CONDITION OF OMAHA'S TRADE

Milder Weather Brings Many Spring Buyers to Town.

COTTON GOODS MARKET SOME HIGHER

Both Wholesalers and Retailers Pleased with Prevailing Conditions and Predict Season of Great Prosperity.

It may now be said that spring business with Omaha jobbers and manufacturers is in full swing. More buyers arrived on the market last week than for some time past and as a result house trade took on considerable life. Mail orders were also numerous than they have been of late and traveling men met with good success on the road, so that taking everything into consideration the general market was in very satisfactory condition. The prediction is freely made that with anything like settled weather from this time on that trade will be very active and that the city will be full of spring buyers. It has been claimed all along that more merchants would visit Omaha this season than ever before and the way they have been arriving the last few days would indicate that the earlier predictions were correct.

The general market situation is also very satisfactory. Prices are fully as high as they were a week ago, and in fact most of the changes that have taken place during the week under review have been in the nature of advances. In view of the liberal demand from all sections of the country for all classes of staple goods the general belief is that strong, active markets will be experienced for some time to come.

Collections are, if anything, improving, owing to the fact that retailers have now cleaned up their winter stocks in much better condition than they thought they would a short time ago.

Groceries Active and Strong.

Local jobbers experienced an active demand all last week for staple lines and in fact trade was unusually large for this time of year. The most of the changes that took place in market quotations were advances, but still there were no very sensational fluctuations of any kind. Sugar is selling in just about the same notches it was a week ago, both raw and refined grades being unchanged. There is, however, a steady improvement in the demand.

Both sisal and Manilla rope advanced quite sharply last week, owing to the high prices ruling on the raw fibre. Cheese is also higher than it was at last report, because of the light supply and heavy consumption. The advance amounts to about ¼c and present indications are favorable for still higher prices in the near future.

In dried fruits, peaches head the list. All offerings are being freely taken and consequently holders on the coast are asking more money. Desirable grades are now said to be very scarce, while fancy stocks are out of the market.

Canned goods are in just about the same position they were a week ago, but still there is a very firm feeling all along the line and particularly is that true of tomatoes, peas and corn. It would cause no surprise if higher prices should rule long before the new pack comes on the market.

Beans, owing to the light receipts now coming forward, and also because of the liberal demand, have advanced about 10c per bushel during the last ten days.

So far as the tea and coffee markets are concerned, there is not much to be said, as prices are just about the same as they were a week ago. There are, of course, some fluctuating back and forth, but the market can be quoted neither strong nor weak.

Other staple lines handled by Omaha houses are about steady for the week, but from the changes above mentioned it will be seen that there is a strong undertone to the general market.

Advance in Cotton Goods.

The feature of the dry goods trade last week was the strength which developed in the cotton goods market. An advance in the price of raw material caused a change in print cloths amounting to 3-16c. The price now being bid for these goods is ¼c and it is claimed that the products of the Fall River mills are engaged until August.

All lines of American prints were advanced Saturday, February 22, ¼c, making prices respectively, as follows: Shirtings, 4c; blacks and grays, 4½c; all lines of blues, 4½c. Competing lines of staple prints met the advance and are now held ¼c higher than recent quotations. The low grades of bleach goods are also up ¼c and four-yard brown goods are strong.

Blankets, wool underwear and wool dress goods are also higher than they were last season and preparations for fall are being conducted on a very large scale. Omaha jobbers in particular say that they will start out after fall orders earlier and harder than ever before. The improved condition of trade during the week just past has given them even more confidence in future business than they had before and they are all looking for an active market from this time on. House trade was active all the week and the men on the road also did a good deal of business. In fact, it may be said that sales of all desirable lines of spring goods have been large and many lines of wash goods, notably ginghams of both staple and fancy lines, are scarce.

Spring Trade More Active.

Hardware jobbers also report spring business for last week as showing considerable improvement over the previous week. Orders for all kinds of spring lines are now coming in quite freely, but, of course, orders are not as numerous as they will be in a short time if the weather remains mild. Everybody posted on the general situation seems to be predicting a very successful spring trade with both wholesalers and retailers and as a result very few complaints are heard.

