	5 52½
Sept...	5 45	5 60	5 52½	5 60	5 60

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Firm; winter wheat patents, $5.00@5.20; straights, $4.20@4.80; clears, $4.10@4.60; spring specials, $5.50@5.80; spring patents, $5.00@5.10; Minnesota bakers, $4.80@5.10.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, $1.00; No. 3 spring, 98c@$1.03; No. 2 red, $1.12½@1.13.

CORN—No. 2, 32@32⅛c; No. 2 yellow, 32½@33c.

OATS—No. 2, 27½c; No. 2 white, 30@31c; No. 3 white, 29½@30c.

RYE—No. 2, 56⅝@57c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 40@46c.

FLAXSEED—No. 1, $1.29½@1.30.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.95.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $10.87@10.90. Lard, per 100 lbs., $5.47½. Short ribs sides (loose), $5.25@5.60. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4.75@5.00. Short clear sides (boxed), $5.60@5.70.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.20.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $5.69; granulated, $5.13@5.28.

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	11,400	10,700
Wheat, bu	121,400	77,300
Corn, bu	360,000	321,000
Oats, bu	452,000	260,800
Rye, bu	4,400	432
Barley, bu	14,700	1,350

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was steady; creameries, 13@17c; dairies, 12@16c. Eggs, firm; fresh, 10c. Cheese, dull and unchanged. Live poultry, market steady; turkeys, 9@10c; chickens, 7½@8c; ducks, 8@8½c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKETS.

Quotations for the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, April 23.—FLOUR—Receipts, 16,595 bbls.; exports, 22,391 bbls.; firm, but not quotably higher; city mill patents, $6.00@6.20; city mill clears, $5.60@5.75; Minnesota patents, $5.40@5.90; Minnesota bakers, $4.25@4.65; winter patents, $4.90@5.40; winter straights, $4.70@4.85; winter extras, $3.75@4.15; winter low grades, $2.90@3.00. Rye flour, firm at $3.00@3.30.

CORNMEAL—Firm; yellow western, 71c.

RYE—Steady; No. 2 western, 64c, f. o. b. to arrive; state rye, 59c, c. i. f. track and 61@62c.

BARLEY—Quiet; feeding, 42c.

BARLEY MALT—Quiet; western, 54@65c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 211,825 bu.; exports, 150,278 bu.; spot, firm; No. 2 red, $1.13, f. o. b. afloat. Options opened weaker under disappointing Liverpool cables, but turned stronger on subsequent covering by scalpers and closed firm at ¼@½c net decline; No. 2 red, May, $1.10¼@1.11, closed $1.11.

CORN—Receipts, 406,575 bu.; exports, 110,736 bu.; spot, firm; No. 2, 38⅛c. Options opened easy with wheat, developed later strength on covering and steady Liverpool news and closed only ⅛c net lower; May, 36⅛@36 15-16c, closed 36⅞c.

OATS—Receipts, 268,400 bu.; exports, 70,834 bu.; spot, dull; No. 2, 31½@31¾c; No. 2 white, 33½c. Options were dull, but fairly steady, closing unchanged; May closed at 31⅛c.

FEED—Firm; bran, 75@90c; middlings, 80@85c; rye feed, 62½@65c.

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

HOPS—Dull; state, common to choice, 1895 crop, 4@5c; 1896 crop, 7@8c; 1897 crop, 15@16c; Pacific coast, 1895 crop, 4@5c; 1896 crop, 7@8c; 1897 crop, 15@16c.

HIDES—Quiet; Galveston, 15½c; Texas dry, 12½c; California, 17½@18c.

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, 19½@20c.

WOOL—Quiet; fleece, 17@22c; Texas, 12@14c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, firm; family, $11.00@11.75; extra mess, $9.00@9.75; beef hams, $22.00@25.00; packet, $10.25@11.00. Cut meats, dull; pickled bellies, $5.75@6.12; pickled shoulders, $4.50; pickled hams, $7.50@7.75. Lard, quiet; western steamed, $5.75; refined, quiet. Pork, dull; mess, $10.50@11.50; short clear, $11.00@13.00; family, $11.75. Tallow, dull; city, 3 9-16c; country, 3 9-16@3⅝c.

OILS—Petroleum, easy. Rosin, steady; strained, common to good, $1.42½@1.45. Turpentine, quiet at 28⅜@29½c. Cottonseed oil, quiet but firmly held; prime crude, 19½@20c; prime crude, f. o. b. mills, 14½@16c; prime summer yellow, 22½c; butter oil, 25@26½c; prime winter yellow, 27½@28½c.

RICE—Steady; fair to extra, 4½@6½c; Japan, 5⅜@6c.

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

METALS—Pig iron, dull; southern, $9.75@11.00; northern, $10.25@12.00. Copper, steady; brokers, $11.87½. Lead, quiet; brokers, $3.50. Tin plates, dull.

BUTTER—Receipts, 223 pkgs.; market steady; western creamery, 15@18c; Elgins, 18c; factory, 13@15½c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 872 pkgs.; market firm; large choice, 7¾@8c; small, 8@8½c; light skims, 5⅜@6c.

EGGS—Receipts, 7,046 pkgs.; market steady; western, 11¼@11½c; southern, 10@10½c.

Sugar Markets.

NEW ORLEANS, April 23.—SUGAR—Quiet, open kettle, 2⅝@3⅛c; centrifugal granulated, 4⅝c; white, 4 7-16c; yellow, 4@4⅛c; seconds, 2⅝@3 15-16c. Molasses, dull; centrifugal, 4@13c.

NEW YORK, April 23.—SUGAR—Raw, quiet, fair refining, 3 11-16c; centrifugal, 96 test, 4 3-16c; refined strong; No. 6, 4 13-16c; No. 7, 4¾c; No. 8, 4¾c; No. 9, 4 9-16c; mould A, 5⅜c; standard A, 5¼c; confectioners' A, 5¼c; cut loaf, 5⅞c; cubes, 5⅝c; crushed, 5⅞c; powdered, 5⅝c; granulated, 5⅜c.

