CONDITION OF OMAHA'S TRADE

Values Show a Strong Tendency in Most All Kinds of Merchandise.

OLD OR WET WEATHER A GREAT HELP

Demand Generally Good in Both a Wholesale and Retail Way-Merchants Without Exception Anticipate a Good Trade.

Very little complaint is heard at the present time regarding the condition of trade in Omaha and tributary territory. Local jobpractically all lines report good substantial gains in the volume of business for the last month over February of last year and are prophesying still greater gains for the next few months. Retailers out through the country are in much better shape than they were a few weeks ago, as the cold weather has enabled them to dispose of much of their winter stock, and as result jobbers find collections improving. Spring goods are also moving out at a most Satisfactory rate and indications are that as soon as more settled weather puts in an appearance there will be an enormous demand. People in general, it is thought, are more prosperous now than a year ago and for that reason consumption should increase. So far retailers have not only placed heavier orders than they did a year ago, but are buying a better class of goods, which is considered a most favorable sign. Taking everything into consideration, then, jobbers find nothing to mar the outlook for future business.

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Trade conditions with wholesale grocers are much the same as they were a week ago. The volume of business continues to be exceptionally heavy, last month's figures showing a good substantial gain over those of the corresponding month in 1890. In regard to the condition of the market there is not much to be said, as most of the more important lines are in just about the same position they were in a week ago. The sugar market is unchanged, though there was some weakness in raw early last week.

Owing to unfavorable reports abroad but the latter part of the week the market firmed un again. Laundry soaps, on account of the higher prices ruling in most of the ingredients used by the mafurfacturers, was advanced somewhat last week and still higher prices are looked for in the near future. Illuminating oils and gasoline were advanced by to I cent per gailon. The rope market is not much different from what it has been, though quotations on sixal are firm, while the market on Manila rope is rather weak. The coffee market showed some weakness mast week, but local jobbers are inclined to think it only a temporary condition brought about by the rapid advances of the last few months. It is said that the market is bound to go higher in the near future, but at the Same time it down a few points before starting up. The market on dried fruits, canned goods and practically all other lines is in just the same costion it was a week ago.

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Hardware men report last week's trade as being considerably better than that of the preceding week, which goes to verify their statement that the decrease in business the latter part of February was caused by unfavorable weather. February as a whole, however, showed up fully as well as the corresponding month of last year, but dealers say that for the last two years their business each month has shown big gains over the same period of the preceding year. Jobbers by no means think they have reached the limit of growth, but on the contrary are looking for a steady increase for some time to come. The demand at the present time is for practically all lines, which is the kind of business jobbers like. It is still too early for steel goods to be in demand, but when the season does open dealers figure there will be an enormous demand. There is nothing particularly new to be said regarding the condition of the market, as practically all lines remain unchanged. There are frequent rumors of an advance in wire and nails, but as yet jobbers have received no notices to that effect from manufacturers, although they are expecting such nodices most any time. ers, although they are expecting such no-fices most any time.

Dry Goods Jobbers Busy.

Trade with dry goods jobbers is very sat-isfactory for this time of the year. Most of their advance orders are now filled, so there is not quite as much of a rush as their advance orders are now filled, so there is not quite as much of a rush as during the last few weeks, but at the same time enough new orders are coming in every day to keep them busy. Settled weather would now be very acceptable to dry goods men, as it would bring retailers to town in search of stocks and would also make it easier for traveling men to land orders for spring and summer goods. A few retailers have already called on local jubbers and most of them speak very favorably of their winter's trade. The warm weather, of course, hurt them to some extent, but at the same time, as a general thing, they succeeded in cleaning out their winter stocks in good shape. No one seems to have any fear regarding spring trade and the size of the orders received up to date carry out that idea. There were no changes of importance last week in market quotations, although there is still considerable firmness all along the line, with indications favorable for that being the case indefinitely.

Shoes and Rubbers Improve.

The boot and shoe situation is unchanged, although every day of cold or wet weather has a good effect. Local jobbers are receiving a few sizing-up orders, but this late in the season they can, of course, expect nothing big. Spring business, however, is moving along in very satisfactory shape, and at the present time indications are that it will exceed in volume last year's record.

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Rubber goods men are also hoping for rain, snow or anything but sunshine. During last week they received a number of good orders, especially from the mountainous districts of the west, where retailers sell arctics ten months in the year. The smaller orders that are coming in from every locality do not amount to much, but they at least show that stocks are being demoralized, which will figure largely in next fall's trade. Spring business is also demoralized, which will figure largely in next fall's trade. Spring business is also improving, and particularly is this true of the demand for mackintoshes and boots. With a normal spring dealers think there is no doubt but what the rubber trade

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The hide market has not recovered as yet from the decline of a week ago and in fact is weak at the decline. Local dealers hardly know whether the bottom is reached yet or not, but are rather inclined to think it will not go much lower.