The market has shown practically no change during the last several days that is worthy of mention. All lines are in a good, strong position and present indications are that they will remain that way for some time to come. Omaha jobbers claim to have good reasons for their beliefs on that point, as they are experiencing a good deal of trouble in getting goods from the manufacturers. On an average mills are just about three months behind with their work, so that jobbers order about three months before they want the goods. In that way they manage to keep good stocks on hand. The shortage is not confined to any one line, but applies to practically all kinds of staple goods. Structural steel mills are not accepting orders for delivery in less than eight months, as they have all the business they can handle until that time. Other kinds of iron and steel mills are equally well supplied with orders so there does not seem to be much chance of a drop in prices owing to a lack of business.

Still Shipping Spring Goods.

Leather goods jobbers are still busy getting out their advance orders for spring. The bulk of them are, of course, filled, but owing to the large number jobbers had on hand at the opening of the season it has taken considerable time to get them all out. Quite a few buyers are now coming on the market and as a general thing they have a good word to say regarding the prospects for future business and also regarding the success they had with their winter lines. The fact that they are placing quite liberal orders for spring is still further evidence that they have not much to complain of.

The rubber goods trade is more brisk than it has been for some little time. The warmer weather has put the country roads in bad condition and consequently rubber boots, as well as sandals, have been moving freely the last week. Traveling men are also picking up a good line of orders for fall and are more encouraged regarding the outlook for fall and winter business than they were a few weeks ago.

Fruits and Produce.

There was not a very heavy demand last week for fruits and vegetables, although there was more life to the trade than during the extremely cold weather. Jobbers are now looking forward to the time when the weather will be more mild, so that retailers can display their goods and attract buyers in that way. There were very few changes in prices last week that are worthy of mention. A few such lines as cucumbers, cauliflowers and tomatoes are a little lower, but the more staple lines, such as potatoes, beets and turnips, are unchanged.

In fruits the only change of importance is an advance in apples. The prices at which the different lines are selling will be found in another column.

The egg market attracted considerable attention last week because of the scarcity and consequent high prices. On some days the market was up to 30 cents and occasionally it went even higher than that. Toward the close of the week, however, receipts were more liberal and prices took a tumble. With continued warm weather commission men look for liberal receipts, which, of course, means a declining market.

The poultry market held up in fairly good shape all the week, even though consumption is usually somewhat reduced during Lent. Butter was very scarce and as will be seen from the prices quoted the market advanced.

There was a marked shortage in oysters and the last of the week bulk Standards advanced to $1.50. It will be remembered that they were $1.35 and previous to the present shortage they were $1.25. Local dealers are unable to get enough stock to anywhere near fill their orders and consequently are cutting all their customers short. The small supply is, of course, due to the severe storms in the east and also to the fact that Chesapeake bay is filled with ice to such an extent that it is practically impossible to get to the oyster beds.

The demand for fish has improved considerably, but there have been no important changes in ruling quotations.

OMAHA WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Receipts heavy; market weak; fresh stock, 22c.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 8c; old roosters, 4@5c; turkeys, 9@10c; ducks and geese, 7@8c; spring chickens, per lb., 8@5½c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Turkeys, 11@13c; ducks, 10@11c; geese, 10@11c; spring chickens, 9c; hens, 9c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 18½@19c; choice dairy, in tubs, 19@21c; separator, 27@28c.

FROZEN FISH—Black bass, 13c; white bass, 10c; bluefish, 12c; bullheads, 10c; buffaloes, 7c; catfish, 12c; cod, 10c; crappies, 10½c; halibut, 11c; herring, 4c; haddock, 9c; pike, 8c; red snapper, 10c; salmon, 12c; sunfish, 6c; trout, 9c; whitefish, 8c; pickerel, 5c; fresh mackerel, each, 20@35c; smelts, 10c.

OYSTERS—Mediums, per can, 22c; Standards, per can, 25c; extra selects, per can, 35c; New York Counts, per can, 40c; bulk Standards, per gal., $1.50; bulk, extra selects, $1.00@1.65; New York Counts, per gal., $1.75.

PIGEONS—Live, per doz., 60c.

VEAL—Choice, 6@8c.

CORN—63c.

OATS—50c

BRAN—Per ton, $20.

HAY—Prices quoted by Omaha Wholesale Hay Dealers' association: Choice upland, $9; No. 2 upland, $8, medium, $7.50; coarse, $7. Rye straw, $5. These prices are for hay of good color and quality. Demand fair. Receipts, 8 cars.

VEGETABLES.

POTATOES—Northern, $1; Salt Lake, $1.10; Colorado, $1.10.

CARROTS—Per bu., 75c.

BEETS—Per bu. basket, 50c.

TURNIPS—Per bu., 50c; Rutabagas, per 100 lbs., $1.25.

