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Decline at Liverpool Knocks Fraction Off the Chicago Grain Market.

GOOD WHEAT CROP PROSPECTS REPORTED

Pork Improves Seven and a Half Cents and Lard and Ribs Are Better by Five Cents Than on Wednesday.

CHICAGO, March 23.—An unexpected decline at Liverpool today on account of the good crop prospect abroad weakened wheat and May closed with a loss of ⅝c. Corn declined ⅛c and oats ⅛@¼c. Pork improved 7½c and lard and ribs 5c each.

Friends of wheat suffered a disappointment at the start for in spite of considerable strength exhibited on the curb last night, May wheat opened ⅛@¼c lower at 69@69¼c. The chief factor in the weakness was the radical change in the character of the advices from Liverpool. That market at the opening, which responded only feebly to yesterday's strength here, commenced immediately to break, closing with a loss of 1¼d. With that discouraging situation to start on, confidence was undermined and liquidation became urgent, forcing May down to 68⅝c. Chicago received 35 cars, of which only one was graded contract. Minneapolis and Duluth got 426 carloads, compared with 324 for the same day a year ago. Western primary market receipts amounted to 410,000 bushels, against 389,000 bushels last year.

Atlantic port clearances of wheat and flour equalled 597,000 bushels. Reports from private sources of damage to winter wheat came in from all quarters. There was a general feeling, however, that the increased breadth of fall seeding would amply compensate for whatever damage has been done. The Liverpool weakness was said to be due to freer offerings of wheat from Russia. At 68⅝c the market was below the level of puts and buying against those privileges, together with scattered covering by shorts on account of firm continental markets, started an upturn near the end, May wheat closing at 68⅝@68¾c.

Corn weakened early with wheat, but later regained most of the loss. Small receipts and a fair shipping demand were responsible for the change of sentiment. Receipts were 77 cars. May opened ⅛c lower at 35¼@35⅜c, declined to 34⅞@35c, then rallied to 35¼@35⅜c at the close.

Oats were active and lower, with both the buying and selling scattered. There was a good cash demand from the east. Receipts were 89 cars. May began a shade lower at 26½@26⅝c, sold off to 26⅛@26¼c, then improved to 26⅜@26½c, the closing price.

Under the influence of an improved export demand for lard, provisions ruled unexpectedly steady, notwithstanding the decline in grain. The chief business was exchanging of May holdings for July or September at the current differences. May pork started 5c lower at $8.95, improved to $9.10@9.12½, then reacted to $9.07½, the closing figure. The range in lard and ribs was small.

Estimated receipts for Friday: Wheat, 38 cars; corn, 90 cars; oats, 130 cars; hogs, 22,000 head.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'dy.
*Wheat.					
May...	69@¼	69¼	68⅝	68⅝@¾	69¼@⅜
July...	68¼@⅜	68⅜	67⅞	68 @⅛	68⅝
Corn.					
May...	35¼@⅜	35⅜	34⅞-35	35¼@⅜	35⅝@½
July...	36	36	35⅝	35⅞	36@⅛
Sept...	36½	36½	36⅛@¼	36⅜	36⅜@⅝
*Oats.					
May...	26⅜	26⅜	26⅛@¼	26⅜@½	26⅝
July...	24⅞	25	24⅞	24⅞@⅞	24⅞
Pork.					
May...	8 95	9 12½	8 95	9 07½	9 00
July...	9 12½	9 30	9 12½	9 25	9 17½
Lard.					
May...	5 30	5 35	5 27½	5 35	5 30
July...	5 42½	5 47½	5 42½	5 47½	5 42½
Sept...	5 57½	5 60	5 57½	5 57½	5 57½
Ribs.					
May...	4 70	4 77½	4 70	4 75	4 70
July...	4 82½	4 87½	4 82½	4 87½	4 82½
Sept...	4 95	5 00	4 95	5 00	4 95

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Better demand and steadier; winter patents, $3.50@3.60; straights, $3.20@3.30; clears, $3.00@3.10; spring specials, $4.00@4.10; patents, $3.20@3.60; straights, $2.70@3.10; bakers, $2.20@2.40.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 67@68½c; No. 3 spring, 63½@68c; No. 2 red, 70@70½c.

CORN—No. 2, 34⅜c; No. 2 yellow, 34⅜c.

OATS—No. 2, 27½@28c; No. 2 white, 30¼@31c; No. 3 white, 29½@30¼c.

RYE—No. 2, 51½c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 38@47c.

SEEDS—No. 1 flaxseed, $1.17½; N. W., $1.21½; prime timothy, $2.32½.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $8.95@9.00. Lard, per 100 lbs., $5.20@5.25. Short ribs sides (loose), $4.45@4.80. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4.25@4.37½. Short clear sides (boxed), $4.90@5.00.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per per gal., $1.26.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $5.83; granulated, $5.33.

CLOVER—Contract grade, $5.65.

Following are the receipts and shipments:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipm'ts.
Flour, bbls	13,000	23,000
Wheat, bu	37,000	23,000
Corn, bu	146,000	126,000
Oats, bu	167,000	260,000
Rye, bu	2,000	5,000
Barley, bu	24,000	6,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was firm; creameries, 14@20½c; dairies, 11½@18c. Eggs, firm; fresh, 12½c. Cheese, steady; creameries, 10½@12½c. Dressed poultry, fairly active; turkeys, 10½@12c; ducks, 9½@10c; chickens, 10@10½c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET

Quotations for the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, March 23.—FLOUR—Receipts, 13,728 bbls.; exports, 8,844 bbls.; quiet but steadily held at old prices; winter patents, $3.70; winter straights, $3.50@3.60; Minnesota patents, $3.90@4.30; winter extras, $2.50@2.85; Minnesota bakers, $3.10@3.25; winter patents, $2.40@2.65.

CORNMEAL—Dull; yellow western, 83@84c; city, 84@85c.

RYE—Dull; No. 2 western, 63¾@64c, f. o. b., afloat.

BARLEY MALT—Quiet; western, 65@70c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 76,000 bu.; exports, 23,-005 bu.; No. 2 red, 81⅛c f. o. b. afloat, to arrive. Options weak under bad cables and did not rally much all day; news was decidedly bad from Kansas and Missouri; prices improved slightly near the close on covering and left off steady at ⅜@½c net decline: March, 80½@81⅛c; closed, 80⅝c; May, 73 9-16@74 11-16c; closed, 73⅞c; July, 72⅜@73⅜c; closed, 72¾c; September, 70⅝@71⅛c; closed, 71c.

CORN—Receipts, 125,577 bu.; exports, 160,-675 bu.; spot steady; No. 2, 42½@43⅛c f. o. b. afloat, new and old. Options opened easy with wheat, but were fairly steady afterward on light offerings and small receipts west; closed steady at ⅛c decline; March closed at 41⅝c; May, 40@40⅛c; closed, 40⅛c; July, 40⅛c; closed, 40⅛c.

OATS—Receipts, 62,400 bu.; exports, 50,191 bu.; spot steady; No. 2, 33c; No. 2 white, 35@36c; track, mixed western, 32@34c; track, white, 35@39c. Options low.

HOPS—Quiet; state, common to choice, 1896 crop, 6@7c; 1897 crop, 11@13c; 1898 crop, 16@17c; Pacific coast, 1896 crop, 6@7c; 1897 crop, 11@13c; 1898 crop, 17@18c.

HIDES—Steady; Galveston, 16½@17c; Texas dry, 12½c; California, 18½c.

WOOL—Steady; Texas, 13@15c.

PROVISIONS—Lard, steady; western steamed, $5.55.