Fruit and Produce.

There was a very fair movement last week in fruits and vegetables. The demand from the country was good and the city trade was also quite satisfactory. Oranges are still the most popular fruit, although apples are going into consumption quite rapidly as well. The tendency, however is to buy apples in small quantion quite rapidly as well. The tendency, however, is to buy apples in small quantilies, while liberal orders are received for oranges. The cold wave experienced in the south last week did considerable damage to fresh vegetables, consequently stock is rather short at the present time and probably will be for several days. This applies to such lines as spinach, lettuce, radishes and cucumbers. Cauliflower, however, is in good supply, as that comes from California. Market quotations are practically the same as they were a week ago on both fruits and vegetables.

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There were not enough eggs on the market last week to supply the local demand, and consequently the market advanced, a good proportion of the stock received being sold at 14 cents. Dealers say, however, that it would take only a slight increase in receipts to cause the price to drop several cents and are advising their shippers not to count on present prices lasting for any length of time.

Poultry was in good receipt last week and although the demand was good the market weakened a trifle, as will be seen from quotations. Butter is bringing the same prices as were quoted a week ago.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations for the Day on Various

NEW YORK, March 3. - FLOUR - Receipts, 18,719 obis.; exports, 27,246 bbls.; quieter but firm; Minnesota patents, \$3.70% \$3.90; Minnesota bakers, \$2.90%3.66; winter patents, \$3.60g3.55; winter straights, \$3.40g \$5.50; winter extras, \$2.60g2.90; winter low grades, \$2.59g2.40. Rye flour, dull; fair to good, \$3.00g3.26; choice to fancy, \$3.20g3.60. Buckwheat flour, steady at \$1.60g1.75.

BUCKWHEAT—Dull at \$60g57c, c. 1. f.,

New York.
COENMEAL-Dull; yellow western, 83c; city, 83c; Brandywine, \$2.2002.30.
RYE-Steady; No. 2 western, 62c, f. o. b., affoat; state, 56057c, c. l. f. New York, car

affoat: state, 569767c, c. 1. f., New York, c. 1. lots.

BARLEY-Quiet: feeding, 474,5746c, New York maiting, 489754c, New York BARLEY MALT-Dull; western, 559765c

WHEAT-Receipts, 41,600 bu.; exports, 75,-428 bu. Spot, strong; No. 2 red, 73%c, elevator; No. 2 red, 74%c, f. o. b., affoat, in store; No. 1 northern, Duluth, 78%c, f. o. b., affoat, prompt. Online opened firm on higher English cables and with an energetic demand from shorts attained positive

atrength later in the day. Damage reports from France exerted considerable influence. The market closed atrong at %gic net advance. March. 73%g044c. closed at 744c; May, 71%g724c. closed at 72%c; September, 71%g774c. closed at 72%c; September, 71%g774c. May, 71%672%c, closed at 72%c; July, 72%c, closed at 72%c; September, 71%672%c, closed at 72%c; No. 2, 41%c, f. o. b., affoat, and 41%c, elevator, Options opened steady and derived sufficient help from wheat to keep steady for awhile, despite a dull trade. It finally eased off under Snow's estimate of farm supplies, closing easy at 4c decline. March closed at 41c May, 25%664c, closed at 37%c; July, 40440%c, closed at 46c.

OATS—Receipts, 49,000 bu; exports, 124,650

desc. closed at 35%c; July, 494,49%c, closed at 46c.

OATS—Receipts, 49,000 bu.; exports, 124,550 bu. Spot, quiet; No. 2, 284gc; No. 3, 28c; No. 2 white, 31%c; No. 3 white, 30%c; track mixed western, 28%c; track white, 31%35c. Options, inactive but steady,
HAY—Stendy; shipping, 65%70c; good to choice, 39%87%c.
HOPS—Quiet; state, common to choice, 1896 crop, 6c; 1898 crop, 76%c; 1898 crop, 12%13c.
Pacific coast, 1896 crop, 46%c; 1898 crop, 76%c; 1898 crop, 12%13c.
HIDES—Firm; Galveston, 20 to 25 lbs., 19%c; California, 21 to 25 lbs., 29c; Texas dry, 21 to 30 lbs., 15c.
LEATHER—Steady; homlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavyweight, 25%c; acid, 25

Ayres, light to heavyweight, 25½; acid, 25 (25½; Ayres, light to heavyweight, 25½; acid, 25 (25½; Ayres, 25½; Ayre light to heavyweight, 251gc; acid, 25

11.25 Tailow, quiet, cay, one to extra, 414@
12.5 RICE—Firm; domestic, fair to extra, 414@
13.6 dec. Japan, 42.05c.
MOLASSES—Steady; New Orleans open
13.6 Rettle, good to choice, 44.955c.
PEANUTS—Steady; fancy handpicked, 40
14.9 other domestic 314.04c.
FREIGHTS—To Liverpool, quiet; cotton
15.7 by steam, 35c. grain by steam 33d.
16.7 METALS—The brokers' price for lead is
15.4 and for copper \$16.25.