PARSNIPS—Per bu., 60c.

CUCUMBERS—Hothouse, per doz., $2.

GREEN ONIONS—Per doz., 25c.

LETTUCE—Head, per drum, $4; hothouse, per doz. 35c.

PARSLEY—Per doz., 25c.

RADISHES—Per doz., 35c.

SWEET POTATOES—Home grown, per lb., 3c; Kansas, per bbl., $3.25.

CABBAGE—Holland seed, crated, 2c.

CAULIFLOWER—Per crate, $2.50.

ONIONS—Spanish, per crate, $2.25; Michigan, red or yellow, 2½c per lb.

CELERY—California, 40@75c.

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

FRUITS.

APPLES—Ben Davis, per bbl., $4.50; Winesaps, $5; Jonathans, $5.50; Bellefowers, per box, $1.75.

PEARS—Vikers, $2.25; Lawrence, $2.25@2.50.

GRAPES—Malagas, per keg, $7.50.

CRANBERRIES—Per bbl., $7; per crate, $2.50.

NAVY BEANS—Per bu., $2.15.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—California navels, $3.00@3.25; budded, $2.50.

LEMONS—Fancy, $3.25; choice, $3.

BANANAS—Per bunch, according to size, $2.25@2.75.

FIGS—California, new cartons, $1; imported, per lb., 12@14c.

MISCELLANEOUS.

NUTS—New crop walnuts, No. 1 soft shell, per lb., 12c; hard shell, per lb., 11½c; No. 2 soft shell, 10c; No. 2 hard shell, 9c; Brazils, per lb., 14c; filberts, per lb., 13c; almonds, soft shell, 17c; hard shell, 15c; pecans, large, per lb., 12c; small, 10c; cocoanuts, per sack, $3.50.

HONEY—Per 24-section case, $3.25.

CIDER—Nehawka, per bbl., $3.25; New York, $3.50.

POPCORN—Per lb., 5c.

HIDES—No. 1 green, 6c; No. 2 green, 5c; No. 1 salted, 7c; No. 2 salted, 6c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12½ lbs., 9c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 7c; dry hides, 8@13c; sheep pelts, 75c; horse hides, $1.50@2.25.

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 22.—WHEAT—Spot, No. 2 red western, winter, 6s 1d; No. 1 northern spring, steady at 6s 2d; No. 1 California, one stock. Futures quiet; March, 6s 1½d; May, 6s 1⅜d.

CORN—Spot, quiet; American mixed, new, 5s 1d; American mixed, old, 5s 2d. Futures easy; February, nominal; March, 5s ¾d; May, 5s 1⅜d.

PEAS—Canadian, steady at 6s 8d.

FLOUR—St. Louis fancy winter, firm at 8s.

HOPS—At London (Pacific coast), firm at £3 10s@£4 10s.

PROVISIONS—Beef, firm; extra India mess, 79s. Pork, firm; prime mess, western, 72s. Hams, short cut, steady at 48s. Bacon, Cumberland cut, steady at 41s; short ribs, steady at 43s 6d; long clear middles, light, quiet at 45s; long clear middles, heavy, quiet at 44s 6d; short clear backs, steady at 43s; clear bellies, steady at 49s. Shoulders, square, dull at 35s 6d. Lard, steady; prime western, in tierces, 47s; American refined, in pails, 48s 3d.

BUTTER—Steady; finest United States, 90s; good United States, 72s.

CHEESE—Firm; American finest white, 48s 6d; American finest, 49s 6d.

TALLOW—Prime city, steady at 29s 6d; Australian, in London, firm at 31s 6d.

Cotton Market.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 22.—COTTON—Spot, dull; prices favor buyers; American middling, 4 21-32d; sales, 4,000 bales, of which 400 were for speculation and export and included 3,600 American. Receipts, 44,000 bales, including 41,000 American. Futures closed dull; February, 4 26-64d, sellers; February and March, 4 24-64@4 25-64d, buyers; March and April, 4 24-64@4 25-64d, sellers; April and May, 4 25-64d, sellers; May and June, 4 26-64d, sellers; June and July, 4 25-64d, value; July and August, 4 25-64d, value; August and September, 4 20-64@4 21-64d, value; September and October, 4 21-64@4 22-64d, value; October and November, 4 18-64d, buyers.