BUTTER—Receipts, 1,970 pkgs.; firm; western creamery, 17@22c; Elgins, 22c; factory, 12@14½c.

EGGS—Receipts, 14,256 pkgs.; steady; western, 14c; southern, 13¾@14c.

CHEESE—Steady; large white, 12c; small white, 12½@12¾c; large colored, 12c; small colored, 12½@12¾c.

TALLOW—Quiet; city, 4¾c; country, 4⅝@4⅞c.

COTTONSEED OIL—Dull; prime crude, 22c; prime yellow, 26@26½c.

METALS—Pig iron warrants quiet and nominal at $10.50 bid and $11.00 asked; lake copper, dull and nominal at $16.75 bid and $17.25 asked; tin, steady at $23.65 bid and $23.75 asked; lead, unchanged at $4.40 bid and $4.42½ asked; spelter, unchanged at $6.35 bid and $6.40 asked. The brokers' price for lead is $4.20 and for copper $17.25@17.50.

Division of the Wheat Crop.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—The division of the wheat crop for 1898, as between spring and winter wheat, is estimated by the Agricultural department as follows:

	Acres Harvested.	Bushels.	Average Yield.
Spring wheat	18,310,430	292,656,673	16.0
Winter wheat	25,744,848	382,492,032	14.9
Total	44,055,278	675,148,705	15.3

Grain Receipts at Principal Markets.

ST. LOUIS, March 23.—Receipts: Wheat, 14 cars.

KANSAS CITY, March 23.—Receipts: Wheat, 21 cars.

CHICAGO, March 23.—Estimated cars for tomorrow: Wheat, 38; corn, 90; oats, 130.

Minneapolis Wheat Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 23.—WHEAT—The market opened today at ⅜c decline, followed by a further break of ½c from the opening price; May closed at 67¾@67⅞c and July at 68⅝@68⅞c; March, 67⅝c; May, 67⅝@67¾c; on track, No. 1 hard, 69¾c; No. 1 northern, 68⅝c; No. 2 northern, 66⅝c.

FLOUR—First patents, $3.65@3.75; second patents, $3.45@3.55; first clear, $2.50@2.60.

BRAN—Lower; in bulk, $10.25@10.50.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Receipts liberal; demand good; market firm at 10½c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 11@12c; choice, 14@15c; separator, 20c; gathered creamery, 17@18c.

POULTRY—Chickens, live, 8@8½c; dressed, 9@10c; old and staggy roosters, live, 4@5c; dressed, 5@7c; ducks and geese, live, 7½@8c; dressed, 9@10c; turkeys, live, 9@10c; dressed, light weight, 12½@13c; heavy weight, 11@12c.

PIGEONS—Live, per dozen, 75@90c.

VEAL—Choice, 8@9c.

OYSTERS—Bulk Standard, per gal., $1.10; mediums, per can, 15c; Standard, per can, 20c; Extra Select, per can, 25c; New York Counts, per can, 30c.

FRESH WATER FISH—White fish, 9c; lake trout, 9c; small trout, green, 11c; yellow pike, 8c; pickerel, winter caught, 6c; silver herring, 4c; perch, scaled and dressed, 6c; perch, skinned and dressed, 7c; northern crapple, 10c; bullheads, dressed, 10c; black bass, very scarce, 15c.

SEA FISH—Flounders, 8c; haddock, 9c; Columbia river salmon, 11c; halibut, 11c; No. 1 smelts, 10c; blue fish, 10c; Spanish mackerel, 10c; red snapper, 10c; extra large mackerel, 30c each.

FRUITS.

APPLES—Ben Davis, per bbl., $4.75@5.00; Genitons, $4; New York Baldwins, Greenings and others, choice, per bbl., $5.25@5.50; western boxed, $1.85@2.00.

CRANBERRIES—Jersey, $6.00@6.25; large, $6.50@6.75; per crate, $2.00@2.25.

VEGETABLES.

TOMATOES—Per crate, $4.00@4.25.

SPINACH—None in market.

LETTUCE—Home grown, per doz. bunches, 45c.

CELERY—California, good stock, 75c; Michigan, choice stock, 25@30c.

ONIONS—Home grown, per doz. bunches, 30c.

WATERCRESS—16-qt. cases, $1.60.

CABBAGE—Crated, per lb., 3c.

CAULIFLOWER—Per crate, $2.50.

ONIONS—Per bu., 90c@$1.00.

BEANS—Hand-picked, navy, per bu., $1.50@1.60.

POTATOES—Choice, sacked, 70c; poorer stock, 60c; Minnesota Burbanks, 85@90c; Colorado, $1.00@1.05; Early Ohio seed potatoes, $1.00@1.10.

SWEET POTATOES—Per bbl., $2.25@2.50; seed sweets, $2.00@2.25.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

LEMONS—California, fancy, $3.75@4.00; choice, $3.50@3.75; Messina, fancy, $4.00@4.25.

ORANGES — Navels, fancy, $3.35@3.50; choice, $3.15@3.25; seedlings, $2.40@2.65.

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

DATES—Hallowee, 60 to 70-lb. boxes, 6c; Sair, 5¾c; Fard, 9-lb. boxes, 10@11c.

MISCELLANEOUS.

NUTS—Almonds, per lb., 17c; Brazils, per lb., 9@10c; English walnuts, per lb., fancy soft shell, 12@12½c; standards, 10c; filberts, per lb., 11c; pecans, polished, 8@10c; cocoanuts, per 100, $4; peanuts, raw, 5½@6c; roasted, 6½@7c.

CIDER—Per half bbl., $3.

SAUERKRAUT—Per half bbl., $2.

HONEY—Choice white, 12½@13½c.

MAPLE SYRUP—Five-gal. cans, each, $2.50; gal. cans, pure, per doz., $12; half-gal. cans, $6.25; quart cans, $3.50.

MAPLE SUGAR—Choice, in boxes, 9c.

FIGS—Imported, none; California, 10-lb. boxes, $1.40@1.50.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 7½c; No. 2 green hides, 6½c; No. 1 salted hides, 8¾c; No. 2 salted hides, 7¾c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 10c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 8c.

TALLOW, GREASE, ETC.—Tallow, No. 1, 3½c; tallow, No. 2, 3c; rough tallow, 1½c; white grease, 2½@3c; yellow and brown grease, 1½@2½c.

FURS—Mink, 10@75c; bear (black or brown), $5.00@20.00; otter, $1.50@8.00; beaver, $1.00@6.00; skunk, 15@75c; muskrat, 3@10c; raccoon, 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, $50.00@75.00.

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.

St. Louis Market.

ST. LOUIS, March 23.—WHEAT—Options were fractions lower; spot steady; No. 2 red, cash, elevator, 72c; track, 73c; March, 72c; May, 73½c; July, 66½c; No. 2 hard, 65½c.

CORN—Fractionally lower for spot and options. No. 2 cash, 33½c; track, 34½c; March, 33½c; May, 33¾c asked; July, 34c.

OATS—Easier; No. 2 cash, 27½c; track, 28@28½c; March, 27½c; May, 28⅜c bid; July, 25⅝c; No. 2 white, 30½c.

RYE—Firm, 56c bid.

SEEDS—Flaxseed, higher; $1.14 bid. Prime timothy seed, $2.20.

CORNMEAL—$1.75@1.80.

BRAN—Quiet and unchanged; sacked, east track, 58c.

HAY—Timothy, higher at $7.00@10.00; prairie, steady at $6.50@7.50.

BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 18@22c; dairy, 13@17c.

EGGS—Lower, 10¾c.