VEGETABLES. VEGETABLES.

NEW TURNIPS—Per doz. bunches, 50c.

SPINACH—Per box, 51.

NEW BEETS—Per doz. bunches, 40g50c.

LETTUCE—Per doz. bunches, 40c; fancy head lettuce, per bbl., £

RADISHES—Per doz. bunches, 35c.

SWEET POTATOES—Per bbl., Illinois, £; Jerseys, \$5; large bblz, Kansas, \$2.75.

POTATOES—Per bu., choice, 50240c.

CABBAGE—Holland need, 4c.

CAULIFLOWER—California, per crate, \$2.25.

12.25 CELERY-Per doz., 25@30c; California per bunch, 40075c. TURNIPS-Rutabagas, per lb., 14c. TOMATOES-Florida, per 5-basket crate, MUSHROOMS—Per lb. box. 50c.
RHUBARB—Per dam., 65@75c.
ONIONS—Retail, yellow, fac, red, 85@90c.
Ohlos, per bbl., \$2.25.

FRUITS. APPLES—Choice western shipping stock 3.5023.75; New York stock, 34; fancy, \$4.504.75. A.75. GRAPES-Malaga, per bbl., \$7,0029.00. CRANBERRIES-Bell and Bugle, per bbl., \$9.00.

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ORANGES—California, fancy navels, per box, \$1.25@3.50; choice navels, \$2.75@3.00; California seedlings, ser box, \$2.56@2.75.

LEMONS—California, choice, per box, \$3.00; fancy, \$3.50; Messinas, choice, per box, \$3.00; fancy, \$4.00.

BANANAS—Per bunch, medium, \$1.75@2.00; fancy, \$2.00@2.75.

2.00; fancy, \$2.00;22.5.

MISCELLANEOUS.
HONEY-Per 24-section case, \$3.50.
NUTS-Hickory, large, per bu., \$1.25;
shellbarks, \$1.35.
FIGS-California, layers, per 10-lb. box,
90c; California carton, per 10-lb. box, \$1.00;
imported figs, per !b., 13c.

St. Louis Grain and Provisions.
ST. LOUIS. March 3.—WHEAT—Higher:
No. 2 red cash, elevator, 85%c; track, 11½29
72½c; March, 70%c; May, 89%c; July, 66%c;
No. 2 hard, 65666%c.
CORN—Easy; No. 2 cash, 23c; track,
34%c; March, 33c; May, 33½c; July, 33%c.
OATS—Steady; No. 2 cash, 24%c; track,
24%c; March, 24%c; May, 24%c; No. 2 white,
2656786%c.

FLOUR Quiet and unchanged. SEEDS - Timothy, steady, \$2.0062.30; prime, worth more. Flax, nominal at \$1.57. CORNMEAL—Steady, \$1.8061.85. BRAN—Unsettled; sacked, east track, 65c ald, but none obtainable that low.
HAY—Strong; timothy, \$0.00(12.00; prairie,

i.5047.75. WHISKY-Steady, \$1.24. IRON COTTONTIES-Higher, \$1.25.

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BAGGING—Higher, 6% 67% c.

HEMP TWINE—Steady, 9c.

FROVISIONS—Pork, quiet; jobbing, old \$1.5 to new \$11.25. Lard, unchanged; prime steam, \$5.60; choice, \$5.65. Dry sait boxed reals, dull; extra shorts, \$6; clear ribs, \$6.12%; clear sides, \$6.25. Bacon, boxed, dull; extra shorts, \$6.50; clear ribs, \$6.62½; clear sides, \$5.75.

METALS—Lead, dull at \$4.57½04.60.

Speller, dull at \$4.4574.50.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 7,000 bbls.; wheat, 10,000 bu.; corn, 30,000 bu.; oats, 28,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 6,000 bbls.; wheat, 6,000 bu.; corn, 21,000 bu.; oats, 6,000 bu.

Butter, Egg and Cheese Market. Butter, Egg and Cheese Market.

LIVERPOOL, March 3.—BUTTER—Finest and good United States, nominal.

CHEESE—Firm; United States finest white, 60s 8d; finest colored, 62s 6d.

PHILADELPHIA. March 3.—BUTTER—Firm; good demand; fancy western creamery, 254c; fancy western prints, 27c.

EGGS—Firm and 1/2c higher; fresh nearby, 1516; fresh western.

6,000 bu.; corn, 21,000 bu.; cats, 6,000 bu.