Wool Market.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—WOOL—The arrivals to date for the next series aggregate 215,219 bales, including 97,000 bales forwarded direct. The imports for the week were as follows: From New South Wales, 5,542 bales; Queenstown, 4,053; Victoria, 6,635; South Australia, 889; New Zealand, 24,260; Cape of Good Hope and Natal, 2,355; Hamburg, 1,173; elsewhere, 618.

Foreign Financial.

LONDON, Feb 22.—Money was more abundant in the market today, apparently due to government disbursements, but the rates were not sensibly easier. Discounts were firm on the slackening of continental inquiry for bills. Business on the Stock exchange was entirely featureless, part from the improved tone of Americans. Operators were absorbed by the mining contangoes. This section was packed. There was much desire manifested to continue the bargains instead of settling by payment. Some brokers have been maintaining dual staffs, working day and night to cope with the bountiful business. Pay day, February 27, is anxiously anticipated. There are fears of difficulties. Consols were firm, home rails were neglected, Argentines improved on the receipt of a cablegram announcing that the Argentine government had remitted £2,750,000 to its financial agent in London, for the payment of all debts contracted to the end of this half year. This is regarded as the best proof of the good financial situation of the government, thereby reassuring the holders of the securities. Americans were firmer, but no business was done. Kaffirs were quiet. Rio tintos were firm. Gold is quoted at Buenos Ayres at 140.90; at Madrid, 37.45; gold bars are quoted at 77s 9¼d.

BERLIN, Feb. 22.—Home funds were in strong demand on the bourse today, owing to the absence of money. Spanish 4s recovered. Mines were animated in anticipation of the coke syndicate orders to restrict the output to 38 per cent of the possible output would be decreased to 33 per cent. Banks were maintained. Exchange on London, 20m 48pfg.

PARIS, Feb. 22.—Prices on the bourse today opened firmer. Spanish 4s recovered sharply on rumors of improved conditions in Spain. Italians were easier on the cabinet crisis at Rome. Business generally was quiet. Toward the close Kaffirs rallied considerably on London advices to the effect that the settlement was progressing satisfactorily. The private rate of discount was unchanged today at 2 9-16 per cent; exchange on London, 25f 10c; Spanish 4s advanced to 77¾.

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—4 p. m.—Closing:

Consols, money	94 9-16	Nor. & West.	53
do account	94 9-16	do pfd	92¼
Alton Toronto	68	Ont. & West.	34¼
Atchison	77¾	Pennsylvania	76½
do pfd	99¼	Reading	38⅞
Balt. & Ohio	105½	do 1st pfd	42¾
Can. Pacific	117¾	do 2d pfd	35
Ches. & Ohio	46¼	S. Railway	23⅝
Chi. Gt. W.	24	do pfd	66
C., M. & St. P.	168	S. Pacific	66¼
D. & Rio G.	44¾	Union Pacific	104¼
do pfd	94¼	do pfd	92
Erie	39	U. S. Steel	43
do 1st pfd	70	do pfd	96¼
do 2d pfd	57¼	Wabash	24¼
Ill. Central	143	do pfd	43¾
L. & N.	103¾	Spanish 4s	76¼
M., K. & T.	35¼	Rands	12
do pfd	57	DeBeers	46¼
N. Y. Central	160½		

BAR SILVER—Steady, 25¾d per oz.

MONEY—2¾@3 per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 2¾@2⅞ per cent; for three months' bills, 3 11-16@2¾ per cent.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET

Both Beef Steers and Good Cows Higher for the Week.

HOGS SELL A LITTLE BETTER AT CLOSE

All Kinds of Fat Sheep and Lambs May Safely Be Quoted Ten to Fifteen Cents Lower Than They Were a Week Ago.

SOUTH OMAHA, Feb. 22.

Receipts were:	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Official Monday	2,627	5,418	6,611
Official Tuesday	3,270	11,113	6,365
Official Wednesday	3,135	10,623	1,698
Official Thursday	3,262	9,690	4,130
Official Friday	1,931	8,185	701
Official Saturday	177	7,398	4
Total this week	14,392	52,626	19,509
Week ending Feb. 15	17,553	71,321	19,376
Week ending Feb. 8	16,188	66,441	16,967
Week ending Feb. 1	14,497	46,478	12,561
Week ending Jan. 25	16,456	61,421	14,996
Same week last year	10,804	46,625	30,809

The following table shows the average price of hogs sold on the South Omaha market the past several days with comparisons with former years:

Date.	1902.	1901.	1900.	1899.	1898.	1897.	1896.
Feb. 1	5 22½	5 22	4 67	3 64	3 64	3 27	4 08
Feb. 2	*	5 25	4 68	3 66	3 63	3 19	*
Feb. 3	5 22½	*	4 62	3 69	3 73	3 20	4 03
Feb. 4	5 24½	5 21	*	3 59	3 72	3 25	3 98
Feb. 5	6 11½	5 23	4 66	*	3 72	3 21	3 93
Feb. 6	6 16½	5 21	4 70	3 56	*	3 19	4 00
Feb. 7	6 03½	6 05	4 81	3 81	3 78	3 23	3 90
Feb. 8	5 98	5 29	4 75	3 66	3 71	3 23	3 93
Feb. 9	*	5 25	4 84	3 70	3 71	3 27	*
Feb. 10	6 00	*	4 80	3 71	3 76	3 27	3 89
Feb. 11	6 01½	5 32	*	3 65	3 77	3 25	3 84
Feb. 12	6 04	5 30	4 79	*	3 81	3 28	3 89
Feb. 13	5 98½	5 24	4 82	3 68	*	3 30	3 93
Feb. 14	5 92	5 30	4 75	3 65	3 83	*	3 95
Feb. 15	5 81½	5 28	4 75	3 58	3 89	3 36	3 92
Feb. 16	*	5 27	4 83	3 58	3 89	3 34	*
Feb. 17	5 78½	*	4 76	3 58	3 84	3 35	3 88
Feb. 18	5 78½	5 22	*	3 53	3 87	3 31	3 90
Feb. 19	5 84½	5 23	4 83	*	3 91	3 28	3 81
Feb. 20	5 88	5 80	4 78	3 50	*	3 35	3 84
Feb. 21	5 88½	5 33	4 74	3 47	3 95	*	3 87
Feb. 22	5 95½	5 29	4 69	3 56	3 84	3 35	3 87

* Indicates Sunday.

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

	Cattle.	Hogs.
C., M. & St. P. Ry.	..	3
Wabash Ry.	..	4
Missouri Pacific Ry.	..	2
Union Pacific system	1	13
C. & N. W. Ry.	..	9
F. E. & M. V. Ry.	3	24
C., St. P., M. & O. Ry.	..	9
B. & M. R. Ry.	1	14
C., B. & Q. Ry.	..	7
C., R. I. & P., east	..	8
C., R. I. & P., west	..	2
Illinois Central Ry.	..	8
Total receipts	5	97

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

Buyers.	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sh'p.
Omaha Packing Co.	..	1,636	..
Swift and Company	39	1,916	..
Cudahy Packing Co.	..	2,953	..
Armour & Co.	..	823	4
Hill & Hustisinger	1	.....	..
Livingstone & Schaller	13	.....	..
Other buyers	15	.....	..
Totals	68	7,328	4

RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR TO DATE.

The following table shows the receipts of cattle, hogs and sheep at South Omaha for the year to date and comparisons with last year:

	1902.	1901.	Inc.	Dec.
Cattle	121,396	94,488	26,908	.....
Hogs	433,109	366,219	66,890	.....
Sheep	111,639	127,404	.....	15,765

YESTERDAY'S SHIPMENTS.

The following table shows the number of cars of feeders shipped to the country yesterday and their destination:

	Cars.
John Adams, Pender, Neb.—M. & O.	1
George Myers, Glenwood, Neb.—B. & M.	1
B. D. Oston, Oakland, Ia.—R. I.	1
B. F. Carpenter, Dunlap, Ia.—I. C.	1
S. Lewis, Meadow Grove, Neb.—F. E.	2
Harry Bowen, O'Neill, Neb.—F. E.	1
Tierney & Bros., Pilger, Neb.—F. E.	1
I. J. Tierney, Pilger, Neb.—F. E.	1
Richard Kyle, Maitland, Mo.—K. C.	2
William Hope, Blenco, Ia.—N. W.	2
G. J. Guhler, Stranan, Ia.—Wabash	2

SHEEP.

Thomas Mortimer, Leigh, Neb.—F. E.	1

CATTLE—There were just a few cars of cattle here today, but not enough to make a market. The supply for the week, however, has been fairly liberal, as will be seen from the table of receipts above. The supply was not as large, though, as it was the week before, but as compared with the corresponding week of last year there is a good substantial increase. The demand on the part of packers was in good shape all the week and consequently the general tendency of prices was upward.