Baltimore Market.

BALTIMORE, April 23.—FLOUR—Higher; western superfine, $2.85@3.25; western extras, $3.55@4.15; western family, $4.50@4.75; winter wheat patents, $5.00@5.25; spring wheat patents, $5.40@5.70; spring wheat straights, $5.25@5.40; receipts, 4,144 bbls.; exports, 11,292 bbls.

WHEAT—Strong; spot, month and May, $1.05¾@1.06; steamer No. 2 red, $1.02½@1.02½; receipts, 36,567 bu.; exports, 17,960 bu.; southern wheat, by sample, $1.03@1.06½; southern wheat, on grade, $1.02¾@1.06¼.

CORN—Firm; spot and month, 37⅛@37¼c; May, 37@37¼c; steamer mixed, 36⅛@36¼c; receipts, 260,776 bu.; exports, 509,767 bu.; southern white corn, 38½c; southern yellow, 38@38½c.

OATS—Firm; No. 2 white, 35@35½c; No. 2 mixed, 31¾@32c; receipts, 16,130 bu.; exports, none.

RYE—Easier; No. 2 nearby, 60@60½c; No. 2 western, 62c; receipts, 3,899 bu.; exports, none.

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

GRAIN FREIGHTS—Unsettled and higher; steam to Liverpool, per bu., 4½@5d, June; Cork for orders, 3s 6¼d@4s 3d, May; 3s 9d, June.

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

EGGS—Firm; fresh, 11c.

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

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Prices Are Lifted Again in Spite of the War.

NEW YORK, April 23.—Today the stock market was "discounting peace," in the language of brokers. This was done by lifting prices a notch higher. The advance hesitated at the opening, owing to a reactionary tendency in the London market, following the receipt of the report there that the Paris had been captured by the Spanish and the cruiser Topeka sunk in a collision. Wall street was incredulous as to the capture of the Paris up to the closing, and the identity of the foundered vessel had been established as other than the Topeka, and the market was relieved from that cause of depression. On the other hand much was made of the capture of another Spanish prize by the New York. There was reported an active demand for securities in London, but the buying here for London account was not large, as prices here ruled above the London parity. There were periods of reaction, but the publication of the bank statement caused renewed buying and lifted prices to the highest. They were shaded off by renewed apprehension as to the safety of the Paris, the closing being easily below the best, but at net gains throughout, reaching a point in some cases. The volume of dealings was not large. The industrials were favorites in the trading, especially Sugar and Tobacco. Spirit stocks were also quite prominent. The general feeling in financial circles is that war is not likely to be protracted, and only some unexpected accident or disaster could effect the conviction that Spain must speedily succumb to superior resources. A feature of the day was the hardening in exchange, demand sterling bills rising to $4.81. This rate, it is calculated, precludes further gold imports under present conditions. Last Saturday the report was current that a deadlock in congress over Cuba was likely to cause delay in the culmination of the crisis, and in the meantime the pope was likely to induce a peaceful settlement. The stock market had to contend during the week with the dissipation of that condition, by actual events—General Woodford's departure, the blockade of Cuba and practically the outbreak of the war. It has felt the reflected effect of the panic in Spanish 4s on European bourses and the resulting enforced liquidation of American securities. Yet the week closes with a great part of the extreme losses recovered, the net declines not exceeding 2 points in any of the prominent leading stocks. The exceptions were international stocks, which were favorites with operators on foreign bourses. The grounds for the confidence and improvement in the stock market will be felt in money conditions. Today's bank statements show the surplus reserve to have increased to $3,623,100, and for the first time since war threatened the week's increase is due to an actual increase in cash rather than to lessened reserve requirements through drawing down deposits. That is to say, the demand for cash from the interior to fortify reserves there has almost ceased. Interior banks, therefore, find themselves so well supplied with idle money that they are buying commercial paper in the New York market, though their bidding has not yet reduced rates below 6 per cent for the best names. New York banks have replenished their reserves with imported gold to meet this drain from the interior, and the cessation of the drain promises easier money conditions. Call loans on the Stock exchange have in fact fallen to 1½ per cent during the week. Of the total of nearly $60,000,000 of gold ordered from Europe on this movement over $47,000,000 remains to be accounted for in the bank statement, being in transit or received after today's statement was compiled. After these conditions it is not strange that the gold movement to New York has come to a stop, no movements having been announced for two days. The relief afforded to London and Europe by this cessation of the demand was reflected in a recovery of 5-16 in British consols and 32½c in rentes today. The demand on money centers was becoming severe and a large factor in inducing the selling of foreign holdings of American securities during the week. This was partly because American securities offered the best chance to recoup the French losses by reason of Spanish 4s and the contraction in values of all Spanish securities. French investment in Spain is estimated at $800,000,000. Financial institutions in the United States have ceased to draw on their credits abroad, because they feel amply secured against the money needs of the war. They feel prepared to meet a demand for a government loan, which it is seen would be speedily expended again. They also feel prepared to meet the spring needs for the business of the country, which are expected to be earlier and more urgent than usual. The money requirements of the United States having been satisfied, and the pressure on London satisfied, the markets have responded by a recovery in prices on the threshold of war. The prices of bonds during the week did not move so widely as stocks, either in the downward drop or the later recovery. Net declines in government bonds for the week in the bid price are 2¼ in new 4s, registered; 1¾ in the new 4s, coupon; 1½ for old 4s; ½ for the 5s, coupon, and ¼ for the 5s, registered.

The Evening Post's London cablegram: There was a general recovery in the stock market here today, led by Spanish 4s and Americans, on further bear closing here and from New York. The Paris Bourse was also much better, except in Brazils and Portuguese, which were sold heavily. Americans closed under the highest on the reported capture of the Paris, which was not believed at Lloyds. New York is said to have stopped buying gold for the moment, but it is not believed the American demand is over yet. Money is plentiful here because brokers abstain from investing freely in bills. Discount is steady, despite the easy tendency in money, because, even apart from politics, it is felt that an enormous payment to Japan on Chinese indemnity on May 8 may impoverish the market.

