CONDITION OF OMAHA'S TRADE

Large Attendance of Buyers in the City Throughout the Week.

MARKETS FIRM AND ACTIVE ALL AROUND

Noticeable Features of the Trade Are the Liberal Orders Being Placed and the Arrival of Many New Customers.

The volume of business transacted by local wholesalers during the last week has been of very satisfactory proportions. The city has been full of buyers looking for all classes of spring goods, and as a result jobbers in all lines have done a rushing house trade. Dry goods and millinery jobbers have, of course, had more visitors than dealers in other lines, and it is claimed that there have been more merchants in the city during the last two weeks than ever before during the same length of time. It is a noticeable feature, too, that they are placing heavier orders than are usually received. That is accounted for by the fact that this market is attracting a better class of buyers than ever before. A great many of the largest merchants have always had the idea that they could not get what they wanted west of Chicago and have been in the habit of going there several times each year to buy their supplies. This year, however, they are stopping off at Omaha to inspect the lines offered, and as a result Omaha wholesalers are making many new friends.

As regards the market it is safe to call practically all lines in a good strong position. The demand is so great from all over the country that manufacturers are finding themselves unable to fill their orders promptly and are taking advantage of the opportunity to shove up prices a trifle. While there have been no very startling changes during the week there is an evident hardening of prices all along the line, and several quotations have been advanced slightly. Higher prices are being freely predicted on a number of lines, and in fact jobbers look for firm, active markets for some time to come.

Coffee Active and Higher.

Wholesale grocers report a heavy week's trade and say that spring lines are now beginning to move out at a rapid rate. The demand is heavier than it was a year ago and local houses are having about all the business they can handle. The most important change in the market is the advance in package coffee, amounting to 1c. This affects both Lyon and Arbuckle brands, and leaves them both at the same price. The green market is also in a good, strong position, and higher quotations are being freely predicted. Some, however, are of the opinion that the present flurry will not last long.

There has been no change in the sugar market since last report, but prices are being held good and firm, and the demand is exceptionally heavy for this season of the year. Both refiners and jobbers are looking for an enormous demand later in the year, when fruit and berry seasons open.

There has been no fluctuations in the way of dried fruits. The supply of the better grades is holding up in good shape, and in fact it is claimed that there are fewer lots of poor grades than for several years past. The demand at the present time is very good, considering that there has been so little cold weather. Canned goods are also in the same position they were a week ago.

Hardware Market Advancing.

The enormous demand being experienced in all sections of the country for most every class of hardware is influencing the market to a marked degree. Manufacturers are so far behind with their orders that it is stated that nothing can now prevent a shortage in a little later when spring trades begin to move more freely. As a result of this condition prices are being advanced and it is predicted that still higher quotations will rule in the near future. Since last report sheet iron has gone up 20c per hundred, wire cloth 10 per cent and galvanized iron 10 per cent. The market is the whole is in a very strong position and advances in most any line would cause no great surprise.

So far as the local situation is concerned local jobbers say that indications were never more favorable for a big spring trade than they are at the present time. There is no doubt but what there will be an immense amount of building done all over the west and not only will there be building but farmers as well as town people will spend a great deal of money in making improvements. Fences will be built and such work as that will be carried on more extensively than usual and hardware as a result will go into consumption at a rapid rate. Stocks here in the city are large and jobbers are hoping they will be able to supply the wants of their customers without delay, but whether or not they will be able to do so depends upon how rapidly manufacturers ship their goods.

Big Demand for Dry Goods.

Dry goods jobbers during the last week have had about all the business they can handle. Many of their traveling men have been in the city looking after the interests of their customers and even with their help the salesmen have been rushed from early until late. The buyers have come from all points of the compass and the number that have come up from Kansas, Missouri and southwestern Iowa is surprising jobbers in all lines. They are also coming from west of the mountains and from points well over into Iowa. Another noticeable feature is the class of goods they are buying. They all seem to want the best there is to be had and also the most up-to-date fads. What are called L'Aiglon goods are proving to be great sellers and jobbers are experiencing some difficulty to get the stock rapidly enough to meet the demand. It was thought the L'Aiglon fad would be short-lived, but jobbers are beginning to change their minds and are buying new stocks of the latest things out.

The market is practically the same as it was a week ago. According to eastern reports the demand is improving a trifle, especially the export demand, and manufacturers and jobbers are both doing more business than they were a couple of weeks ago. Prices are practically unchanged and those best posted do not look for any radical fluctuations for some time to come.