WHISKY—Steady at $1.26.

POULTRY—Steady; chickens, 8@8½c turkeys, 9@10c; geese, 5@6½c; ducks, 8½@9c.

METALS—Lead, easier; $4.25@4.27½ sellers. Spelter, nominal, $6.05@6.10.

PROVISIONS—Pork, quiet; standard mess, jobbing, $9.12½. Lard, higher; prime steam, $5.05; choice, $5.12½. Dry salt meats, boxed shoulders $4.25; extra shorts, $4.75; ribs, $4.87½; shorts, $5.00. Bacon, boxed shoulders, $5.00; extra shorts, $5.25; ribs, $5.37½; shorts, $5.50.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 5,000 bbls.; wheat, 10,-000 bu.; corn, 8,000 bu.; oats, 32,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 5,000 bbls.; wheat, 10,000 bu.; corn, 9,000 bu.; oats, 10,000 bu.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, March 23.—WHEAT—Market steady; May opened 63c, declined to 62½c, rose to 63c and closed at about that price. There was an active trade and many damage reports. Cash closed: No. 2 hard, 64@66c; No. 3, 62@65c; No. 2 red, 75c; No. 3, 70@73c.

CORN—Market steady; No. 2 mixed, 32¼@32½c; No. 2 white, 34½c.

OATS—Market ½c higher; No. 2 white, 30c.

RYE—Market steady; No. 2, 52½c.

HAY—Market steady; choice timothy and prairie, $7.00@7.50.

BUTTER—Market 1c higher, separator, 20c; dairy, 15c.

EGGS—Market steady; fresh, 10½c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 12,600 bu.; corn, 12,-500 bu.; oats, 3,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 17,200 bu.; corn, 9,700 bu.; oats, 8,000 bu.

Baltimore Market.

BALTIMORE, March 23.—FLOUR—Firm and unchanged; receipts, 8,508 bbls.; exports, 3,395 bbls.

WHEAT—Easy; spot and month, 73½@73⅝c; April, 74@74¼c; May, 74¼@74⅜c; steamer No. 2 red, 69½@69⅝c; receipts, 5,655 bu.; exports, none. Southern wheat by sample, 69@74c; southern, on grade, 69¾@73⅝c.

CORN—Steady; spot and month, 38@38⅛c; April, 38@38¼c; May, 38⅜@39c; steamer mixed, 36½@36⅝c; receipts, 122,622 bu.; exports, none. Southern white corn, 38@39½c; southern yellow, 37@39c.

OATS—Steadier; No. 2 white, 35c; No. 2 mixed, 34c; exports, none.

RYE—Dull; No. 2 western, 59½c; receipts, 8,153 bu.; exports, none.

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, March 23.—WHEAT—Market ⅝@⅞d lower; March, 5s 4d; May, 5s 3⅞d; July, 5s 3⅝d.

CORN—Market weak, ¼d lower; March, 3s 5¼d; May, 3s 4⅝d; July, 3s 4½d.

PROVISIONS—Hams, short cut, 14 to 16 lbs., steady, 35d. Bacon, Cumberland cut, 28 to 30 lbs., firm, 26s; short ribs, 20 to 24 lbs., 26s; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs., firm, 30s. Lard, prime western, steady, 27s.

Cincinnati Market.

CINCINNATI, March 23.—WHEAT—Easier; No. 2 red, 72c.

CORN—Dull; No. 2 mixed, 37c.

OATS—Dull; No. 2 mixed, 28c.

RYE—Steady; No. 2, 59c.

PROVISIONS—Lard, firmer, $5.10. Bulk meats, quiet, $4.75. Bacon, steady, $5.62½.

WHISKY—Steady, $1.26.

EGGS—Firm, 11c.

CHEESE—Firm.

Toledo Market.

TOLEDO, O., March 23.—WHEAT—Higher, dull; No. 2 cash, 71⅝c; May, 72c.

CORN—Dull, easy; No. 2 mixed, 35c.

OATS—Dull, steady; No. 2 mixed, 27½c bid.

RYE—Dull, steady; No. 2 cash, 55c bid.

CLOVERSEED—Active, lower; prime cash, old, $3.25 asked; new, cash, March and April, $3.45 asked.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, March 23.—WHEAT—Easier; No. 1 northern, 70c; No. 2 northern, 67½c; No. 2 spring, 66@67c.

RYE—Lower; No. 1, 55c.

BARLEY—Firm; No. 2, 47c; sample, 42@46c.

Duluth Wheat Market.

DULUTH, March 23.—WHEAT—No. 1 hard cash, 69c; March, 68¼c; May, 70½c; July, 71⅜c; to arrive, No. 1 hard, 69½c; No. 1 northern, 67c.

Peoria Market.

PEORIA, Ill., March 23.—CORN—Scarce and firm; new, No. 3, 33½c.

OATS—Firm; No. 3 white, 28¼@28½c.

WHISKY—Firm, on the basis of $1.26 for finished goods.

Philadelphia Produce Market.

PHILADELPHIA, March 23.—BUTTER—Firm; fancy western creamery, 22c.

EGGS—Firm; fresh western, 13½@14c.

CHEESE—Firm.

STORY OF DAY IN WALL STREET.

Interest Centers in Railway Deals and Transactions Are Heavy.

NEW YORK, March 23.—The stock market took on an appearance of strength today and the dealings of about 750,000 shares were largely centered in the railways. Realizing toward the close cut down some of the advance, leaving the net improvement generally slight.

The expected early adjournment of the New Jersey legislature was used as a bull card among the coalers in a manner that lessened the prospect of hostile legislation against the rumored anthracite deal. Lackawanna made the extreme advance of 3½. There was talk also of a lease of the Jersey Central to the Reading company. People's Gas gained 2¾ in anticipation of the adjournment of the Illinois legislature and on gossip of a possible consolidation with an electric lighting company. The dealings in Burlington were even in excess of those in Sugar, the late leader in point of activity, and a gain of 2 points resulted in that railway security.

A large short interest was said to have existed in Burlington and the movement today resulted from the covering of bear stop-loss orders. The other grangers sympathized in the movement to a lesser extent. Strength appeared among such low-priced shares as St. Louis & Southwestern and Kansas City, Pittsburg & Gulf, but the latter failed to hold its advance. Among the usually neglected stocks Chicago & Eastern Illinois became active and moved up 2 points. Southern preferred made a fractional advance on rumors that the control of the Louisville, Evansville & St. Louis railway had been obtained. Coincidently the bonds of the latter company ran off. The Pacifics on moderate trading held their own. Local transportation shares moved narrowly, excepting Manhattan, which lost over a point. Tobacco stocks were slightly improved and Sugar left off 4¼ points down on gossip that the most active bulls had liquidated. Air Brake recovered 11 points of its recent decline and the market left off with a fairly good tone.

Bond prices today showed improvements in many cases, with an exceptional rise in Brooklyn Elevated 5s. The market in general moved irregularly, but losses were trivial. Total sales, $3,890,000. United States new 3s advanced ¼, while the new 4s declined as much in the bid price.

The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says: The markets here were very slack this morning. The time, however, was firm on more buying of consols for the sinking fund, which requires the purchase of 1,000,000 by the end of the month. Americans were neglected, but steady. In the afternoon New York bought St. Paul, Norfolk and Denver preferred. In the street Southern railway issues were in demand. The close was the best. Spanish 4s, 58½. Tintos were 39¾ on the dividend of 27s 6d, £50,000 going to the reserve and £13,-500 being carried forward. Utahs were flat at 7½@8. Bostons were 2⅛; Anacondas, 8¾. Money was steady on fresh borrowing at the bank; £10,000 gold in French coin was bought by the bank.