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

Atchison	10¼	Hawaii C. C.	16
do pfd	24⅛	St. P. & Om	68
Baltimore & Ohio	15⅛	do pfd	140
Canada Pacific	75¾	St. P. M. & M	130
Canada Southern	45	So. Pacific	13
Central Pacific	11	So. Railway	7¼
Ches. & Ohio	17¾	So. Railway pfd	25¾
Chicago & Alton	152½	Texas & Pacific	9⅛
C., B. & Q	9⅛	Union Pacific	50¾
C. & E. I	49	U. P. D. & G	5¾
C. C. C. & St. L	26⅛	Wabash	6⅛
do pfd	75	do pfd	15¼
Del. & Hudson	101½	Wheel. & L. E.	1⅛
Del. L. & W	144¾	Wheel. & L. E. pfd	8⅜
Den. & Rio G	10	Adams Ex	97
do pfd	40	American Ex	120
Erie (new)	11⅛	United States Ex	37
Erie 1st pfd	32¾	Wells Fargo Ex	110
Ft. Wayne	166	Am. Cot. Oil	16¼
Great Northern pfd	144	A. Cot. Oil pfd	67⅛
Hocking Valley	1¾	Am. Spirits	10⅛
Illinois Central	97¼	Am. Spirits pfd	24
Lake Erie & W	13	Am. Tobacco	102
do pfd	67	do pfd	113
Lake Shore	190	People's Gas	88¼
Louisville & Nash	46⅛	Cons. Gas	172
Manhattan L	93¾	Com. Cable Co	150
Met. St. Ry	136	Col. F. & Iron	17
Michigan Central	100¼	do pfd	90
Minn. & St. L	23	Gen. Electric	31⅛
do 1st pfd	79	Illinois Steel	44⅛
Mo. Pacific	25⅛	La Clede Gas	41
Mobile & Ohio	24⅛	Lead	28⅛
Mo. K. & T	10	do pfd	99⅛
Mo. K. & T pfd	30¾	Nat. Lin. Oil	14
Chi. Ind. & L	7	Oregon Imp. Co	26
do pfd	24	Pacific Mail	21
N. J. Central	90	Pullman Pal	168
N. Y. Central	107¾	Silver Certificates	55⅛
N. Y. Chi. & St. L	11⅛	Stand. Rope & T	3⅛
do 1st pfd	60	Sugar	115⅜
do 2d pfd	28	do pfd	104⅛
Norfolk & Western	11	T. C. & Iron	19⅛
No. Amer. Co	5	U. S. Leather	5⅛
No. Pacific	22⅜	do pfd	56⅛
do pfd	59⅛	U. S. Rubber	15⅛
Ontario & W	14	do pfd	61
Ore. R. & Nav	42	Western Union	85⅛
Ore. Short Line	26	Northwestern	116⅛
Pittsburg	166	do pfd	173
Reading	16	Rio Grande West	24
Rock Island	83⅞	do pfd	53
S. L. & S. F	6⅛	Chicago-Great W	10
do 1st pfd	55⅛	Reading 1st pfd	37⅛
St. Paul	85⅜	St. L. & S. W	4
do pfd	140	do pfd	9

Total sales of stocks today, 122,700 shares, including: Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, 12,049; Manhattan, 3,270; Northern Pacific, 3,170; Northern Pacific preferred, 3,249; Rock Island, 3,915; St. Paul, 11,715; Union Pacific, Denver & Gulf, 3,600; American Spirits, 4,135; Tobacco, 12,375; Sugar, 28,145.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, April 23.—Call loans, 4@5 per cent; time loans, 5@6 per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F.	10¼	W. Elec. pfd	50⅛
American Sugar	115⅜	E. E. I	160
Am. Sugar pfd	105	Atchison pfd	29
Bay State Gas	1⅛	Gen. Elec. pfd	85
Bell Telephone	250	Atchison 4s	84¼
Boston & Albany	219	New England 6s	110
Boston & Maine	160	Allouez Mining Co	1⅛
C. B. & Q	90	Atlantic	25
Fitchburg	98¼	Boston & Montana	172½
General Electric	31	Butte & Boston	24⅛
Illinois Steel	45	Calumet & Hecla	518
Mexican Central	4⅛	Centennial	11⅛
Old Colony	188	Franklin	10
Rubber	15	Osceola	38¼
Union Pacific	18⅛	Quincy	105
West End	80	Tamarack	147
West End pfd	10⅛	Wolverines	19⅛
W. Elec	20⅛	Parrott	22

Foreign Financial.

LONDON, April 23.—The market for American securities opened higher and remained steady all day on general speculative demand. The closing tone was steady and the demand moderate. The amount of bullion gone into the Bank of England on balance today was £80,000. Gold is quoted at Buenos Ayres at 180.30; at Lisbon, 77. Gold at Madrid was quoted at 59.25 today.

PARIS, April 23.—Stocks on the Bourse today improved from the opening. There were purchases all round and a rally, especially in the price of Spanish 4s. Operations were not affected by the unconfirmed rumor of the capture of the American liner Paris, by a Spanish war ship. Brazilian and Portuguese securities declined on account of the continued depreciation in the rate of exchange. Spanish 4s closed at 35 3-16. The closing price last night was 33 1-16. Three per cent rentes, 102f 2½c for the account.

BERLIN, April 23.—Operators on the Bourse here today were encouraged by the attitude of the western bourses and prices were firm. Spanish 4s recovered sharply. American securities and Canadian Pacific shares advanced.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, April 23.—MONEY ON CALL—2@3 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—6½@7 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Market firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.84 for demand and $4.80 for sixty days; posted rates, $4.81 and $4.84½; commercial bills, $4.79@4.79¼.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—55½@56½c.

BAR SILVER—55⅞c.