The millners rather took possession of the city last week and the number in attendance was much greater than anticipated and was nearly twice as many as were here the week before. From this time on there will probably not be nearly as many, but jobbers are greatly pleased with the amount of business they have done.

Buying Fall Rubbers.

Leather goods jobbers are devoting most of their attention to the rubber goods trade. Traveling men have been covering their territories selling rubbers for next fall and have met with better success than they hoped. There is now no doubt but what practically all the rubbers for early delivery to be used next fall and winter will be sold before April. Higher prices at that time are still being freely predicted and as jobbers are protecting their customers against a still farther decline there is every inducement for them to place their orders now. Traveling men who have recently returned from their territories say they never sold as many rubbers in their lines as they have during the last two weeks. They find that the great majority of dealers have sold out their winter lines in fairly good shape and that not nearly as many rubbers will be carried over as it was thought there would be a few weeks ago. The late snows are what relieved the situation. Merchants are in much better spirits than they were a short time ago and traveling men find them quite willing to anticipate their wants.

Spring rubbers and rubber clothing are also selling as well as could be expected.

In leather goods there has not been much of any change. Nearly all the spring and summer lines have been sold and about all that is left to do is the filling of a few sorting-up orders. Representatives of local houses have been in the east buying fall goods and the samples will soon be in readiness to show to the trade. Jobbers are very hopeful that when their men start out with fall samples they will be able to land a nice batch of orders early in the season.

Fruits and Produce.

Nothing of a startling nature has taken place in the fruit and produce district during the week. Prices on nearly all lines are about the same, but still a few fluctuations have been reported. Apples are higher than they were, as the quotations will show, and lemons, on the contrary, are a trifle easier. Other fruits remain practically unchanged.

Potatoes are not quoted quite as high as they have been, but dealers are of the opinion that at least present prices will hold good for the rest of the season. Seed potatoes are now coming into demand and are selling all the way from 55c to $1.04 per bushel, according to variety. As to the future of the seed potato market dealers say that while the common kinds will probably go no higher there is apt to be an advance in the choicer varieties later in the season.

The egg market has been going down rapidly during the last few days owing to a marked increase in the receipts. Poultry is about the same as at last report so far as the live stock is concerned. The dressed stock, however, is hard to handle owing to the warm weather and commission men are advising their patrons to ship only live stock.

Butter has gone off to some extent owing to a break in eastern markets.

The demand for game is very light and prices are being quoted considerably lower. Dealers say it is almost impossible to move it at any price.

OMAHA WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Receipts liberal; good stock weak 11@11½c.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 6½@7c; young, staggy and old roosters, 3@6c; ducks, 6½@7c; geese, 6½@7c; turkeys, 6@7c.

FRESH DRESSED POULTRY—Hens, 7½@8c; roosters, 4@6c; ducks, 8@8½c; geese, 8@8½c; turkeys, lightweight, 9@10c; heavy, 7@8c.

GAME—Mallard ducks, per doz., $2.75@3.00; teal, $1.25@1.50; mixed, $1.25@1.50; jackrabbits, no sale; cottontails, 75@80c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, weak at 12@12½c; choice, 14@15c; separator, 22c.

FRESH OYSTERS—First grade, solid packed, New York counts, per can, 35c; extra selects, 32c; standards, 25c; medium, 20c. Second grade, shack filled, New York counts, per can, 30c; extra selects, 25c; standards, 20c; bulk standards, per gal., $1.25.

FROZEN FRESH FISH—Black bass, 18c; white bass, 10c; bluefish, 11c; bullheads, 10c; buffalo, 8c; catfish, 12c; cod, 9c; crappie, 10c; ciscoes, 7c; halibut, 11c; herring, 4@5c; haddock, 9c; mackerel, 15c; perch, 8@7c; pickerel, 7c; pike, 9c; red snapper, 10c; salmon, 14c; sunfish, 8c; smelts, 10c; trout, 10c; whitefish, 9c.

PIGEONS—Live, per doz., $1.

VEALS—Choice, 9@10c.

HAY—Prices quoted by Omaha Wholesale Hay Dealers association: Choice upland, $8.50; No. 1 upland, $8; medium, $7.50; coarse, $6. Rye straw, $5.50. These prices are for hay of good color and quality. Demand fair. Receipts, 7 cars.

OATS—No. 2 white, 28c.

CORN—No. 3, 35c.

BRAN—$15.

VEGETABLES.

SPINACH—Per bu. box, 75c.

CUCUMBERS—Hot house, per doz., $1.50@2.00, as to size.

ASPARAGUS—Per bu., 50c.