15½c; fresh western, 15½filőc; fresh nearby, 15½c; fresh western, 15½filőc; fresh southern, 15c.

NEW YORK, March 3.—CHEESE—Strong; fancy large white and colored, 15@ 13½c; fancy small colored, 13½ £13½c; choice grades, 12½12¼c; fancy small white, 13@ 13½c.

EANSAS CUTY March 3. FURNISH KANSAS CITY, March 1.-BUTTER-

KANSAS CITY, March 1.—BUTTER— Creamery, 299/25c; dairy, 18c. EGGS—Very firm; stock selling at pre-mium as a rule; fresh Missouri and Kansas stock, 12½c, cases returned; new white wood cases included, 13c.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions. Kansas City Grain and Provisions,
KANSAS CITY, March 2.—WHEAT—
May, 62½c; No. 2 cash, hard, 63c; No. 3,
59662c; No. 2 red, 69670c; No. 3, 64668c,
CORN—May, 31½c; cash, No. 2 mixed,
31½601½c; No. 2 white, 32c; No. 3, 31½c,
CATS—No. 2 white, 23c; No. 3, 31½c,
RYE—No. 2, 63c,
HAY—Choice timothy, 49.2569.75; choice
prairie, \$7.0047.25,
RECEIPTS—Wheat, 42.300 bu.; corn, 27.400 bu.; cats, 10.000 bu.

i.; oats, 10,000 bu. SHIPMENTS-Wheat, 5,400 bu.; corn, 9,100

Milwankee Grain Market. MILWAUKEE, March 3.—WHEAT—techigher; No. 1 western, 45@45½c; No. 2 northern, 65%663½c.

RYE—techigher; No. 1, 57½c.

BARLEY—Steady; No. 2, 43c; sample, 25½

Peoria Markets. PEORIA, March 3.-CORN-Steady; No. 2.

OATS—Quiet; No. 2 white, 24@24%c. WHISKY—Firm, on the basis of \$1.24 for inished goods. Minneapolis Wheat and Flour MINNEAPOLIS, March 3.—WHEAT-In store: No. 1 northern, March, 64c; May, 635(c; July, 656:65%, On track: No. 1 hard, 66c; No. 1 northern, 64c; No. 2 northern,

Duluth Grain Market DULUTH, March 3.—WHEAT—No. 1 hard cash, 66%; May, 67%; No. 1 northern, 66%; 67c; July, 67c bid; No. 3 spring, 58%; bid.

Sugar Market. NEW ORLEANS, March 1 — SUGAR — Quiet; open kettle, 37a643-18c; open kettle centrifugal, 434648-18c; centrifugal, yellow, 4466411-18c; seconds, 25a644c. MOLASSES—Quiet; centrifugal, 8622c.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Wheat Market Strong and Active Under

talk concerning domestic crop damages. The report of Statistician Snow, making farmers holdings of wheat 40,00,000 bu. less than a year ago, was also an incentive to buyers who in some instances overlocked the fact that, last year excepted, the quantity now in reserve is the largest since 1891. With this encouragement and backed by reports of 200,000 bu, cash business done here yesterday shorts hurried to cover. Foreigners and the northwest were also buyers here and trade generally became animated. May opened a shade up at 65% 275% c. Souched 65% c and then railled to 65% 26%, but the market recovered quickly. May ascended to 66% and closed strong, 140% c over yesterday, at 65% 2000. Alantic and gulf port clearances in wheat and flour were equal to 355,000 bu. New York reported 14 loads taken for export. Primary receipts were \$1.000 bu., compared with \$55,000 bu. last year. Minneapolis and Duluth reported 500 cars, against \$37 last week and 500 a year ago. Local receipts were \$6 cars, 1 of contract grade.

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Out was barely steady, the weakness of corn having a depressing effect. The lower rail rates have stimulated the cash business, which in turn has lent some support to futures. The market today was a small one. Cash outs have improved 3/4/1/20 over May this week. May ranged today from 234cc to 234c and closed unchanged at 234/6/231/2c. Local receipts were 178 cars.

Provisions enjoyed a fair trade and held steady. The corn weakness was felt somewhat, but as packers were fair buyers and offerings wer not large the price did not suffer. May pork ranged from \$10.00 to \$10.70 and closed 5c improved from yesterday at \$10.65; May lard, from \$5.874, and May ribs, from \$5.874, by \$1.00 \$5.874, with the close a shade up at \$5.85.

t \$6.85. Estimated receipts tomorrow: Wheat, 40 ars; corn, 520 cars; oats, 210 cars; hogs, The leading futures ranged as follows: Articles. | Open. | High. | Low. | Close. | Yes'y