The following are the closing quotations for the leading stocks on the New York exchange today:

Atchison	20¾	St. L. & S. W.	10⅞
do pfd	60½	do pfd	30¾
Baltimore & Ohio	63¼	**St. Paul	126¾
Canada Pacific	85⅜	**do pfd	169
Canada Southern	57⅜	St. P. & Om	92¾
Central Pacific	51¼	do pfd	174
Ches. & Ohio	27	So. Pacific	36¼
Chi. & Alton	173	So. Railway	12¼
C., B. & Q.	142⅝	do pfd	49⅞
Chi. & E. Ill.	69⅞	Texas & Pacific	23
do pfd	118	Union Pacific	46⅝
Chi. G. W.	15⅝	do pfd	80⅝
Chi. Ind. & L.	8½	***U. P. D. & G.	13⅜
do pfd	43	Wabash	7⅞
Chi. & N. W.	148½	do pfd	21⅝
do pfd	190	Wheel. & L. E.	11⅛
C. C. C. & St. L.	57½	do pfd	32
do pfd	96¾	Adams Ex	112
Del. & Hudson	116⅛	American Ex	140
Del. L. & W.	171½	United States Ex	54
Den. & Rio G.	21⅝	Wells Fargo	125
do pfd	73¾	A. Cot. Oil	35¾
Erie (new)	14	do pfd	92½
do 1st pfd	39⅛	Amer. Spirits	13⅜
Ft. Wayne	177	do pfd	38¾
Gt. Nor. pfd	189½	Amer. Tobacco	207
*Hocking Val	8¾	do pfd	142
Illinois Central	114¾	Cons. Gas	211
Lake Erie & W.	15¾	Com. Cable Co	175
do pfd	65	Col. F. & Iron	25⅛
Lake Shore	200	do pfd	97
Louis. & Nash	63⅞	Gen. Electric	112½
Manhattan L.	109⅛	Hawaii Com. Co	77
Met. St. Ry	252¼	Brooklyn Transit	108¾
Mich. Central	113	Inter. Paper	53
Minn. & St. L.	52¼	do pfd	82½
do 1st pfd	99	Laclede Gas	53½
Mo. Pacific	45⅞	Lead	34
Mobile & Ohio	40	do pfd	112¾
Mo. K. & T.	13⅜	Nat. Lin. Oil	5
do pfd	39	Pacific Mail	47½
N. J. Central	117½	People's Gas	120¾
N. Y. Central	136⅜	Pullman Pal	160
N. Y. Chi. & St. L.	13½	Silver Cert	60
do 1st pfd	65	Standard R. & T.	10¾
do 2d pfd	33	Sugar	162¼
Nor. & West	17⅞	do pfd	117
No. Amer. Co.	9	T. C. & Iron	52½
No. Pacific	50⅜	U. S. Leather	6⅞
do pfd	78¼	do pfd	71⅛
Ontario & W.	28⅛	U. S. Rubber	50¾
Ore. R. & Nav	44	do pfd	116
Ore. Short Line	41⅞	Western Union	93⅝
Pac. Coast 1st pfd	88	Federal Steel	52⅞
do 2d pfd	62	do pfd	87¼
Pittsburg	180	Amer. Steel & W.	63⅞
Reading	21⅞	do pfd	103
do 1st pfd	67⅛	Colorado Southern	7
R. G. W.	35	do 1st pfd	55½
do pfd	77½	do 2d pfd	23⅞
Rock Island	117⅞	Ore. Nav. pfd	72
St. L. & S. F.	11	Pacific Coast	44
do pfd	71	Cent'l Tobacco	56⅝
do 2d pfd	38¼	do pfd	87

*All assessments paid. **Ex-dividend. ***Second assessment paid.

The total sales of stocks today were 722,-400 shares, including: Atchison preferred, 21,559; Central Pacific, 9,300; Burlington, 82,-020; Delaware & Hudson, 7,200; Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, 6,420; Erie first preferred, 3,310; Illinois Central, 6,540; Manhattan, 21,435; Metropolitan, 4,689; Reading first preferred, 41,268; Missouri, Kansas & Texas preferred, 5,573; Jersey Central, 6,280; New York Central, 3,720; North American Co., 2,090; Reading, 5,030; Rock Island, 8,295; Ontario & Western, 23,320; Union Pacific, 4,220; St. Paul, ex. div., 12,210; Southern Pacific, 5,050; Southern, 9,000; Southern preferred, 13,538; Union Pacific preferred, 5,705; American Steel & Wire, 19,055; Tobacco, 4,905; Federal Steel, 21,359; Federal Steel preferred, 4,451; People's Gas, 48,255; Consolidated Gas, 9,158; General Electric, 3,382; Brooklyn Transit, 35,420; Sugar, 64,-720; St. Louis & Southwestern, 8,375; St. Louis & Southwestern preferred, 11,600; Tennessee Coal, 11,310; Chicago Great Western, 19,465.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, March 23.—MONEY ON CALL—Nominally, 3@4 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—3½@4 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Firmer, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.85@4.85½ for demand and at $4.83¼@4.83½ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.84@4.84½ and $4.86½; commercial bills, $4.82½@4.82¾.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—60@60½c.

BAR SILVER—59⅝c.

MEXICAN DOLLARS—47½c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Firmer; 3s, 108¼; 4s, reg., new, 128¾; coupon, 128¾; 4s, reg., 111½; coupon, 113¼; 2s, reg., 99½; 5s, reg., 112¼; coupon, 112¼.

Closing quotations on bonds were:

U. S. new 3s	108	N. Y. C. 1sts	114
U. S. new 4s reg	129½	N. J. C. 5s	118⅜
U. S. do coup	129½	N. C. 6s	130
U. S. 4s reg	112	N. C. 4s	103
U. S. do coup	114	No. Pacific 1sts	118
U. S. 2ds reg	99¼	No. Pacific 3s	68
U. S. 5s reg	112⅜	No. Pacific 4s	103⅝
U. S. 5s coup	112⅜	N. Y. C. & St. L. 4s	107
District 3.65s	117	N. & W. 6s	130
Ala. class A	109	N. W. Consols	143⅜
Ala. class B	109	N. W. Deb. 5s	122¼
Ala. class C	100	Ore. N. 1sts	111
Ala. Currency	100	Ore. N. 4s	102
Atchison 4s	102⅛	O. S. L. 6s t. r.	128⅜
Do. adj. 4s	82⅜	O. S. L. 5s t. r.	110
Canada So. 2ds	109	Reading 4s	89⅛
C. & O. 4½s	92½	R. G. W. 1sts	97
Chi. Terms. 4s	99	St. L. & I. M. con 5s	111¼
C. & O. 5s	119	St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6	123⅜
C. H. & D. 4½s	104⅝	St. P. Consols	167
D. & R. G. 1sts	108⅛	St. P. C. & P. 1sts	121½
D. & R. G. 4s	100⅛	St. P. C. & P. 5s	120⅛
East Tenn. 1sts	105	So. Ry. 5s	106⅜
Erie Gen. 4s	73	S. R. & T. 6s	80
F. W. & D. 1sts t. r.	83	Tenn. new set 3s	97½
Gen. Elec. 5s	115	T. P. L. G. 1sts	112⅛
G. H. & S. A. 6s	110	T. P. Rg. 2ds	53⅜
G. H. & S. A. 2ds	110	U. P. D. & G. 1sts	93⅝
H. & T. Cent. 5s	112	Wab. 1st 5s	114⅛
H. & T. C. con. 6s	110	Wab. 2ds	95⅛
*Iowa C. 1sts	109	W. Shore 4s	114⅛
La. New Con. 4s	106½	Va. Centuries	83⅜
L. & N. Uni. 4s	95⅜	Va. deferred	9
Mo. Pac. con. 6s	120	Wis. Cent. 1sts	68⅜
M. K. & T. 2ds	67⅜	U. P. 4s	104⅜
M. K. & T. 4s	94	Colorado South'n 4s	86¼

*offered.