TURNIPS—Per bu. basket, 50c.

BEETS—Per bu., 40c.

CARROTS—Per bu., 40c.

LETTUCE—Per bu., 40@45c.

RADISHES—Per doz., 35c.

PARSLEY—Per doz., 35c.

POTATOES—Per bu., 45@55c; Idaho, per bu., 60@65c.

SEED POTATOES—Natives, 50@60c; Red River Valley, 50c; Triumph, $1.04.

SWEET POTATOES—Per bbl., $1.75.

CABBAGE—Holland seed, per lb., 7½@8c.

TOMATOES — California, per 6-basket crate, $4.50.

ONIONS—Ohio, per bu., $1.75.

CELERY—California, as to size, 50@75c; Kalamazoo, 25@30c.

CAULIFLOWER—California, per crate, $2.75.

BEANS—Wax, per bu., $3.50; string, per bu., $3.25.

EGG PLANT—Per bu. box, $3.

PEPPERS—Per bu. box, $2.

FRUITS.

STRAWBERRIES—Florida, per qt., 45c.

GRAPES—Malaga, per keg, $6.50@9.00.

APPLES—Per bbl., $4.25; Washington, per bu. box, $1.75; Bellflowers, $1.90.

CRANBERRIES—Bell and Bugle, $9 per bbl.; Jerseys, per bbl., $8.50; per crate, $1.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—California seedlings, $2.00@2.25; navels, $2.75@3.25.

LEMONS—California, extra fancy, $3.25@3.50; choice, $3.

BANANAS—Per bunch, according to size, $2.00@2.50.

FIGS—California, new cartons, 75c; layers, 65c; imported, per lb., 13@15c.

DATES—Persian, in 60-lb. boxes, Sairs, 5c per lb.; Halloween, 5½c per lb.

MISCELLANEOUS.

HIDES—No. 1 green, 5½c; No. 2 green, 4½c; No. 1 salted, 6½c; No. 2 salted, 5½c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 8c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 6c; dry hides, 8@12c; sheep pelts, 25@75c; horse hides, $1.50@2.00.

NUTS—English walnuts, per lb., 12c; filberts, per lb., 13c; almonds, per lb, 18@24c; raw pecanns, per lb., 8@9½c; roasted, 6½@7½c; Brazils, 13c; pecans, 10@12c; cocoanuts, each 4½c.

St. Louis Grain and Provisions.

ST. LOUIS, March 9.—WHEAT—No. 2 red, cash, elevator, 72⅝c; track, 73½@73c; May, 72½c; No. 2 hard, 71½c.

CORN—Higher; No. 2 cash, 39c; track, 39½c; May, 39½@39¾c; July, 39½@39¾c.

OATS—Higher; No. 2 cash, 26½c; track, 26½@27c; May, 26¾c; July, 25c; No. 2 white, 28½c.

RYE—Steady, 52c.

FLOUR—Quiet; patents, $3.55@3.75; extra fancy and straight, $3.15@3.25; clear, $2.70@2.80; low grades, $2.20@2.50.

SEEDS—Timothy, steady; average receipts, $3.75@4.00; prime worth more; flax, quiet, $1.52.

CORNMEAL—Steady at $2.95.

BRAN—Firm; sacked, east track, 77@78c.

HAY—Steady; timothy, $9.00@13.00; prairie, $6.50@10.50.

WHISKY—Steady at $1.27.

IRON COTTONTIES—$1.00.

HEMP TWINE—9c.

BAGGING—7@7½c.

PROVISIONS—Pork, firm; jobbing, $15. Lard, better and firm, $7.42½. Dry salt meats, higher; boxed lots, extra shorts, $7.37½; clear ribs, $7.50; clear sides, $7.42½. Bacon, higher; boxed lots, extra shorts, $8.12½; clear ribs, $8.25; clear sides, $8.37½.

METALS—Lead, strong, $4.20@4.25. Spelter, firm, $3.82½@3.87½.

POULTRY—Firmer; chickens, 7½@8c; turkeys, 6½@9c; ducks, 9½c; geese, 5@7c.

BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 17@23c; dairy, 14@18c.

EGGS—Lower, 11½c.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 5,000 bbls.; wheat, 49,000 bu.; corn, 110,000 bu.; oats, 58,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 11,000 bbls.; wheat, 85,000 bu.; corn, 151,000 bu.; oats, 12,000 bu.

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, March 9.—WHEAT—Spot, No. 2 red western, winter, dull, 5s 11d; No. 1 northern spring, dull, 6s 2½d. No. 1 California, firm, 6s 2½d; futures, steady; May, 5s 11½d; July, 5s 11¾d.