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	July	10 70	10 75	10 6714	10 70	10 65
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Cash quotations were as follows: FLOUR—Quiet; winter patents, \$3,40073.60; FLOUR-Quiet; winter patents, \$3.40@2.60; straights, \$2.90@3.30; clears, \$2.70@3.00; spring specials, \$3.80; patents, \$3.10@3.45; straights, \$2.60@3.00; bakers, \$2.00@2.40.
WHEAT—No. 3 spring, 64@66½c; No. 2 red. 674-9684c. CORN-No. 2, 334-934c; No. 2 yellow, 334c. OATS-No. 2, 234-9234c; No. 2 white, 259

BARLEY-No. 2, 35@39c. SEEDS-No. 1 flaxseed and northwest, \$1.60; prime timothy, \$2.50; clover, contract

PROVISIONS-Mess pork, per bbl., \$9.70%

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Flour, bbls	27,000	23,0
Wheat, bu		31.0
Corn, bu	210,000	197.0
Oats, bu	212,000	103,0
Rye, bu	5,000	A
Barley, bu	58,000	8.0
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ter market was str	ong; creameri	es. 18
24c; dairies, 16@21c.	Cheese, firm.	120013
Eggs, firm; fresh, 16c	the second	W-77

MOVEMENTS OF STOCKS AND BONDS.

Bears Manifest a Very Disturbed Condition of the Mind. NEW YORK, March 3.—The feature of the stock market was the disturbed condi-

tion of mind manifested by the bears, whose demands for stock to cover short contracts worked some violent recoveries in the in-

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SNOW'S STATISTICS DEPRESS CORN MARKET

Weakness in Corn Has Bad Influence on Onts Market-Provisions Enjoy a Fair Amount of Trade and Hold Stendy.

CHICAGO, March 3.—Wheat was strong and active today, influenced by higher cables and talk of crop damage, together with the report on farmers' reserves, May closing 150% over yesterday. May corn closed 151% (194% over yesterday. May corn closed 152% (194% over yesterday. May corn closed 152% (194%) west of Pittsburg gained in January 73 per cent in net earnings over last year; Atch-tson, 85 per cent; Reading, 25 per cent; Erie, 44 per cent; Wabash, 42 per cent; Lebigh Valley, 165 per cent. The balance of earnings after deducting the month's proportion of fixed charges was increased over tenfold by the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chieggo & St. Louis railway and 172 per cent by the Burlington.

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Wall street's explanation that the recent enormous loan expansion by New York banks has been taken out to meet commercial demands has been justified by the news developments of the week Special transactions have become known which account for large loans, notably the anticipatory payment by the Central Pacific of a \$2,000.000 note to the government, the taking up by New York capitalists of a loan to a Russian government, said to amount to \$3,000,000 and the proceeds of which are by the terms of the loan to be expended in this country and large borrowings by interior banks for the purchase of government bonds with a view of taking out additional note circulation under the provisions of the new refunding law when it is enacted. It does not excape notice that even for February the national bank note circulation has been increased some \$2.417.455. The British successes in South Africa have resulted in buying of stocks in New York for London account, which, coupled with the urgent foreign demand for cotten at the digh price prevailing, has depressed the rate for sterling exchange so that gold imports are considered within measureable distance. These considerations must explain the comparative equanimity with which Wall street contemplates the rapid inroads being made upon the surplus reserves of the clearing house banks.

The market for railroad bonds has shown decreased activity during the week and the price movement has been irregular. United States new 4s advanced ¼ and the old 4s, and new 5s 1½ per cent in the bid price.

Commercial-Advertiser's London financial cablegram says: "The markets here were lethargic and heavy today on the unexpected earliness of the budget statement. Consols were 5-18 down and heavy. Fresh taxation is apprehended on beer and tobacco. Americans were depressed on fears of the bank statement. There was no gold movement. Call money was in less demand and bills were steady."

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

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Atchison ... 22% Texas & Pacific ... do pfd ... 65½ Union Pacific ... Baltimore & O. 61½ do pfd ... Canadian Pac ... 98½ Wabash ... Canada So. 47% do pfd ... Ches & Ohio ... 28½ Wheiling & L. E. Chicago G. W. 13¼ do 2d pfd ... Che ... & Q. ... 123% Wis Central ... Chi ... Ind & L. 21% Adams Ex Canadian Pac. 58% Wabian
Canada So. 47% do pfd. 20%
Ches. & Ohio. 28% Wheiling & L. E. 10%
Chicago G. W. 13% do 2d pfd. 27%
C. B. & Q. 123% Wis. Central 17%
Chi. Ind. & L. 21% Adams Ex. 115
do pfd. 55 American Ex. 145
Chi. & E. Ill. 95% U. S. Ex. 45
Chi. & E. Ill. 95% Wells-Fargo Ex. 125
Chicago & N. W.158
C. R. I. & P. 107 do pfd. 93
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do 2d pfd. 15½ do pfd...
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K.C., P. & G. 122 Colo. Fuel & I.
Lake Erle & W. 204 Con. Tobacco
do pfd. 854 do pfd.
Lake Shore 194 Federal Steel
L. & N. 814 do pfd.
Manhattan L. 944 Gen. Electric
Met. St. Ry. 168 Glucose Sugar
Mex. Central 112 do pfd.
Minn. & St. L. 612 Inter. Paper
do pfd. 92 do pfd.
Mo. Pacific 454 Laclede Gas
Mobile & Ohlo 432, National Biscuit,
Mis. K. & T. 104 do pfd.