Foreign Financial.

PARIS, March 23.—Prices were firm on the bourse today owing to indications from London regarding the approaching settlement, which caused repurchases. Spanish 4s rose substantially and Rio Tintos hardened considerably in the interim dividend of £1 7s 6d, making a dividend of £2 7s 6d for the year. South African securities were in good demand. Three per cent rentes, 102f 35c for the account. Exchange on London, 25f 23c for checks. Spanish 4s closed 59.17½.

BERLIN, March 23.—The after effect of the Anglo-French agreement on the subject of Africa conferred strength to prices on the bourse today. Spanish 4s hardened. Canadian Pacifics were easier, in consequence of fare reductions. Local shares were firm, Deutsche bank being favored.

LONDON, March 23.—American securities opened higher and remained steady all day on New York buying. Amount of bullion gone into the Bank of England on balances today, £10,000. Spanish 4s closed at 58⅝. Gold premium at Buenos Ayres, 121.30.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, March 23.—Call loans, 3@4 per cent; time loans, 3½@4½ per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F.	20¾	Wis. Central	5¼
Amer. Sugar	162½	Atchison pfd	60¾
do pfd	117	do 4s	100
Bell Tel	290	Allouez Mining Co.	8¼
Boston & Albany	245	Atlantic	31
Boston & Maine	172	Boston & Mont	345
Boston L.	93⅞	Butte & Boston	85½
C. B. & Q.	112¾	Calumet & Hecla	767½
Fitchburg	122	Centennial	41
Gen. Electric	116	Franklin	24⅝
Federal Steel	53	Old Dominion	43
do pfd	87½	Osceola	87
Mexican Central	6	Quincy	170
Old Colony	202	Tamarack	220
Rubber	50	Wolverine	42½
Union Pacific	46¼	Parrott	44
West End	93½	Humboldt	2¾
do pfd	112	Union Land	7
Westingh. Elec.	47	Winona	16
do pfd	61½		

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 23.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta	14	Hale & Norcross	37
Alpha Con.	9	Julia	4
Andes	21	Justice	21
Belcher	40	Kentucky Con.	14
Best & Belcher	63	Mexican	82
Bullion	5	Occidental Con.	31
Caledonia	46	Ophir	120
Challenge Con.	52	Overman	15
Chollar	40	Potosi	35
Confidence	115	Savage	33
Con. Cala. & Va.	230	Seg Belcher	6
Con. Imperial	2	Sierra Nevada	135
Con. New York	2	Silver Hill	5
Crown Point	34	Standard	275
Eureka Con.	40	Union Con.	67
Exchequer	3	Utah Con.	24
Gould & Currie	46	Yellow Jacket	38

Silver bars, 59⅝c; Mexican dollars, 47½@48c; drafts, sight, 15c; telegraph, 17½c.

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, March 23.—The following are the closing prices for mining shares:

Chollar	35	Ontario	500
Crown Point	25	Ophir	110
Con. Cal. and Va.	210	Plymouth	10
Deadwood	65	Quicksilver	200
Gould & Currie	42	do pfd	650
Hale & Norcross	34	Sierra Nevada	120
Homestake	5500	Standard	250
Iron Silver	65	Union Con.	63
Mexican	75	Yellow Jacket	30

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, March 23.—4 p. m.—Closing:

Consols, money	110⅝	N. Y. Central	140
Consols, acct	110⅞	Pennsylvania	60
Canadian Pacific	88⅛	Reading	12⅜
Erie	14⅜	Union Pac. pfd	82⅞
do 1st pfd	39⅜	Atchison	21½
Illinois Central	117¾	L. & N.	65⅞
Northern Pac. pfd	80⅜	Grand Trunk	7⅝
St. Paul common	132½		

BAR SILVER—Steady, 27 7-16.

MONEY—2½@2¾ per cent.

Discount in open market for short and three months' bills, 2½@2⅝ per cent.

Financial Notes.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—Today's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, $281,148,895; gold reserve, $242,244,366.

CHICAGO, March 23.—Clearings, $19,433,-577; balances, $962,497; New York exchange, 35c discount; sterling exchange, posted, $4.84¼@4.86½; actual, $4.83¼@4.85¾; sixty days, $4.82¾@4.84½. Stocks active, strong. Alley L, 77¼; Diamond Match, 139; North Chicago, 225; West Chicago, 97¾; Strawboard, 31; Biscuit common, 51; Biscuit preferred, 103.

ST. LOUIS, March 23.—Clearings, $4,984,-853; balances, $698,113; money, 4@7 per cent; New York exchange, 40c discount bid, 25c discount asked.

NEW ORLEANS, March 23.—Clearings, $1,237,492; New York exchange, bank, $1 premium; commercial, 60c premium.

CINCINNATI, March 23.—New York exchange, 50@60c discount; clearings, $2,087,850; money, 2½@6 per cent.

Foreign Bank Statements.

LONDON, March 23.—The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows the following changes: Total reserve, decrease, £651,000; circulation, increased £90,000; bullion, decreased £560,633; other securities, increased £1,404,000; public deposits, increased £1,609,000; notes, reserve, decreased £620,000; government securities, increased £87,000. The proportion of the Bank of England's reserve to liability is 41.40 per cent; last week it was 43.29 per cent. The Bank of England's rate of discount remains unchanged at 3 per cent.

PARIS, March 23.—The weekly statement of the Bank of France shows the following changes: Notes in circulation, decreased 35,525,000 francs; treasury accounts current, increased 5,540,000 francs; gold in hand, increased 2,550 francs; bills discounted, decreased 7,975,000 francs; silver in hand, increased 2,400,000 francs.

CONDITION OF THE WOOL MARKET.

High Prices Realized at London Sales and Good Merinos in Demand.

LONDON, March 23.—The wool auction sales closed today with offerings of 14,280 bales. The prices realized today were high and good merinos were taken by the continental buyers. Better cross-breds were in brisk demand, with the German and Yorkshire buyers competing. Cape of Good Hope and Natal stock was in good supply and sold well. The closing tone of the sale was firm. During the series 78,000 bales were taken by the home trade, 84,000 by the continent, 1,000 by the American buyers and 12,000 were carried over to the next series.