MEXICAN DOLLARS—45c.

BONDS—State bonds dull; railroad bonds irregular; government bonds weak; new 4s, reg., 116¼; coupon, 117¼; 4s, reg., 106⅜; coupon, 108; Pacific 6s of '99, 102.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. new 4s, reg	118¾	N. C. 6s	120
U. S. new 4s coup	117¼	C. N. 4s	122
U. S. 4s, reg	106⅛	No. Pacific 1sts	113
U. S. 4s, coup	108	No. Pacific 3s	57⅛
U. S. 2s, reg	95	No. Pacific 4s	90⅛
U. S. 5s, reg	109⅛	N. Y. C. & St. L. 4s	100
U. S. 5s, coup	110⅛	N. & W. 6s	118
District 3.65s	112	N. W. Consols	141½
Ala., class A	108⅛	N. W. Deb. 5s	113
Ala., class B	105	Ore. Nav. 1sts	112⅛
Ala., class C	95	Ore. Nav. 4s	89⅛
Ala. Currency	95	O. S. L. 6s, t. r	118
Atchison 4s	86¼	O. S. L. 5s, t. r	96¾
Atchison adj. 4s	57⅛	O. Imp. 1sts, t. r	104
Canada So. 2nds	101	O. Imp. 5s, t. r	51
C. & N. P. t. r. 5s	81	Pacific 6s of '95	102½
C. & O. 5s	113⅛	Reading 4s	78⅛
C. H. & D. 4½s	104⅛	R. G. West 1sts	79
D. & R. G. 1sts	108	St. L. & I. M. Con. 5s	88
D. & R. G. 4s	87	St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6s	113
East Tenn. 1sts	105⅛	St. P. Consols	139
Erie Gen. 4s	66	St. P. C. & P. 1sts	114
F. W. & D. 1s, t. r	67	St. P. C. & P. 5s	110
Gen. Elec. 5s	99	Southern Ry. 5s	87⅛
G. H. & S. A. 6s	109	S. R. & T. 6s	55⅛
G. H. & S. A. 2ds	103	Tenn. new set 3s	85
H. & T. Cent. 5s	110	Tex. Pac. L. G. 1sts	99⅛
H. & T. C. con. 6s	103	Tex. Pac. Rg. 2ds	30
Iowa C. 1sts	97	U. P. D. & G. 1sts	51⅛
La. New Con. 4s	95	Wab. 1st 5s	106⅛
L. & N. Unl. 4s	83⅛	Wab. 2ds	75⅛
Missouri 6s	101	West Shore 4s	104
M. K. & T. 2ds	58	Va. Centuries	66
M. K. & T. 4s	84¼	Va. deferred	3
N. Y. C. 1sts	114	Union Pacific pfd	50⅜
N. J. C. 5s	110	Union Pacific 4s	89⅛

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 23.—Official closing quotations on mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta	20	Justice	11
Alpha Con	2	Kentucky Con	1
Andes	10	Mexican	13
Belcher	13	Occidental Con	230
Best & Belcher	28	Ophir	43
Bullion	1	Overman	2
Caledonia	16	Potosi	30
Challenge Con	14	Savage	14
Chollar	23	Sierra Nevada	75
Con. Cal. & Va	69	Silver Hill	1
Con. Imperial	1	Union Con	21
Crown Point	13	Utah Con	7
Exchequer	1	Yellow Jacket	9
Gould & Curry	20	Standard	160
Hale & Norcross	52		

Silver bars, 55⅝c; Mexican dollars, 45½@46c; drafts, sight, 15c; telegraph, 17½c.

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, April 23.—The following are the closing mining quotations:

Chollar	20	Ontario	250
Crown Point	10	Ophir	40
Con. Cal. & Va	70	Plymouth	12
Deadwood	75	Quicksilver	100
Gould & Curry	18	Quicksilver pfd	200
Hale & Norcross	45	Sierra Nevada	75
Homestake	3700	Standard	165
Iron Silver	41	Union Con	20
Mexican	16	Yellow Jacket	9

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, April 23.—4 p. m.—Closing:

Consols, m'y	110¼	N. Y. Central	111
Consols, acct	110 3-16	Pennsylvania	57⅛
Can. Pacific	78⅛	Reading	8⅛
Erie	11⅛	Mex. Cen. new 4s	62⅛
Erie 1st pfd	32⅛	Atchison	10⅛
Ill. Central	100⅛	L. & N	47⅛
Mexican ordinary	17	Grand Trunk	7⅛
St. Paul common	87⅛		

BAR SILVER—Steady at 25⅞d per ounce.

MONEY—2 per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills, 3⅝@4 per cent; three months' bills, 3⅝@4 per cent.

Financial Notes.

OMAHA, April 23.—The clearings for the day were $898,849.29; balances, $82,400.26. The clearings for 1897 were $802,086.97 and the balances $126,806.74. Increase in clearings, $96,762.32.

Following are the clearings for the five days of the week and comparisons with the corresponding days last year:

	1898.	1897.	Increase.
April 18	$1,108,810.51	$ 684,929.52	$ 423,880.99
April 19	952,367.62	606,790.11	345,577.51
April 20	893,230.13	556,013.84	337,216.29
April 21	933,208.90	888,702.76	44,506.14
April 23	898,849.29	802,086.97	96,762.32
Total	$4,786,466.45	$3,538,523.20	$1,247,943.25

CHICAGO, April 23.—Clearings, $14,001,640; balances, $1,007,980. Local stocks firm, closing ½@2 per cent higher, the latter in North Chicago. Closing: Biscuit, 22; Biscuit preferred, 79½; Diamond Match, 123; North Chicago, 202½; West Chicago, 88½. New York exchange, par; sterling posted rates, $4.81@4.84½; actual rates, $4.80@4.83¾; sixty days, $4.79¾@4.82½.

ST. LOUIS, April 23.—Clearings, $3,173,897; balances, $404,276. Money, 5@8 per cent. New York exchange, 60c discount bid; 50c discount asked.