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New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, March 2.—MONEY—On call, steady, with actual transactions at 2½ and closed with 2½ per cent offered; prime mercantile paper, 4½65½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Steady, with actual business in bankers bills at \$4.86½ \$64 for demand and at \$4.82½ \$64.83 for sixty days; posted rates, \$4.86½ and \$4.87½ \$64.83 commercial bills, \$4.82% \$4.82½ \$65.82 commercial bills, \$4.82% \$65.62 com

that he should oppose the payment of dividends unless the company carned them. This riddle will not be solved for the public until after the directors have acted on the dividend next Wednesday, when speculators will be able to foot up their gains or their losses.

The iron and steel stocks have also been a disturbing influence, without any clear explanation being given of the large selling of them. One current, but not very plausible explanation is that the earnings of these companies are proving so large that effective competitions from reports of authorities in the trade, showing large consumers still

Epanish 4s advanced on Faris advices.

Americans were weak Locals declined, owing the sellings. Exchange on London, 30 marks 491s press for checks. Discount rates: Short bills for settlement, 514 per cent.

LONDON, March 3.—American securities of the Week Has Been a Ser et the easier, with very little doing, at the close, which was quiet but steady. Gold premiums are queted as follows: Buenos Ayres, 127,30; Spanish 4s closed at 68.

PARIS, March 3.—On the bourse today prices were firm. Spanish 4s ladvanced in the contract of the services.

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Boston Mining Stocks BOSTON, March 3.—Call loans, 364% per cent, time loans, 3475 per cent, Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares; A. T. & S. F. 224, Union Land ...
do pfd. 65½ West End ...
do pfd. 167 Westingh Elec. ...
do pfd. 167 Atchison 4s.
Bell Tecphone ...
Beston & Al. 240 Adventure
Boston Elevated.115 Aboucz Min. Co.
Boston & M. 195 Amai. Copper
C. B. & Q. 123% Atlantic
Dominion Coal. 43½ Boston & Mont. 2
do pfd. 116 Butte & Boston ... Dominion Coal, do pfd. Federal Steel Calumet & Hec. do pfd..... Gen. Electric do pfd....
Mex. Central
Mich. Telephon
N. E. G. & C.
Old Colony
Old Dominion
Bubber e_100 Sahta 1842 Tamarack 180 207 Utah Mining 274 18 Winona 272 33 Wolverines 40 Union Pacific 48%

New York Mining Quotations NEW YORK, March 3.—The following are the official closing quotations for mining shares: hother 25 frown Point 10 on. Cal. & Va...140 Ontario Ophir
Plymouth
Quicksilver
pfd Deadwood 55
Gould & Currie 11
Ha'e & Norcross 37
Homestake 500
Iron Silver 70
Mexican 20 do rfd..... Sierra Nevada ... Standard ... Union Con ... Yeilow Jacket ...

Bank Clearings.

CHICAGO, March 3.—Clearings, \$24,001,740; balances, \$1,856,585; New York exchange, 30c discount; storling exchange, \$4,856,487%, PHILADELPHIA, March 3.—Clearings, \$18,588,214; balances, \$3,232,230.

BALTIMORE, March 3.—Clearings, \$3,977,766; balances, \$467,008. For the week: Clearings, \$25,46,653; balances, \$2,115,941.

NEW YORK, March 3.—Clearings, \$186,-968,499; balances, \$9,336,189.

ST. LOUIS, March 3.—Clearings, \$4,516,134; balances, \$691,666; money, 566 per cent; New Bank Clearings. balances, \$691,056; money, 5266 per cent: New York exchange, 40c discount bid, 25c dis-

Weekly Bank Statement Weekly Bank Statement.

NEW YORK, March 3.—The weekly bank statement shows the following changes: Surplus reserve, decrease \$5,137,000; loans, increase \$0,621,000; specie, decrease \$4,507,000; legal tenders, decrease \$767,400; deposits, increase \$3,050,400; circulation, increase \$000,800. The banks now hold \$13,641,550 in excess of legal requirements.

Condition of the Treasury. WASHINGTON, March 3.—Today's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, \$295,993,248; gold reserve, \$233,311,135.

Cotton Market.