The series opened irregular with some hesitation and at about January prices. Merinos and fine cross-bred were firmly established, while low, heavy cross-breds sold 5 to 7½ per cent cheaper. The American operators were confined to occasional parcels. Fine merinos and cross-breds were taken by the home trade and Germany. In fact the chief support came from these buyers. As the sale advanced operations gradually increased with Russia buying merinos and especially scoured, which appreciated 5 to 10 per cent during the first week. Later these grades sold briskly at hardening rates. Locks and pieces were in request throughout and sold at extreme figures to the continent. Fine cross-bred moved in sympathy with merinos and soon hardened 5 per cent and sometimes touched 7½ per cent on free buying of Yorkshire. Later they ruled strong on an increased German demand. Medium stock which American buyers previously paid extreme rates for declined at the opening, but recovered and sold steadily at the January quotations. Inferior stock ruled heavy and remained so throughout with many withdrawals. Small supplies of Cape of Good Hope and Natal were in great request. At the opening the figures were the same as January, but gradually advanced ½d to 1d. Medium snow whites and finest greasy merinos were eagerly taken and sold beyond full values, pieces often exceeding the price of fleece. The third series will open on May 2. The list will close when the arrivals amount to 250,000 bales, or not later than May 24. The fourth series opens June 27. The number of bales to be offered at these sales has been fixed at 250,000. Sheepskin sales will be held on April 13 and 14. The following are today's sales: New South Wales, 4,700 bales; scoured, 7d@1s 6½d; greasy, 5½@11d. Queensland, 2,400 bales; scoured, 9d@1s 7d; greasy, 7½@10½d. Victoria, 600 bales; greasy, 5@11½d. South Australia, 100 bales; greasy, 5½@7d. New Zealand, 5,200 bales; scoured, 6½d@1s 6½d; greasy, 4½@10d. Cape of Good Hope and Natal, 1,100 bales; scoured, 9d@1s 5½d; greasy, 6¼@9d.

ST. LOUIS, March 23.—WOOL—Dull, small lots selling occasionally, but the market in general is dead, flat and purely nominal.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, March 23.—Cotton futures opened steady: April, $5.95; May, $6.00; June, $6.03; July, $6.07; August, $6.06; September, $6.03; October, $6.02; November, $6.01; December, $6.03; January, $6.05.

NEW YORK, March 23.—COTTON—Spot closed dull and unchanged; sales, 250 bales.

ST. LOUIS, March 23.—COTTON—Quiet and unchanged; no rates reported; middling, 5 15-16c. Receipts, 1,602 bales; shipments, 1,267 bales; stock, 75,320 bales.

NEW ORLEANS, March 23.—COTTON—Futures steady; March, $5.61@5.63; April, $5.61@5.62; May, $5.65@5.66; June, $5.69@5.70; July, $5.69@5.70; August, $5.67@5.69; September, $5.67@5.69; October, $5.64@5.65; November, $5.64@5.65; December, $5.65@5.67.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, March 23.—DRY GOODS—There has been no change in any amount in the demand for cotton goods at first hands, and business continues quiet. The tone continues firm for brown bleached and coarse colored cottons. Prints and ginghams firm. Regular print cloths firm, but in wide orders concessions have been made occasionally by sellers. Canton flanne selling well for the season. Prices firm. Domestics and fancy napped dress fabrics for fall also good sellers. Cotton hosiery inactive; cotton underwear in fair request. Silk finished linings in good demand, scarce and firm.

Condition of Iron Trade.

NEW YORK, March 23.—The Iron Age says: Very little is being done in the direction of export orders. Report has it that the mission of John W. Gates of the American Steel and Wire company in Europe is to arrange for an international agreement in prices for the principal wire products.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET

Prices on Cattle Open Up Weak and Somewhat Lower.

RECEIPTS CONTINUE TO BE LIBERAL

Hogs Are a Shade Higher, with a Fair Supply on the Market and Everything Sold Early.

SOUTH OMAHA, March 23.

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Receipts today	1,494	7,722	4,788
Official Monday	1,834	1,729	7,990
Official Tuesday	4,082	9,472	12,080
Official Wednesday	2,375	6,815	7,105

Average price paid for hogs for the last several days with comparisons:

	1899.	1898.	1897.	1896.	1895.	1894.	1893.
March 10	3 53	3 89	3 65	3 81	*	4 69	7 59
March 11	3 59	3 79	3 64	3 82	4 10	*	7 58
March 12	*	3 74	3 70	3 80	4 16	4 64	*
March 13	3 62	*	3 78	3 79	4 20	4 50	7 32
March 14	3 63	3 69	*	3 82	4 25	4 35	7 34
March 15	3 59	3 68	...	*	4 38	4 38	7 29
March 16	3 65	3 70	3 87	3 77	4 27	4 47	7 25
March 17	3 65	3 71	3 91	3 83	*	4 43	7 30
March 18	3 58	3 73	3 88	3 81	4 46	*	7 29
March 19	*	3 73	3 94	3 74	4 41	4 38	*
March 20	3 58	*	4 00	3 67	4 36	4 36	7 28
March 21	3 56	3 76	*	3 71	4 42	4 38	7 31
March 22	3 60	3 76	3 98	*	4 46	4 41	7 24
March 23	3 63	3 76	3 91	3 75	4 56	4 48	7 18

*Indicates Sunday.

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

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.	H'r's.
C., M. & St. P. Ry.	9	3	..	..
O. & St. L. Ry.		1	..	..
Mo. Pac. Ry.		4	..	..
Union Pac. system	5	29	10	..
C. & N. W. Ry.	1	1	..	..
F., E. & M. V. R. R.	11	32	2	..
S. C. & P. Ry.		1	..	..
C., St. P., M. & O. Ry.	9	3	..	..
B. & M. R. R. R.	19	27	10	2
C., B. & Q. Ry.	4	1	..	..
K. C. & St. J.	10	1	..	..
C., R. I. & P., east	..	1	..	..
C., R. I. & P., west	..	1	..	..
Total receipts	68	105	22	2

The disposition of the day's receipts was as follows, each buyer purchasing the number of head indicated:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Omaha Packing Co.	65	701	424
G. H. Hammond Co.	215	1,626	....
Swift and Company	121	1,963	1,148
Cudahy Packing Co.	347	1,780	566
Armour, Chicago	78	1,817	1,380
Vansant & Co.	5	....	....
Lobman & Rothschilds	12	....	....
Huston & Co.	6	....	....
Swift, country	....	....	383
Armour, country	....	....	439
Armour, Kansas City	219	....	....
Livingston & Schaler	57	....	....
L. F. Husz	43	....	....
McVicker	104	....	....
Other buyers	107	....	609
Totals	1,379	7,883	4,949

CATTLE—Offerings of beef steers were light, but advices from Chicago were not overly reassuring and buyers as a rule started out bidding lower prices. However, they wanted the cattle and, while the trade was a little slow at first, everything sold in good season and at prices not materially different from yesterday. The general market is now just about 15@20c lower than last week.

Four days this week	9,785	25,748	21,163
Same days last week	7,375	17,283	24,492
Same days week before	7,362	22,050	27,360
Same three weeks ago	10,600	24,425	25,752

Cows and heifers, as usual, were in moderate supply and the market for that reason did not show any material change, values being just about steady with yesterday. Veal calves brought firm prices. Some who had bulls on sale thought the market on that kind of cattle was not quite so good as it was a few days ago.

Not many stockers and feeders were in sight and the market did not show much change. There was, however, considerable demand from the country and really desirable thin stockers without doubt would have brought good steady prices. Warmed-up cattle do not appear to be in very active demand, as the condition of the beef market is not such as to stimulate free buying. Representative sales:

BEEF STEERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	880	$3 60	1	1230	$4 35	3	1150	$4 40
1	1340	3 60	3	1056	4 35	6	1076	4 40
2	1040	3 75	7	998	4 35	6	1030	4 45
1	1340	3 75	9	1025	4 35	20	1383	4 45
1	880	3 75	13	1074	4 35	8	1145	4 50
1	860	3 90	19	1200	4 35	16	1331	4 50
1	1020	4 00	59	1016	4 35	1	1300	4 50
2	1485	4 00	11	1113	4 40	8	1302	4 50
2	670	4 00	1	1250	4 40	20	1344	4 50
10	845	4 15	7	1233	4 40	3	1300	4 55
4	917	4 15	5	1234	4 40	21	1179	4 60
4	815	4 25	1	2000	4 40	19	1164	4 60
10	1070	4 25	15	1296	4 40	6	1413	4 80
38	1113	4 25	1	1120	4 40	20	1357	4 90
7	980	4 30	6	1053	4 40	17	1498	5 20
15	1040	4 30						

STEERS—TEXAS.