NEW ORLEANS, April 23.—Clearings, $1,188,451. New York exchange, bank, par; commercial, $1 per $1,000 discount.

CINCINNATI, April 23.—New York exchange at par. Money, 4½@6 per cent. Clearings, $1,382,900.

MEMPHIS, April 23.—Clearings, $184,268; balances, $32,817. New York exchange, $1.50.

PHILADELPHIA, April 23.—Clearings, $9,819,883; balances, $1,419,452.

NEW YORK, April 23.—Clearings, $115,724,720; balances, $4,187,361.

BALTIMORE, April 23.—Clearings, $2,132,653; balances, $534,608.

BOSTON, April 23.—Clearings, $16,017,780; balances, $1,487,061.

Coffee Markets.

NEW YORK, April 23.—COFFEE—Options opened steady, with prices unchanged to 5 points lower and varied but little during the balance of the session; speculation slack and foreign news devoid of particular significance. Closed steady; April 10 points higher, other months unchanged to 5 points lower; sales, 8,000 bags, including April at $5.95; May, $5.75@5.80; July, $5.60; September, $5.65@5.70. Spot coffee, Rio, quiet; No. 7, invoice, $6.87½; No. 7, jobbing, $7.37½. Mild, quiet; Cordova, $8.25@15.00. Total warehouse deliveries from the United States, 51,556 bags, including 47,823 from New York; New York stock today 435,565 bags; United States stock, 555,447 bags; afloat for the United States, 452,000 bags. The total visible for the United States, 1,007,447 bags, against 677,726 last year and 365,643 in 1896.

SANTOS, April 23.—COFFEE—Firm; good average Santos, 9,400 reis; receipts, 24,000 bags, two days; stock, 442,000 bags.

HAMBURG, April 23.—COFFEE—Opened unchanged; at 2:30 p. m., net ¼pfg higher; sales, 9,000 bags.

HAVRE, April 23.—COFFEE—Opened quiet ¼f lower; at 12 m., dull and unchanged; sales, 3,000 bags.

RIO DE JANEIRO, April 23.—COFFEE—Quiet; No. 7 Rio, 9,000 reis; exchange, 5⅜d; receipts, 9,000 bags; cleared for the United States, 12,000 bags; cleared for Europe, 5,000 bags; stock, 109,000 bags.

Wool Markets.

BOSTON, April 23.—WOOL—The following are the prices quoted for the leading descriptions: Ohio and Pennsylvania fleeces—X and above, 26@27c; XX, 29c; XX, above 30c; delaine, 30@31c; No. 1 combing, 30c. Michigan, Wisconsin, etc.—X Michigan, 24c; No. 1 Michigan combing, 28@29c; No. 1 Illinois combing, 28@29c; No. 2 Michigan combing, 28@29c; No. 2 Illinois combing, 28@29c; X New York, New Hampshire and Vermont, 23@24c; delaine, Michigan, 28c. Unwashed medium—Kentucky and Indiana quarter blood combing, 23c; three-eighths blood, 23c; Missouri quarter blood combing, 22@23c; three-eighths blood, 22@23c; braid combing, 20c; Lake and Georgia, 22c. Texas wools—Spring medium (12 months), 16@18c; scoured, 43@45c; spring fine (12 months), 18@19c; scoured, 50c. Territory wools—Montana fine medium and fine, 16@18c; scoured, 46@48c; staple, 50c; Wyoming, etc., fine medium and fine, 15@17c; scoured, 45@47c; staple, 50c. Australian wool—Scoured basis, combing, superfine, 70@72c; combing, good, 65@68c; combing, average, 62@65c; Queensland, combing, 65c.

ST. LOUIS, April 23.—WOOL—Lower; medium, 14@17½c; light fine, 11@14c; heavy fine, 8@11c; tub washed, 20@28c.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, April 23.—The week closes with stagnation in nearly all branches of the dry goods trade. The failure to buy goods which has been the result of recent war uncertainty has left jobbers in many sections with low stocks. It is thought these men will be compelled to buy more liberally within the next month. There is a stronger market for all staple goods and prints and advances in quoted prices are expected at an early date.

California Dried Fruits.

NEW YORK, April 23.—CALIFORNIA DRIED FRUITS—Firm; evaporated apples, common, 5@7½c; prime wire tray, 8c; dried prime, 8¼c; choice, 8½c; fancy, 9@9½c. Prunes, 3½@8½c. Apricots, royal, 5½@7c; Moor Park, 8½@10c. Peaches, unpeeled, 5@8c; peeled, 11@14c.

San Francisco Wheat Market.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 23.—WHEAT—Very strong; December, $1.68⅝; May, $1.72¼.

BARLEY—Firm; December, $1.37.

Postpones State Convention.

CHICAGO, April 23.—The democratic state committee decided today to postpone the state convention from May 17 to July 12. Failure of the state supreme court to decide the apportionment cases was given as the reason.

Wheat Advancing in England.

LONDON, April 23.—The price of wheat has advanced 3 shillings per quarter at various centers, owing to the short supply.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET

Week Ends with Much Uncertain Feeling Among Buyers.

CATTLE TRADE GENERALLY DEMORALIZED

Weakness Prevails and Offerings Go Begging at Lower Prices—Hogs Active at a Slight Decline.