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NEW YORK, March 3.—COTTON—Spot. closed dull. 3-16c higher; middling uplands, 9 9-16c; middling gulf. 9 15-16c; sales, none. Futures closed steady, March, 39.37; April. 39.38; May. 89.38; June. 39.38; July. 83.39; August. \$9.39; September. \$8.47; October, \$8.69; November. \$7.38; December. \$7.96; January, \$7.97.

ST. LOUIS, March 3.—COTTON—Firm, ¼c higher; middling. 94c; sales, 990 bales; religions of the sales, 990 bales; re-

higher; middling, 94c; sales, 900 bales; re-ceipts, 717 bales; shipments, 1,200 bales; stock, 92.811 bales.

NEW ORLEANS, March 3.—COTTON—
Steady: sa es. 4,525 bales; ordinary, 81-16c;
good ordinary, 89-16c; low middling, 9c;
middling, 94c; good middling, 97-16c; middling fair, 911-16c; receipts, 6,530 bales;
stock, 383,591 bales. Futures, steady: March,
19.2369.27; April, 29.27 bid; May, 19.3169.32;
June, 19.3169.32; July, 19.3069.31; August,
19.1269.12; September, 19.3169.32; October,
17.767.78; November, 17.7467.75; December,
17.7467.75; January, 17.77 bid.
LIVERPOOL, March, 3.—COTTON—Spot,
increased demand and 3-22d higher; Ameri-

increased demand and 3-32d higher; American middling fair, 5-23-32d; good middling, 5-17-32d; middling, 6-15-32d; low middling, 5-11-33d; good ordinary, 5-5-32d; ordinary, 4-31-32d. The sales of the day were 12,000 bales, of which 500 were for speculation and export and included 10,600 American; receipts, 3,000 bales, including 2,400 American. Futures grapped firm and closed exceted at ceipts, 3,000 bales, including 2,400 American. Futures opened firm and closed excited at the advance; American middling, l. m. c., March, 5,30-64d, sellers; March and April, 5,26-64d, sellers; April and May, 5,22-64d, sellers; April and May, 5,22-64d, sellers; Allers; July and August, 5,12-64d, sellers; August and September, 5,5-64d, buyers; September and October, 4,7-64d, sellers; November and November, 4,36-64d, bulyers; December and December, 4,31-64d, buyers; December and January, 4,29-64d, buyers.

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

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LiVERPOOL, March 3.—CORN—Soot, film; American mixed, new, 3s 8%d; American mixed, old, 3s 94d; futures dull; May, 3s 7%d; July, 3s 7%d.

WHEAT—Spot, firm; No. 2 red western, winter, 6s; No. 1 red northern spring, 5s 11½d; futures, steady; March, 5s 8%d; May, 5s 8%d; July, 5e 8%d.

FLOUR—St. Louis fancy winter, dull, 72 3d.

HOPS—At London, Pacific coast, dull £3 5s £2 15s.

PEAS—Canadian, 5s 8d.

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady; extra Indian mess, 80s; prime mess, 72s 6d. Pork, firm; prime mess, western, 72s 6d. Hams short cut, 14 to 16 1bs., steady 47s 6d. Bacon, steady; Cumberland cut, 2s to 30 lbs., 3ss; short ribs, 18 to 22 lbs., 5s; long clear middles, light, 30 to 45 lbs., 3ss; long clear middles, heavy, 35 to 40 lbs., 3ss; short clear backs, 16 to 18 lbs., 3s 6d; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs., 31s 6d. Shoulders, square, 12 to 14 lbs., steady, 32s. Lard American refined, in pails, steady, 32s. Lard American refined, in pails, steady, 32s. Lard American refined, in pails, steady, 32s 3d; prime wastern, in tierces, 30s, firm. Tallow, prime city, strong, 23s; Australian, in London, firm, 29s 3d.

Market as a Whole Has Been to the Liking of Seiters During the Week-Coming Week Promises Well for Sheep.

SOUTH OMAHA, March 3.
ere: Cattle, Hogs, Sheep,
day 1.155 1.324 1.961
eday 1.870 6.429 7.461
eashuy 2.271 9.126 3.805
rsday 1.975 7.447 5.130 Receipts were:
Official Monday.
Official Tuesday
Official Wednesday
Official Thursday 2.343 4,672 1,623 Official Friday Official Saturday 8,132 6,296 Total this week. 9,935 Week ending Feb. 24 13,276 Week ending Feb. 17 13,330 Week ending Feb. 10 12,818 Week ending Feb. 2 12,783 40,964 42,783 33,629 37,317 31,349 30,973 Average price paid for hogs for the last several days with comparisons: [1900. 1899. 1898. 1897. 1896. 1896. 1894.