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STEERS AND HEIFERS.

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COWS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	920	2 50	2	1140	3 35	1	1040	3 65
1	960	2 75	3	983	3 35	5	1142	3 65
2	1075	2 75	3	1156	3 35	1	1020	3 65
1	1090	2 90	2	935	3 40	3	1140	3 75
1	1030	2 90	1	1030	3 40	1	1090	3 75
1	1060	3 00	12	964	3 45	1	1060	3 80
3	1030	3 00	1	1130	3 50	4	1215	3 80
1	1040	3 10	3	1126	3 50	1	1300	3 85
1	1000	3 15	2	1145	3 50	7	1448	3 90
2	1170	3 15	1	1370	3 50	1	1480	3 95
2	1015	3 15	8	1080	3 50	10	1386	4 00
1	1130	3 25	1	1050	3 60	16	1289	4 00
1	1170	3 25	10	1123	3 60	1	1480	4 10
2	1205	3 35	1	1050	3 60			

COWS AND HEIFERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
3	1076	3 75	17	732	4 00	6	945	4 00
6	1020	4 00						

HEIFERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	770	2 65	10	1078	3 50	2	950	4 05
1	790	3 50	4	900	4 00	7	1107	4 05
1	650	3 50	6	618	4 00	1	530	4 25
1	840	3 65	2	925	4 00	1	490	4 25
6	991	3 85	1	639	4 00	9	871	4 35
1	850	3 90	1	770	4 05			

STOCK COWS AND HEIFERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
2	940	2 75	1	1050	3 35	1	480	3 60
1	280	3 00	1	780	3 35	1	390	4 00
1	790	3 25	1	930	3 40	5	498	4 00

BULLS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	460	3 05	1	790	3 40	1	840	3 50
1	1180	3 10	1	1220	3 40	1	1290	3 60
1	1520	3 15	1	1080	3 40	1	2240	3 60
1	1270	3 25	1	1300	3 45	1	1810	3 65
1	1180	3 35	2	1855	3 50	1	2070	3 65
2	1235	3 40	2	1725	3 50	1	1850	3 70

CALVES.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	310	5 20	1	220	6 50	2	135	6 75

STAGS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	1220	3 15	1	1520	3 70	1	1270	3 75

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	320	2 25	1	500	4 20	1	540	4 25
1	410	2 50	5	652	4 20	2	990	4 30
1	490	3 25	3	813	4 20	37	940	4 30
1	600	6 30	1	590	4 20	4	607	4 35
1	640	3 75	3	636	4 20	21	1051	4 37½
1	1600	3 75	6	725	4 25	7	1038	4 40
1	760	3 75	7	825	4 25	1	510	4 70
2	665	4 10	3	840	4 25	1	520	4 60
2	1125	4 10						

HOGS—Hogs looked up this morning, though the market was not very much higher. The situation could perhaps be best described as a shade higher. The demand was good and the market active at the prevailing prices, so that an early clearance was effected. Later advices from Chicago indicated a weaker close there, but the report came too late to make much difference with the market here, as the most of the hogs were already sold.

The hogs sold largely at $3.60@3.65, with pretty good heavy hogs at $3.70. Buyers complained that the quality of the hogs was not so good today on an average as it was yesterday and that there were very few good loads in the yards. The hogs sold today only a shade lower than one week ago and only a shade under the extreme high point of the month, as will be noted from the table of average prices at head of column. So far this week the receipts of hogs have been larger than usual, as will be noted from the table of receipts. Representative sales:

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
104	190	...	3 50	77	245	...	3 62½
104	180	...	3 55	45	311	80	3 62½
80	184	...	3 57½	64	250	200	3 62½
73	188	...	3 57½	55	259	240	3 62½
87	245	120	3 60	69	270	40	3 62½
31	223	...	3 60	69	258	200	3 62½
92	234	80	3 60	94	222	80	3 62½
71	237	120	3 60	77	231	160	3 62½
70	222	...	3 60	80	240	80	3 62½
74	197	120	3 60	81	228	40	3 62½
73	242	40	3 60	73	232	...	3 62½
56	215	...	3 60	81	243	80	3 62½
92	208	40	3 60	74	238	40	3 62½
78	205	160	3 60	59	247	40	3 62½
12	241	...	3 60	14	248	...	3 62½
83	187	...	3 60	85	228	...	3 62½
71	214	60	3 60	73	222	...	3 62½
71	239	...	3 60	70	266	...	3 62½
74	226	120	3 60	54	309	...	3 62½
65	240	120	3 60	59	238	80	3 62½
39	283	80	3 60	94	230	80	3 62½
70	225	40	3 60	85	228	120	3 62½
80	258	80	3 60	55	240	...	3 62½
89	188	40	3 60	94	230	80	3 62½
85	237	40	3 60	65	212	...	3 62½
72	233	160	3 60	59	283	...	3 65
85	248	40	3 60	55	320	...	3 65
61	241	40	3 60	77	285	40	3 65
79	228	80	3 60	104	277	80	3 65
75	221	80	3 60	59	257	...	3 65
110	188	40	3 60	85	261	80	3 65
54	210	120	3 60	60	302	160	3 65
68	215	120	3 60	74	247	40	3 65
71	229	40	3 60	65	285	80	3 65
92	228	40	3 60	62	257	120	3 65
54	228	80	3 60	60	318	200	3 65
65	278	120	3 60	61	291	...	3 65
62	279	80	3 60	67	300	80	3 65
69	244	120	3 60	59	282	80	3 65
85	214	80	3 60	72	293	...	3 65
87	210	160	3 60	69	287	80	3 65
87	244	40	3 62½	73	249	...	3 67½
91	257	120	3 62½	10	353	...	3 67½
70	214	...	3 62½	46	302	...	3 67½
43	365	80	3 62½	55	333	80	3 67½
76	266	...	3 62½	74	277	160	3 67½
77	257	160	3 62½	64	295	120	3 67½
98	226	200	3 62½	58	297	80	3 70
68	244	...	3 62½	51	296	...	3 70
75	232	40	3 62½	63	391	...	3 70
60	241	40	3 62½	50	348	200	3 70
82	247	...	3 62½	52	286	...	3 75
81	239	80	3 62½				

WAGON LOTS—PIGS.

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
2	170	...	2 00	2	325	...	3 60
1	490	...	2 50	8	161	...	3 60
1	360	...	2 50	8	182	...	3 60
1	210	...	2 62½	9	341	...	3 60
1	510	40	3 25	3	200	...	3 60
5	308	...	3 55	2	255	...	3 60
6	240	...	3 57½	4	435	80	3 60
3	273	...	3 57½	4	235	...	3 60
6	216	...	3 57½	1	350	...	3 62½
1	200	...	3 57½	4	245	...	3 62½

SHEEP—Owing to the large receipts and the lower market at Chicago the market at this point was weak to 10c lower and a little inclined to be slow. Still the demand was fair and the offerings for the most part changed hands in good season. Some Fort Collins lambs sold up to $5.65, which is the best price so far this season. The sales given below will show the kind of prices paid.