SOUTH OMAHA, April 23.—Receipts for the days indicated were:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.	Hor's.
April 23	1,375	8,257	1,770	....
April 22	2,359	6,617	1,348	1
April 21	1,611	8,075	7,461	8
April 20	2,970	8,001	2,282	....
April 19	2,733	5,276	3,851	2
April 18	1,473	1,924	1,505	....
April 16	1,031	5,009	7,725	21
April 15	2,209	6,049	10,376	....
April 14	1,411	5,778	11,727	....
April 13	2,542	5,472	1,896	....
April 12	5,419	6,555	3,060	....
April 11	1,597	2,730	6,791	2
April 9	756	3,166	924	25
April 8	1,871	4,231	1,892	....
April 7	1,606	5,482	14,320	....
April 6	3,545	8,218	7,303	2

Receipts for the week with comparisons:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Week ending April 23	12,543	38,297	18,318
Week ending April 16	14,209	32,193	41,575
Week ending April 9	11,599	27,258	37,555
Week ending April 2	15,605	28,894	36,600

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

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
C., M. & St. P. Ry	2	3	..
O. & St. L. Ry	..	1	..
Missouri Pacific Ry	7	3	..
Union Pacific System	17	25	3
F., E. & M. V. R. R	11	39	..
S. C. & P. Ry	..	2	..
C., St. P., M. & O. Ry	5	7	..
B. & M. R. R. R	10	31	..
C., B. & Q. Ry	..	11	..
K. C. & St. J	2	..	..
C., R. I. & P. Ry., east	3	1	..
Total receipts	57	123	3

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	8	670	....
G. H. Hammond Co	164	1,463	....
Swift and Company	357	1,103	498
Cudahy Packing Co	229	1,495	271
P. D. Armour, Chicago	....	1,709	....
Krebbs & Co	15	....	....
L. F. Husz	103	....	....
Livingston & Schaler	3	....	....
H. Hamilton	18	....	....
North P. & P. Co	....	258	....
Cudahy, from K. C	176	....	....
Plankinton, Milwaukee	....	177	....
C. P. & P. Co., Neb. City	....	1,287	....
Other buyers	183	....	....
Left over	....	60	....
Totals	1,256	8,222	769

For a Saturday there was a large run of stock, 183 cars being reported in, as against 165 a week ago. The gain was almost entirely in hogs, there being very few sheep here as compared with a week ago and only about the same number of cattle.

CATTLE—There were fifty-nine loads of cattle here, while Chicago and Kansas City reported not enough to establish quotations. With such small offerings at all selling points and with no especial reason for anticipating anything more than an ordinary run for Monday, it would seem as if there ought to have been a fair demand for fat cattle of all kinds.

The demand, however, did not materialize. The weather was warm and enervating and the market seemed to have a bad attack of spring fever. The buyers did not appear to take enough interest in the cattle to keep awake and every time they made a bid it was so low as to put the seller to sleep. In other words the market was not only weak and lower, but it was entirely devoid of life and activity. It was a drag from start to finish and it was late before anything of any importance was done.

While the week closed with the market in anything but a satisfactory condition so far as selling interests were concerned, it was not so bad as it might have been taking the week as a whole. In fact there was some little improvement in values during the early part of the week, especially on tidy, light and medium weight cattle. The gain, however, was all lost during the last two days so that values at the end were not much different from what they were at the close of the previous week. The best sellers all the week were handy beef steers and good, light heifers, while heavy branded cattle were slow on every day of the week. The volume of business in stock cattle was very limited as the country is apparently more interested in preparing the ground for the season's crops than in looking for stockers or feeders.

The only explanation for the market being in such a condition at the close of the week is the uncertainty regarding the immediate future of the dressed beef trade. No one can form any definite idea of what to expect during the coming week. All they know is that the export trade, as well as the domestic, has not been very large the last week, and as a matter of self-protection the packers do not seem inclined to place themselves in a position to be caught with coolers full of beef for which there might be no outlet. The very fact that they do not appear to want the cattle shows that at the present time there is a very indifferent demand for meats and no assurance that it will be any better next week. Representative sales:

STEERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
26	1221	$4 30	21	1115	$4 25	18	1044	$4 35
40	1106	4 25	1	1110	4 00	7	992	4 00
17	1470	4 35	20	1092	4 20	4	1217	3 90
6	1113	4 15	1	830	3 85	1	650	3 00
51	1341	4 05	3	890	3 95	12	1480	4 30
22	1023	4 15	22	981	4 05	1	1080	4 05
22	1000	4 45	2	970	4 00	2	980	4 10
9	873	4 10	9	1122	4 20	29	1267	4 35
6	1325	4 45	20	1278	4 65	20	1178	4 40
5	904	4 10	1	1200	4 05	7	1084	4 05
1	1050	3 85	20	1348	4 30	21	1216	4 15
10	1069	4 00	4	1087	4 20	39	1429	3 90
1	1060	3 25	4	1012	4 30	9	12.6	4 35
6	1223	4 15						

COWS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
8	1010	3 75	1	930	2 25	1	1410	3 75
3	1096	3 65	3	1020	3 00	1	970	3 65
1	1230	3 45	1	1100	3 45	23	997	3 60
2	955	3 25	1	1100	3 75	1	1050	2 75
9	1085	3 55	3	876	3 00	6	1176	3 90
1	940	3 00	2	1010	3 45	1	980	3 50
1	760	2 25	1	1050	3 25	2	980	3 55
1	1020	3 25	2	940	2 75	1	1080	3 10
1	920	3 25	1	1100	3 65	1	1170	3 80
1	760	2 25	1	1050	3 15	4	1075	3 60
3	1100	3 10	1	1070	2 75	1	740	3 00
3	1180	3 50	1	1170	3 50	1	1130	3 50
1	910	3 75	4	837	3 25	2	20 0	3 00
2	1180	3 75	1	1080	2 75	2	850	3 25
1	1200	3 60	2	1205	3 35			

HEIFERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	1670	4 00	3	913	4 00	1	380	4 00
3	746	3 90	1	660	3 85	1	[illegible]	3 60
1	980	3 75	1	830	3 70	2	810	3 50
1	1110	3 70	1	630	3 65	1	820	3 65
1	830	4 15	3	836	4 05	1	870	3 60
1	670	4 00	1	810	3 75	1	930	4 15
1	590	3 75	2	1195	3 75			

COWS AND HEIFERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
25	983	3 90	7	887	4 10

STEERS AND HEIFERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.
20	932	4 05

BULLS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	1170	3 50	1	1370	3 25	1	2070	3 45
1	1200	3 35	1	1510	3 30	2	1445	3 40
1	2070	3 40	1	1050	3 35	1	1280	3 10
1	1220	3 50	1	1260	3 15	1	1110	3 50
1	960	3 55	1	1800	3 25	1	1450	3 00
1	1090	3 10	1	1820	3 30	2	2?0	3 40
1	1310	3 50	1	8 0	3 10	1	1070	3 45
1	1350	3 35	1	740	4 00			

CALVES.