· Indicates Sunday. The official number of cars of stock brought in today by each road was: Cattle, Hogs, Sh'p. H'ses, Missouri Pacific Ry. 2
Union Pacific System.
F. E. & M. V. R. R. 3
S. C. & P. Ry.
C. St. P. M. & O. 2
B. & M. R. R.
C. B. & Q. Ry.
K. C. & St. J. 3
C. R. I. & P. Ry. E.
C. R. I. & P. Ry. W.
Illinois Central.

Total receipts..... 10

Total receipts 19 8 8 1 1.

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

Buyers.

Cattie Hogs. Sheep.

Gmaha Packing Co. 50 1.59 6.88 1.574 Cudahy Packing Co. 53 1.590 cmanney Co. 1.59 6.89 6.4 Hammond Co. 1.59 6.4 Cudahy Packing Co. 53 1.590 cmanney Co. 1.59 6.4 Cudahy Packing Co. 53 1.590 cmanney Co. 1.59 6.4 Cudahy Packing Co. 1

certain to take advantage of any opportunity to pound the market. Bulls, stags
and other rough stock has not shown much
if any improvement. Veal calves have
sold very high all the week, the best bringing on some days \$1.50.

Half-fat or warmed-up cattle have fluctuated in about the same proportion as beef
cattle and feeders, buyers have taken
quite a good many, though the demand
has not been particularly good. On the
other hand the market has been extremely
duil on the thin and common kinds of
light stock cattle, which are hard to move
at any price. The market on that kind is
the lowest of the season. Representative
sales:

previous week. Representative sales:

No. Av. Sh. Jr. No. Av. Sh. Pr.

11 109 400 75 236 86 470
20 125 420 64 223 470
11 99 425 61 260 470
25 112 50 67 255 120 470
25 152 50 65 220 470
25 152 50 66 224 80 470
13 266 40 465 61 242 80 470
13 266 40 465 69 252 80 470
13 266 40 465 69 252 80 470
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168 164 40 465 73 219 470
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168 228 80 465 80 263 50 470
188 193 40 465 66 256 80 464 70
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SHEEP There were eight cars in the pen this morning, but all but one load wer bought to arrive and were not offered to sale. The feeling on the market wa steady, and had there been anything o consequence for sale it would probably hav brought steady prices.

The market on both sheep and lambs ha brought steady prices.

The market on both sheep and lambs had been in very good shape all this week Values have been strong from day to day and at the close of the week the market to Sagase higher than it was last week. The feeling seems to be favorable for a good market for the coming week, unless then should be a large run at eastern market consquent upon the opening up of the road after the storm.

Quotations: Choice handy weight year lings, \$5.505.65; good to choice fed year lings, \$5.505.60; fair to good yearlings, \$5.606.75 fair to good wethers, \$5.506.75 fair to good wethers, \$5.506.75 fair to good western lambs, \$6.507.15; good to choice native lambs, \$6.507.55; feeder wethers, \$4.550.75 feeder yearlings, \$5.006.55; feeder wethers, \$4.550.75 feeder yearlings, \$5.006.50; good to choice feeder lambs, \$4.550.75. Representative sales; No.

yearling wethers.

382 yearling wethers... 198 yearling wethers... yearling wethers 133 yearling wethers.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET i Cattle Are Nominally Steady-Hoge

Close Easter—Sheep Steady.
CHICAGO, March 3.—CATTLE—Receipts
500 head; nominally steady; natives good to prime steers, \$5.0096.00; poor to me form, \$4.00@4.80; selected feeders, \$1.154 4.70; mixed stockers, \$3.40@3.90; cows, \$3.0 @4.25; heifers, \$3.1004.60; canners, \$2.250 3.00; bulls, \$2.6004.25; calves, \$5.0008.00

St. Louis Live Stock.

ST. LOUIS, March 3.—CATTLE—Receipts 400 head, including 200 Texans; market quie and steady; no top cattle here; native shipping and export steers, \$3.504.55; dressed beef and butcher steers, \$3.504.55; steer under 1,000 lbs. \$3.4064.39; stockers and feeders \$3.0064.5; cows and helfers, \$2.0 04.30; canners, \$1.5062.35; bulls, \$3.4064.69; cows and Indian steers, \$3.4564.65; cows and Indian steers, \$3.4564.65; cows and Indian steers, \$3.4564.65; cows and leffers, \$3.1063.75; HOGS—Receipts, 4.100 head; market steady; pigs and lights, \$4.7564.85; packers \$4.7064.85; butchers, \$4.8564.35.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 300 head market steady; native muttons, \$4.7565.75 lambs, \$5.5067.25; culls and bucks, \$3.5064.47; stockers, \$3.0064.40.

Stock in Sight. Following are the receipts at the four principal western markets for March 3; Cattle. Hogs. Sheep South Omaha 221 6,296 1,622 Chicago 800 18,000 2,00 Kansas City 135 2,000 St. Louis 400 4,100 300

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