CORN—Spot, American mixed, new, firm, 5s 9½d; American mixed, old, steady, 5s 11½d; futures, steady; March, 5s 9½d; May, 5s 10½d; July, 5s 9½d.

PEAS—Canadian, quiet, 5s 7d.

HOPS—At London (Pacific coast), £4@£4 17s.

PROVISIONS—Beef, easy; extra India mess, 108 3d. Pork, easy; prime mess, western, 52s. Hams, short cut, 14 to 16 lbs., steady, 42s 6d. Lard, American refined, in pails, firm, 38s 9d; prime western, in tierces, steady, 39s. Bacon, steady; Cumberland cut, 26 to 30 lbs., 43s 9d; short ribs, 16 to 24 lbs., steady, 41s 9d; long clear middles, light, 28 to 34 lbs., 41s 9d; long clear middles, heavy, 35 to 40 lbs., 39s 9d; short clear backs, 16 to 20 lbs., 38s 3d; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs., 43s 6d. Shoulders, square, 11 to 13 lbs., steady, 34s 9d.

BUTTER—Dull; finest United States, 90s; good United States, 65s.

CHEESE—Dull; American, finest white, 48s; American, finest colored, 49s.

TALLOW—Prime city, easy, 29s. Australian, in London, dull, 29s 3d.

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

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, March 9.—WHEAT—May, 66½@66⅝c; July, 66¾c; cash, No. 2 hard, 66½@68c; No. 3, 66@67c; No. 2 red, 68½c; No. 3, 67@68½c. No. 2 spring, 66c.

CORN—May, 37½@37⅝c; No. 2 mixed, 35¾c; No. 2 white, 36¾c; No. 3, 36½c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 27@27½c.

RYE—No. 2, 51½c.

HAY—Choice timothy, $10.50; choice prairie, $8.50@9.00.

BUTTER—Creamery, 17@20c; dairy, fancy, 16c.

EGGS—Weak; fresh Missouri and Kansas stock, 11c, loss off, cases returned; new whitewood cases included, ½c more.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 90,400 bu.; corn, 14,000 bu.; oats, 10,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 39,200 bu.; corn, 17,600 bu.; oats, 5,000 bu.

Philadelphia Produce Market.

PHILADELPHIA, March 9.—BUTTER—Steady; fancy western creamery, 22½c; fancy western prints, 23c.

EGGS—½c lower; fresh western, 14½c; fresh southwestern, 14½c; fresh southern, 14c.

CHEESE—Firm; New York full creams, fancy, small, 12½c; New York full creams, fair to choice, 10¾@12c.

Minneapolis Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 9.—WHEAT—Cash, 74¾c; May, 74¾@74⅞c; July, 75½c; on track, No. 2 hard, 75½c; No. 1 northern, 74½c; No. 2 northern, 68¾@70¾c.

FLOUR—First patents, $4.05@4.15, second patents, $3.85@4.00; first clears, $2.90@3.00; second clears, $2.50@2.60.

BRAN—In bulk, $13.00@13.25.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, March 9.—WHEAT—Market steady; No. 1 northern, 75c; No. 2 northern, 73@73½c.

RYE—Dull; No. 1, 51½@52c.

BARLEY—Steady; No. 2, 57c; sample, 40@55c.

Peoria Market.

PEORIA, March 9.—CORN—Inactive; No. 2, 38½c.

OATS—Inactive; No. 2, 26½c billed through.

WHISKY—On the basis of $1.27 for finished goods.

Toledo Grain Market.

TOLEDO, O., March 9.—WHEAT—Cash, 78½c; May, 80½c; July, 78½c.

CORN—March, 39½c; May, 40c.

OATS—March, 24c; May, 24½c.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

News Affecting Grain and Provisions Maintain Average of Bullishness.

WHEAT CLOSES FIRM, SLIGHTLY HIGHER

Scarcity of Offerings and Stronger Cables Stiffen Opening of Corn—Pork Heads Pit Business and Closes Unchanged.

CHICAGO, March 9.—News affecting the grain and provisions market maintained a good average of bullishness today and with the exception of oats, which suffered from liquidation, the close was firm, wheat ½@⅝c higher, corn a shade lower, oats ¼@¼c depressed and provisions unchanged.