No.	Av.	Pr.
1	150	6 50

BULL CALVES.

No.	Av.	Pr.
1	590	5 00

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
4	972	3 75	3	556	4 50	1	880	3 75
5	528	4 80	1	5?0	4 25	1	610	3 75
28	734	4 50	1	430	3 50	10	875	4 10
1	930	3 70	11	450	4 50	2	725	4 00

HOGS—The receipts of hogs were the largest in some time, 121 fresh loads being reported in the yards. Large receipts on a Saturday, however, were decidedly against the best interests of sellers, especially so in view of the fact that prominent features of the day were all on the bear side. In addition to the large receipts there was the weakness in provisions yesterday, followed by a sharp decline in the hog market at other selling points. The result was that buyers at this point started out bidding 10c lower for hogs and they succeeded in getting them that way.

They took off just about what they put on yesterday, buying the hogs at about Thursday's prices—that is, very largely at $3.70@3.75. Considering that the market was so much lower, the trade was fairly active and the bulk of the offerings changed hands in good season, buyers evidently wanting the hogs at the money.

The hog market this week has shown more and wider fluctuations in values than usual of late, there being a difference between the extreme low and the extreme high point of 25c. The week opened at a decline, the hogs on Monday selling at a fraction under $3.60 on an average. That proved to be the low day of the week, the market being a shade higher on Tuesday and again on Wednesday. On Thursday the market took a spurt of 10c under the influence of the sharp rise in provisions, due to the speculative demand incident to the breaking out of war. Again on Friday the market responded to a still further advance in the price of meats, but at the close of the week came the reaction, as was to be expected. The total gain for the week amounted to about 12½c—that is, the week closed with the market about that much higher than it was at the opening. Representative sales:

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
74	234	80	$3 70	59	232	80	$3 70
46	210	...	3 70	55	267	...	3 70
57	274	240	3 70	67	257	...	3 70
72	232	120	3 70	73	256	120	3 70
57	258	...	3 70	65	217	120	3 70
41	253	...	3 70	66	251	...	3 70
57	223	80	3 70	57	262	...	3 70
66	242	...	3 70	66	279	200	3 70
72	211	120	3 70	83	214	40	3 70
81	205	80	3 70	68	238	120	3 70
54	271	80	3 75	76	249	80	3 75
69	228	200	3 75	73	256	40	3 75
66	266	...	3 75	56	295	80	3 75
59	256	80	3 75	57	290	160	3 75
68	279	...	3 75	59	292	...	3 75
65	307	80	3 75	66	223	40	3 75
70	246	...	3 75	59	276	80	3 75
15	293	...	3 75	61	289	40	3 75
73	303	320	3 75	64	281	...	3 75
58	280	40	3 77½	67	271	40	3 77½
63	260	...	3 77½	72	300	...	3 77½
56	282	80	3 77½	66	289	...	3 77½
59	269	...	3 77½	61	313	40	3 77½
67	274	...	3 80	62	313	...	3 80
68	261	...	3 80	50	300	...	3 80
69	290	160	3 80				

WAGON HOGS—THROW OUTS.

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
2	215	...	3 00	3	220	...	3 25
1	380	...	3 25	7	100	...	3 50
3	286	...	3 55	5	168	40	3 60
1	220	...	3 67½	2	220	...	3 67½
4	280	80	3 70	2	230	...	3 70
4	325	...	3 70	5	312	...	3 70
5	230	...	3 70	6	230	...	3 70
3	323	...	3 70	5	253	...	3 70
2	310	...	3 70	6	193	...	3 70
1	540	...	3 72½	7	175	...	3 65
4	250	...	3 75	9	240	...	3 75
80	220	...	3 72½	69	271	...	3 72½
57	247	40	3 72½	77	247	...	3 72½
42	280	80	3 72½	69	267	...	3 72½
62	272	40	3 72½	74	258	80	3 72½
75	243	80	3 72½	70	247	...	3 72½
74	253	80	3 72½	60	257	...	3 72½
81	251	240	3 72½	68	2 6	...	3 72½
75	253	40	3 72½	80	243	...	3 72½
62	289	80	3 72½	59	233	40	3 72½
73	265	80	3 72½	62	271	...	3 72½
70	266	40	3 72½	72	229	80	3 72½
70	251	80	3 72½	72	262	...	3 72½
79	265	120	3 72½	37	252	80	3 72½
69	270	...	3 72½	72	227	...	3 72½
65	237	...	3 72½	77	237	80	3 72½
62	275	80	3 72½	67	287	200	3 72½
65	259	...	3 75	69	254	...	3 75
59	285	80	3 75	66	311	80	3 75
36	201	...	3 75	70	262	...	3 75
66	292	160	3 75	54	214	...	3 75
59	262	...	3 75	67	288	120	3 75
60	286	80	3 75	15	293	...	3 75
62	293	320	3 75	65	268	...	3 75
71	308	80	3 75	63	266	160	3 75
71	241	40	3 75	77	243	...	3 75
76	280	120	3 75	62	254	120	3 75
71	273	...	3 75	59	267	80	3 75
49	325	80	3 75	75	259	120	3 75
62	263	80	3 75	16	317	...	3 75
10	306	...	3 75	43	230	40	3 75
59	270	...	3 75	71	314	40	3 75
69	215	80	3 75	63	297	120	3 75
73	261	40	3 75	65	292	80	3 75
59	264	...	3 75	41	297	...	3 75
79	253	...	3 75	76	263	80	3 75
55	279	80	3 75	76	327	80	3 75
70	266	80	3 75	64	274	...	3 75
73	259	160	3 75	57	274	160	3 75

SHEEP—There were only three loads in this morning and they were lambs. The packers seemed to want a few and they took what was to be had at prices that were a little higher than yesterday. It would be safe to say that they sold 10@15c higher than they would have done on any other day since the break in the market.