Quotations are: Good to choice fed western wethers, $4.50@4.60; fair to good, $4.40@4.50; Mexican yearlings, $4.90@5.00; choice light weight western yearlings, $4.70@4.80; good heavy weight western yearlings, $4.50@4.60; fair to good western ewes, $3.90@4.10; good to choice native lambs, $5.25@5.40; good to choice western lambs, $5.25@5.35; Fort Collins Mexican lambs, good to choice, $5.40@5.65; fair to good Fort Collins Mexican lambs, $5.25@5.40; clipped lambs, none here; feeder sheep, $4.15@4.35; feeder lambs, $4.25@4.60; cull sheep, $2.00@3.00; cull lambs, $3.00@3.50. Representative sales:

No.		Av.	Pr.
1	cull	60	$3 00
3	culls	83	3 50
10	western lambs, culls	50	4 40
127	western lambs, culls	54	4 40
261	sheep and yearlings	88	4 45
426	western yearlings	97	4 55
609	western sheep	113	4 55
424	western yearlings	97	4 55
2	western yearlings	90	4 55
15	yearlings	93	4 75
214	yearlings	96	4 75
395	western yearlings	107	4 80
143	westerns, mixed	82	4 90
242	western lambs	78	5 00
250	western lambs	67	5 00
68	western lambs	69	5 00
216	lambs	86	5 35
1	goat	80	2 25
19	goats	96	2 25
142	goats	44	3 50
707	Fort Collins lambs	85	5 65
274	Colorado lambs	76	5 60

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Undesirable Cattle Go Ten Cents Lower—Hogs Strong.

CHICAGO, March 23.—The demand for cattle today was slow, and prices suffered a further decline of 10c for undesirable lots. Fancy cattle, $5.70@5.80; choice steers, $5.30@5.65; medium, $4.06@4.95; beef steers, $3.85@4.55; stockers and feeders, $3.50@4.75; bulls, $2.60@4.00; western fed steers, $4.20@5.50; Texas steers, $3.70@3.90; calves, $3.50@7.15.

As usual the early demand for hogs was especially strong and prices ruled 2½c higher for choice butcher and heavy weights. Subsequently there was a weaker feeling and the improvement was lost. Fair to choice, $3.82½@3.45; packing lots, $3.55@3.80; mixed, $3.60@3.82½; butchers, $3.65@3.90; lights, $3.55@3.84; pigs, $3.25@3.70.

Owing to the large supply of sheep there was an attempt on the part of buyers to put prices lower, but it did not succeed very well and competition for good fleeces caused such offerings to sell at recent prices. Poor to prime sheep brought $3.00@5.00, chiefly $4.40 and upward; yearlings, $5.00@5.25; export heavy sheep were salable at $4.85; inferior to fair sheep in fleece sold at $4.00@5.90, largely at $5.40@5.85.

Receipts: Cattle, 11,000 head; hogs, 26,000 head; sheep, 19,000 head.

Kansas City Live Stock.

KANSAS CITY, March 23.—CATTLE—Receipts, 4,040 natives and 1,080 Texans; demand for well matured slaughtering stock, either heavy or light weight, was good; ready sale at steady prices; coarse, half finished steers, slow and steady to 10c lower; light supply of Texans, good quality and firm prices; heavy native steers, $5.15@5.40; medium steers, $4.55@5.15; light weights, $4.40@4.75; stockers and feeders, $3.75@5.40; butcher cows and heifers, $3.15@5.40; canners, $2.35@3.15; butcher bulls, $3.15@4.00; western steers, $3.15@5.40; Texans, $3.15@4.75.

HOGS—Receipts, 13,410 head; good packing and shipping demand; the liberal offerings were quickly absorbed at steady prices; heavy, $3.55@3.77½; mixed, $3.50@3.75; lights, $3.40@3.65.

SHEEP—Receipts, 4,480 head; the demand was active and while prices were not quotably higher, late advance in prices was fully sustained; spring lambs, $6.00@8.00; fed lambs, $5.00@5.40; yearlings, $4.40@4.75; wethers, $4.25@4.60; ewes, $3.00@4.05; stockers and feeders, $2.00@4.25.

St. Louis Live Stock.

ST. LOUIS, March 23.—CATTLE—Receipts, 3,600 head, including 2,300 Texans; market steady; fair to fancy native shipping and export steers, $4.60@5.75; bulk of sales, $5.00@5.50; dressed beef and butcher steers, $4.00@5.15; bulk of sales, $4.30@5.05; steers, under 1,000 pounds, $3.00@4.60; bulk of sales, $3.50@4.55; stockers and feeders, $3.00@5.10; bulk of sales, $3.40@4.65; cows and heifers, $2.00@5.00; bulk of cows, $2.40@3.80; bulk of heifers, $3.50@4.10; Texas and Indian steers, $3.40@5.00; bulk of sales, $3.70@4.75; cows and heifers, $2.50@3.75.

HOGS—Receipts, 8,200 head; market slow and weaker; pigs and lights, $3.50@3.75; packers, $3.70@3.80; butchers, $3.75@3.90.

SHEEP—Receipts, 800 head; market strong and active; native muttons, $4.25@4.60; lambs, $4.75@5.40; culls and bucks, $3.00@3.75.

New York Live Stock.

NEW YORK, March 23.—BEEVES—Receipts, 2,228 head; cables quiet; live cattle and sheep steady; refrigerator beef higher at 10½c per lb.; exports, 141 head cattle. Calves, receipts, 1,431 head; market steady; all sold; common to choice veals, $5.00@7.75; tops, $8.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 3,308 head; sheep steady; lambs, 10c lower; unshorn sheep, 4,225 head; unshorn lambs, $5.75@6.05; culls, $5; clipped lambs, $5.50@5.65; spring lambs, $4.00@5.00.

HOGS—Receipts, 3,259 head; market easier at $4.30@5.35.

St. Joseph Live Stock.

SOUTH ST. JOSEPH, March 23.—(Special.)—CATTLE—Receipts, 500 head; market active and steady to strong; natives, $4.00@5.00; Texans and westerns, $3.70@4.75; cows and heifers, $2.00@4.25; yearlings and calves, $4.50@5.00; stockers and feeders, $3.00@4.75.

HOGS—Receipts, 6,300 head; market steady; selling at $3.50@3.75; bulk, $3.55@3.65.

SHEEP—Receipts, 1,800 head; market slow, steady.

Cincinnati Live Stock.

CINCINNATI, March 23.—HOGS—Active, strong, $3.35@3.95.

CATTLE—Steady, $2.75@5.10.

SHEEP—Higher, $2.75@4.50.

LAMBS—Strong, $4.00@5.65.

Stock in Sight.

Following are the receipts at the four principal western markets for March 23:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Omaha	1,494	7,722	4,788
Chicago	11,000	26,000	19,000
Kansas City	5,120	13,410	4,480
St. Louis	3,600	8,200	800
Totals	21,214	55,332	29,068

Sugar Market.

NEW ORLEANS, March 23.—SUGAR—Firm; open kettle, 3@3¼c; open kettle, centrifugal, 3 9-16@4c; centrifugal, white, 4 3-16c; yellows, 3@4⅛c; seconds, 2⅜@4 3-16c. Molasses, strong, 7@16c.

NEW YORK, March 23.—SUGAR—Raw, steady; fair refining, 3⅝c; centrifugal, 96 test, 4⅛c. Molasses sugar, 3⅜c; fair business at quotations.

Oil Market.

OIL CITY, March 23.—Credit balances, $1.13; certificates, $1.11 bid; shipments, 101,272 bbls.; runs, 91,355 bbls.; average shipments, 78,633 bbls.; average runs, 77,232 bbls.

NEW YORK, March 23.—Standard Oil closed $4.75@4.77.

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