At the opening the wheat market experienced its greatest activity. May opened ¼c higher at 75⅝@75¾c, under the encouragement of higher markets at Liverpool and Antwerp, the chief Argentine market on the continent, and because of unfavorable climatic conditions. A heavy trade for the outside account was transacted at the start, but it was well distributed on both sides. Shorts, who became alarmed today, were still anxious to cover, however, and May was worked up to 75⅞c during the first hour. Trade, following the first half hour's activity, was more quiet. On the bulge, what had been influential support was withdrawn and this, combined with some profit taking by scalping longs, caused a decline to 75¼@75⅜c.

Buying orders, which had been waiting, caught the decline and when more shorts took their medicine the market experienced another rally and closed ¼@⅝c higher at 75⅞c. Exporters reported twenty loads taken. Seaboard clearances in wheat and flour reached a total of 438,000 bushels, while receipts at primary western markets were 569,000 bushles, compared with 653,000 bushels last year. Minneapolis and Duluth reported 333 cars, against 356 last week and 86 a year ago. Local receipts were 111 cars, eight of contract grade.

May corn opened ¼@⅜c higher at 41¼@41⅜c, under a sharp outside inquiry and a decided scarcity of offerings, both of which were attributable to the road-spoiling weather and to higher cables. An influential speculator began hammering the market, but although he dumped a quantity estimated at 1,500,000 bushels in the pit, May declined only to 40⅞c. The buying was well distributed and, although the close was at the lowest point, 40⅞@41c, the market looked strong. It was even reported that the early bear leader had taken back a portion of his sales. Receipts were 357 cars, eight of contract grade.

The oats market was the weakest of the list. Further heavy selling by large and conspicuously small buying by other than Chicago interests, depressed prices instead of firmness in neighboring pits. Receipts were 217 cars. May sold between 25½c and 24½c and closed ¼@¼c lower at 24⅝c.

Pork again headed the business in the pit. It was not as dull as it was yesterday, but offerings were notably light and the price ran up sharply. Light hog receipts and higher prices at the bullish factors in the market. May pork opened 10@15c higher at $15.00@15.05, but declined to $14.82½ on profit taking by longs. The close was firm and unchanged at $14.90. Lard and ribs fluctuated narrowly and closed unchanged, lard at $7.37½ and ribs at $7.25.

Estimated receipts Monday: Wheat, 85 cars; corn, 310 cars; oats, 320 cars; hogs, 35,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yesy.
*Wheat					
Mch.	74	74⅝	73⅞	74	73⅝
April	74⅝	74⅝	74⅛	74⅝	74⅝
May	75¼@¾	75⅝	75¼@¾	75⅝	75¼@¾
*Corn—					
Mch.				38⅝	38⅝
May	41¼@¼	41¼	40⅞@41	40⅞@41	41
*Oats—					
Mch.	24½	24½	24	24	24¼@¼
May	25⅛	25⅛	24⅞	24⅞	25 @⅛
Pork—					
Mch.				14 70	14 70
May	15 00	15 05	14 82½	14 90	14 90
July	14 50	14 55	14 50	14 50	.....
Lard—					
Mch.				7 55	7 52½
May	7 37½	7 02½	7 37½	7 37½	7 37½
July	7 65	7 67½	7 65	7 65	7 72½
Sep.	7 70	7 75	7 70	7 72½	.....
Ribs—					
Mch.				7 20	7 20
May	7 27½	7 30	7 25	7 25	7 25
Sep.	7 37½	7 40	7 35	7 35	7 35

*No. 2.

FLOUR—Quiet; winter patents, $3.60@3.80; straights, $3.40@3.60; clears, $2.90@3.20; spring specials, $4.20@4.30; patents, $3.55@3.75; straights, $3.00@3.30; bakers, $2.20@2.50.

WHEAT—No. 3 spring, 66@71c; No. 2 red, 74⅝@76½c.

CORN—No. 2, 39½c; No. 3 yellow, 39½c.

OATS—No. 2, 25¼@25½c; No. 3 white, 26¾@27½c.

RYE—No. 2, 51½@52½c.

BARLEY—Common, 46c; fair to choice malting, 48@69c.

SEEDS—No. 1 flax, $1.55; No. 1 northwestern, $1.56; prime timothy, $4.40. Clover, contract grade, $8.00@8.75.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $14.75@14.80. Lard, per 100 lbs., $7.32½@7.35. Short ribs sides (loose), $7.15@7.40. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $6.37½@6.62½. Short clear sides (boxed), $7.40@7.80.

WHISKY—Basis of high wines, $1.27.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, 6.20c; granulated, 5.72c; confectioners' A, 5.58c; off A, 5.44c.