The tendency of the market on good mutton sheep has been upward this week, while the lamb market during last week and the first of this week broke 40@50c. During the latter part of the week the lamb market has crawled upward a little and the feeling is considerably better than it was a short time ago.

It looks now as if the receipts of sheep would continue rather light from now on, but it is claimed that there are still a good many lambs to come. Representative sales:

No.		Av.	Pr.
268	Mexican lambs	65	$5 20
270	Mexican lambs	65	5 20
230	Mexican lambs	77	5 05

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Hogs Are Lower Through Lack of Support by Packers.

CHICAGO, April 23.—Today's light offerings of cattle were disposed of at about unchanged prices. Extra choice steers brought from $5.25 to $5.40; good to choice steers from $4.65 to $5.20; stockers and feeders from $3.50 to $4.20; cows and heifers from $3.10 to $3.90; calves from $3.75 to $6.

Packers failed to support hogs today and prices consequently receded 5c. Sales ranged at from $3.75 to $4.10, the bulk going for from $3.90 to $4.05; pigs sold largely at from $3.60 to 3.90.

Trade in sheep was dull and prices were largely nominal. Clipped sheep were quoted at from $3.50 to $4 for ewes and from $4 to $4.50 for wethers. Clipped lambs sold at from $4 to $4.80; wooled at from $5 to $5.50.

Receipts: Cattle, 300 head; hogs, 23,000 head; sheep, 5,000 head.

St. Louis Live Stock.

ST. LOUIS, April 23.—CATTLE—Receipts, 100 head; market steady; fair to fancy native shipping and export steers, $4.25@5.30; bulk of sales, $4.50@5.10; dressed beef and butcher steers, $4.10@5.10; bulk of sales, $4.25@4.75; steers under 1,000 lbs., $3.75@4.40; bulk of sales, $4.20@4.40; stockers and feeders, $3.25@4.50; bulk of sales, $3.90@4.40; cows and heifers, $2.00@4.60; bulk of cows, $2.80@3.75; Texas and Indian steers, $3.75@4.50; bulk of sales, $3.95@4.35; cows and heifers, $2.50@3.25.

HOGS—Receipts, 3,000 head; market 5c lower; yorkers, $3.80@3.90; packers, $3.50@3.75; butchers, $3.90@4.00.

SHEEP—Receipts, 200 head; market steady and dull; native muttons, $3.65@4.65; lambs, $4.75@5.00.

Indianapolis Live Stock.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 23.—CATTLE—Receipts, 125 head; shipments, none; market fairly active; good to prime steers, $4.85@5.15; fair to medium steers, $4.50@4.80; medium to good steers, $4.25@4.50.

HOGS—Receipts, 5,200 head; shipments, 2,000; market fairly active and 5c lower; good to choice medium and heavy, $3.95@4.02; mixed, $3.85@3.95; common lights, $3.80@3.85.

SHEEP—Receipts, light; shipments, none; market steady; good to choice lambs, $5.25@5.50; medium to choice, $4.00@4.05; common sheep, $2.75.

Kansas City Live Stock Market.

KANSAS CITY, April 23.—About 100 fresh cattle arrived and the market was nominally steady. Quotations ruled about the same as a week ago, but there is a more settled undertone to the market.

HOGS—Receipts, 7,100 head; from 5c to 10c of the recent advance was lost today; bulk of sales, $3.70@3.80; top price, $3.95; lights and pigs showed least decline.

SHEEP—No sheep offered, market nominally 10@15c lower on sheep and 15@25c lower on lambs than a week ago.

New York Live Stock.

NEW YORK, April 23.—BEEVES—Sales light; no trading; shipments, 1,150 cattle and 3,970 quarters of beef.

CALVES—Weak; veals, $3.50@5.50.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 1,629 head; firm; lambs, higher; prime wooled sheep, $5.00; clipped, $4.25; wooled lambs, $5.60@6.15; clipped lambs, $5.00@5.25; southern spring lambs, $4.50 each.

HOGS—Receipts, 1,875 head; firmer at $4.15@4.40.

East Buffalo Live Stock.

EAST BUFFALO, N. Y., April 23.—HOGS—Steady; yorkers good to choice, $4.20; roughs, common to choice, $3.65@3.80, pigs, fair to choice, $3.80@4.05.

LAMBS—Choice to extra, $5.00@5.15; culls to common, $4.15@4.50.

SHEEP—Choice to selected wethers, $4.25@4.35; culls to common, $3.25@3.60.

Stock in Sight.

Record of receipts of live stock at the four principal markets for April 23:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Omaha	1,375	8,257	1,770
Chicago	300	23,000	5,000
Kansas City	100	7,100	....
St. Louis	100	3,000	200
Totals	1,875	41,357	6,970

Sententious Sayings.

Chicago News: It ought to be some consolation to a widow to know that history repeats itself.

Many a would-be poker player makes a mistake in his calling.

The cyclist who gets caught in a storm may have seen better days.

When a man becomes thoroughly contented he has outlived his usefulness.

Very few people have weak eyes from looking on the bright side of things.

The woman with a baby and the woman without one are always sorry for each other.

Everything seems to get round in a sewing circle.

It is useless to be good unless you are good for something.

The man who is dressed in a little brief authority is more conspicuous than a girl in bloomers.

Masked balls are the only kind that go in a prohibition town.

When the pianist makes the instrument fairly talk it is called a piano recital.

Heredity.

Washington Star: "I told you not to give that boy a box of paints," said the editor, angrily regarding a green and crimson smear on his spring suit. "You might have known how a boy would be with a box of paints."

"I might have known," retorted the editor's wife, "by the way your paper looked for the first three or four Sundays after you got that new color press."

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