The receipts and shipments today were as follows:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.	35,000	35,000
Wheat, bu.	56,000	32,000
Corn, bu.	238,000	168,000
Oats, bu.	270,000	215,000
Rye, bu.	6,000	2,000
Barley, bu.	34,000	5,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was dull; creameries, 15@21½c; dairies, 11@19c. Cheese, fairly active, 10¼@11¼c. Eggs, dull; fresh, 12½c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, March 9. — FLOUR — Receipts, 15,184 bbls.; exports, 1,823 bbls. Market firm at opening; closed about steady; Minnesota patents, $4.10@4.30; Minnesota bakers, $3.00@3.25; winter patents, $3.65@4.00; winter straights, $3.45@3.60; winter extras, $2.50@2.85; winter low grades, $2.40@2.60. Rye flour quiet; fair to good, $2.80@3.15; choice to fancy, $3.20@3.50. Buckwheat flour, dull, $2.10@2.15.

BUCKWHEAT—Dull at 60@62c, c. i. f., New York.

CORNMEAL—Quiet; yellow western, $1.05, 94c; Brandywine, $2.60@2.50.

RYE—Quiet; No. 2 western, 55c, f. o. b., afloat, state, 56@56½c, c. i. f., carlots.

BARLEY—Quiet; feeding, 46@48c, c. i. f., New York; malting, 62@70c.

BARLEY MALT—Dull; western, 62@70c.

WHEAT — Receipts, 81,900 bu. Spot, steady; No. 2 red, 80¾c afloat; No. 2 red, 79¼c in elevator; No. 1 northern Duluth, 87⅝c, f. o. b., afloat; No. 1 hard Duluth, 91⅝c, f. o. b., afloat. Options opened firm on covering, following favorable cables, but after advancing ¼@⅝c, soon turned easier under liquidation of long interests and renewed selling for short account in the absence of public support, with weather conditions bearish at home and abroad, selling to any extent was checked by small receipts, and closed ⅛c net higher; March closed at 79⅝c; May, 79⅞@80 1-16c, closing at 79⅞c; July, 79⅝@79⅞c, closing at 79⅝c.

CORN—Receipts, 187,200 bu.; exports, 25,350 bu.; sales, 30,000 bu. futures and 40,000 bu. spot. Spot, quiet; dull; steady; No. 2, 49¾c in elevator, and 47⅝c afloat. Option market opened firm with wheat, advanced ¼c, but soon lost tone and eased off under moderate local selling and closed ⅛c up to ⅛c net lower; March closed at 48½c; May closed at 48⅛c; July, 45⅝@45¾c, closing at 45⅝c.

OATS—Receipts, 131,600 bu.; exports, 3,900 bu. Spot, quiet; No. 2, 31c; No. 2, 30½c; No. 2 white, 33@33½c; No. 3 white, 32½c; track, mixed western, 30@31½c; track, white western, 31½@36c. Options dull and nominal, with weak undertone.

HOPS—Steady; state, common to choice, 1900 crop, 17@20c; 1899, 19@15c; old olds, 2@6c; Pacific coast, 1900 crop, 16@19c; 1899, 11@12c; old olds, 2@6c.

HAY—Quiet; shipping, 77½@80c; good to choice, 90@95c.

HIDES—Steady; Galveston, 20 to 25 lbs., 18½@19½c; California, 21 to 25 lbs., 19c; Texas dry, 24 to 30 lbs., 14½@15c.

LEATHER — Steady; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavyweights, 24@26c; acid, 22½@24½c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady; family, $10.50@11.50; mess, $8.50@9.00; beef hams, $18.50@19.00; packet, $9.50@10.50; extra India mess, $14.00@16.00. Cut meats, steady; pickled bellies, $8.00@10.50; pickled shoulders, $6.50; pickled hams, $8.50@10.50. Lard, firm; western steamed, $7.90; refined, quiet; continent, $8; South America, $8.00; compound, $5.50@5.62½. Pork, firm; family, $15.50; short clear, $14.75@16.50; mess, $14.25@15.00.

TALLOW—Steady; city ($2 per pkg.), 4⅝@4¾c; country (pkgs. free), 4½@4¾c.

RICE—Quiet; domestic, fair to extra, 5¼@6¾c; Japan, 4¼@4¾c.

BUTTER—Firm; fresh creamery, 19@22c; factory, 11@15c; June creamery, 15@20c; imitation creamery, 14½@18½c; state dairy, 13@20c.

CHEESE—Firm; fancy, large, colored and white, 11½c; fancy, small, colored, 12½c; fancy, small, white, 12@12¼c.

EGGS—Easy; state and Pennsylvania, at market, 14½@15½c; western, at market, 14½c; southern, at market, 14@14½c.

POULTRY—Alive, steady; fowls, 10½c; chickens, 9½c; turkeys, 11c. Dressed, firm; turkeys, 10@10½c; chickens, 9@10c; fowls, 8@10c.

POTATOES — Steady; Jerseys, $1.25@1.75; New York, $1.50@1.75. Long Island, $1.50@1.87½; Jersey sweets, $1.75@2.50.

PEANUTS—Steady; fancy hand-picked, 6¼@6½c; other domestic, 5c.

METALS—As usual on Saturday, owing to absence of advices from abroad, there were no noteworthy changes in the local metal market today. Speculation was slack and prices at the close were more or less nominal, as follows: Pig iron warrants, $15.00@15.50; northern foundry, $15.00@15.50; southern foundry, $14.50@15.75; soft southern, $13.00@15.75. Tin, $26.15@26.25. Lead, $4.37½. Spelter, $3.92½@3.97½. Lake Superior copper, $17; casting and electrolytic, $16.62½@16.62½.

MOVEMENTS IN STOCKS AND BONDS.

Amalgamated Copper Quickly Recovers from Previous Weakness.

NEW YORK, March 9.—There was a very irregular price movement during today's short session of the Stock exchange. Speculation was active in only a few stocks and the contrary movement in these had the effect of confusing the sentiment of the room traders. The published rumor that the Pennsylvania will lease the Chesapeake & Ohio for 999 years, with guaranteed dividends of 3 per cent per annum, caused an excited opening in the stock, the first transactions of 8,500 shares carrying the price 1¾ over last night. This proved to be the highest price of the day, as the recent large advance in the stock offered handsome profits for large speculative holdings. Amalgamated Copper scored a violent recovery from yesterday's weakness, rising more than 3 points over last night's price in the first five minutes of the trading. This also proved to be the highest price of the session.

A number of low-priced railroad stocks were advanced in concert, including the Wabash stocks, Chicago Great Western, St. Louis & San Francisco, Hocking Valley and Peoria & Eastern. There was realizing going on in other parts of the list and the tone of the market had turned heavy all around before the bank statement appeared. Prices of some of the prominent active railroad stocks were forced points a point under last night. Sugar fell on exchange 2½ upon the announcement of the month in Paris of an official of the company. The bank statement had evidently been discounted and the shorts bid up prices on themselves in their efforts to take profits.

The closing was irregular on rounded realizing in some stocks at the advance. The loss in cash reserves by the banks proved as great as was indicated by the preliminary forecasts and the large calling of loans early in the week has apparently been followed by further loan expansion since to make the average outstanding $1,500,000 greater. Amongst the requirements of the coming week are the dividend disbursements for the Standard Oil company and the Consolidated Gas company, the one calling for $20,000,000 and the other 400 $2,000,000.

The buying of middle and low-grade railroad bonds has been on a large scale. United States refunding 2s declined 1% and olds ¼. The 5s advanced ¼ over the closing bid of last week.

The following are the closing prices on the New York Stock exchange:

Atchison	57	Wabash	18¾
do pfd	91½	do pfd	34
Baltimore & O.	92¾	Wheel. & L. E.	15
Canadian Pac.	83½	do 2d pfd	31½
Canada So.	57½	Wis. Central	18¼
Ches. & Ohio	40½	Third Avenue	112½
Chicago G. W.	21¾	B. & O. pfd	91
C., B. & Q.	138½	National Tube	53¾
Chi. Ind. & L.	27½	do pfd	101½
do pfd	71¼	Adams Ex.	155
Chi. & E. Ill.	104¼	American Ex.	148
C. & N. W.	172¾	U. S. Ex.	58½
C., C., C. & I.	124½	Wells-Fargo Ex.	141
C. C. C. & St. L.	79¾	Amer. Cot. Oil	24½
Colorado So.	24½	do pfd	85
do 1st pfd	44¾	Amer. Malting	5
do 2d pfd	31¾	do pfd	24
Del., L. & Hudson	164½	Amer. S. & R.	54¾
Del. L. & W.	192	do pfd	93
Denver & R. G.	39¾	Amer. Spirits	1½
do pfd	88	do pfd	3
Erie	27½	Amer. S. Hoop	36¼
do 1st pfd	64½	do pfd	91¾
Gt. Nor. pfd	198¾	Amer. S. & W.	39¾
Hocking Coal	15	do pfd	96
Hocking Valley	55¾	Amer. Tin Plate	61
Illinois Central	131	do pfd	109¾
Iowa Central	26¾	Amer. Tobacco	126½
do pfd	57¾	do pfd	146
Lake Erie & W.	41	Anac. Min. Co.	46¼
do pfd	113	Brooklyn R. T.	78¾
Lake Shore	216¼	Colo. Fuel & I.	44¾
L. & N.	93¾	Con. Tobacco	45¾
Manhattan L.	119¾	do pfd	101¼
Met. St. Ry.	165	Federal Steel	43¼
Mexican Central	17¾	do pfd	88¼
Minn. & St. L.	108½	Gen. Electric	215
do pfd	108¾	Glucose Sugar	48
Mo. Pacific	96¾	do pfd	94
Mobile & Ohio	38¾	Int. Paper	23
M., S. P. & T.	29¾	do pfd	74¾
do pfd	54¾	Laclede Gas	80
N. J. Central	155¾	National Biscuit	79¾
N. Y. Central	144	do pfd	92
Norfolk & W.	45¾	National Lead	15
do pfd	85	do pfd	102
Northern Pacific	84¼	National Steel	44
do pfd	85	do pfd	101¾
Ontario & W.	31¾	N. Y. Air Brake	160
Ore. Ry. & Nav.	42	No. American	75
do pfd	76	Pacific Coast	32
Pennsylvania	159¾	do 1st pfd	88
Reading	31½	do 2d pfd	62
do 1st pfd	71½	Pacific Mail	35¾
do 2d pfd	41¾	People's Gas	102¾
Rio G. W.	26	Pressed S. Car	20
do pfd	67	do pfd	70½
St. L. & S. F.	47¾	Pullman P. Car	207
do 1st pfd	84½	S. R. & T.	23
do 2d pfd	69¾	Sugar	139¾
St. L. Southw.	27¾	do pfd	120
do pfd	58¾	Tenn. Coal & I.	54
St. Paul	154¼	U. S. Leather	12
do pfd	184	do pfd	74¾
St. P. & Omaha	125	U. S. Rubber	14¾
So. Pacific	44¾	do pfd	84
So. Railway	21	Western Union	87¾
do pfd	78¾	Amal. Copper	100¾
Tex. & Pacific	25¾	Republic I. & S.	19¾
Union Pacific	99¾	do pfd	67
do pfd	85½	P. C. C. & St. L.	59

The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says: The stock market here today responded to the news of the peace negotiations in South Africa. Prices recovered generally but slightly, and trading remained very quiet. The American department was inactive. Everybody was waiting for the weekly statement of the associated banks of New York. The tone was irregular. Chesapeake & Ohio was in good demand and Southern Railway preferred was weak. Otherwise the market for American stocks was featureless. Money was slack. Call rates, which were 2½ yesterday, were 2@2½ per cent today and discounts were 3½@3¾ per cent.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, March 9.—MONEY—On call, nominal; prime mercantile paper, 4@4½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Nominal, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.85⅝ for demand and at $4.84½@4.84¾ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.86@4.85½ and $4.88½; commercial bills, $4.83½@4.83¾.

SILVER—Certificates, 61½@63c; bar, 60⅝c; Mexican dollars, 49c.

BONDS—State, weak; railroad, irregular; government, strong; refunding 2s, reg., 105¼; coupon, 106¾; 5s, reg. and coupon, 111; new 4s, reg. and coupon, 137¾; old 4s, reg., 112; coupon, 114; 5s, reg. and coupon, 111½.

The closing prices on bonds today are as follows:

U. S. ref. 2s, reg	105¾	N. Y. Central 1s	107¼
do coupon	105¾	N. J. C. gen. 5s	124¾
do 3s, reg	111	No. Pacific 3s	77¾
do coupon	111	do 4s	106
do new 4s, reg	137¾	N. Y. C. & S. L. 3s	108¾
do coupon	137¾	N. & W. con. 4s	104
do old 4s, reg.	112	Oregon Nav. 1s	110
do coupon	112	do 4s	104½
do 5s, reg	111½	*Ore. S. L. 6s	126
do coupon	111½	do 5s	116¾
D of C. 3-65	125	Reading gen. 4s	94
Atch. gen. 4s	102¾	Rio G. W. 1s	100¾
do adj. 4s	94	St. L. & I. M. 5s	107
*Canada So. 2s	107	St L. & S F. g. 6s	120½
C. & O. 4½s	107¾	St. Paul consols	136
do 5s	121¾	St. P. C. & P. 1s	118¾
C. & N. W. c. 7s	140½	do