A good proportion of the offerings this week consisted of beef steers, but, the same as has been the case for some time past, the quality was nothing extra. There were comparatively few cattle offered that were good enough to sell as high as $6.00, while a finished bunch ought to bring around $6.50. The bulk of the cattle sell from $4.90 to $5.75. The market as a whole could be quoted fully 15c higher for the week and in a good many instances sales were made that looked fully 25c higher. The close of the market on Friday, however, was not quite as good as the easier sales, which wiped out some of the advance for the week.

The cow market was also in good shape all the week, particularly when it came to the better grades. The kinds that sell from $3.50 up to $5.00 may safely be quoted 15c higher for the week and in some cases they have improved as much as 25c. The canners and such kinds as sell below $3.00 have not shown much of any change. It has been rather an uneven market all the week and the demand has not been any too good, but on the average prices are about the same as they were a week ago.

Bulls, veal calves and stags are also just about steady for the week. Desirable grades have been in good demand, but the common kinds have been more or less neglected.

There were none too many stockers and feeders in the yards to meet the improved demand from the country. The general tendency of prices ruled upward all the week, and, while there is considerable difference of opinion regarding the amount of the advance, they all agree that both the light and heavy cattle are higher than they were a week ago. Sales toward the close of the week looked all the way from 15c to 25c higher than the same grades sold for a week ago, which would make a choice bunch of feeders of good flesh and quality sell close up to $5.00. Nothing, however, has sold over $4.85. The commoner cattle are selling from $3.00 to $4.00. Representative sales:

HOGS—Today's market opened active and fully 5c higher than yesterday's general market, but after the bulk of the hogs were sold the market weakened and closed slow and with all the advance of the morning lost. The good heavyweight hogs sold largely from $6.00 to $6.15 and as high as $6.20 was paid. Medium weights went mostly from $5.90 to $6.00 and the lighter loads went from $5.90 down. At these prices trading was active and it did not take long to dispose of the bulk. The same as has been the case for several days, buyers laid down on the last end of the market, so that the late sales today were no more than steady with yesterday.

The supply of hogs for the week has not been heavy as compared with last week, but as compared with the same day of last year there is a good, substantial increase. The first of the week prices eased off a little, but since that time the general tendency has been upward and the advance for the week amounts to 10@15c. Representative sales:

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
32	100	...	5 00	76	207	...	6 00
57	115	...	5 00	83	227	160	6 00
66	190	...	5 10	38	234	40	6 00
24	135	...	5 25	62	236	...	6 00
88	152	...	5 50	75	222	80	6 00
92	166	...	5 60	82	220	...	6 00
96	171	...	5 60	79	220	80	6 00
87	177	...	5 60	75	228	...	6 00
90	178	...	5 70	65	232	...	6 00
38	167	...	5 70	62	232	160	6 00
30	167	...	5 70	70	244	160	6 00
90	167	...	5 75	69	250	80	6 00
91	189	...	5 75	64	254	120	6 00
85	179	40	5 77½	61	212	...	6 00
94	193	...	5 80	68	224	...	6 00
74	194	...	5 85	76	225	40	6 00
49	196	...	5 85	51	249	80	6 00
104	196	160	5 85	64	256	...	6 02½
83	194	...	5 85	58	235	200	6 02½
83	185	40	5 85	70	228	...	6 02½
74	182	80	5 85	78	218	40	6 05
92	187	40	5 85	65	249	80	6 05
74	204	...	5 87½	72	222	...	6 05
90	183	...	5 87½	62	245	80	6 05
55	202	...	5 87½	71	224	...	6 05
52	192	...	5 90	62	247	40	6 05
77	197	...	5 90	65	233	80	6 05
78	211	120	5 90	59	271	120	6 05
84	208	80	5 90	77	246	40	6 05
85	237	...	5 90	76	215	120	6 05
65	211	40	5 90	57	250	40	6 05
44	190	...	5 90	76	259	...	6 10
57	210	120	5 90	60	264	40	6 10
81	204	...	5 90	56	268	...	6 10
75	216	120	5 90	70	248	80	6 10
55	216	200	5 90	79	235	...	6 10
72	198	...	5 90	64	220	...	6 10
92	203	...	5 90	74	238	...	6 10
83	187	...	5 90	73	250	40	6 10
62	194	160	5 90	75	242	...	6 10
72	220	...	5 95	77	245	...	6 10
77	193	80	5 95	60	270	80	6 12½
70	218	...	5 95	70	238	...	6 15
71	212	...	5 95	64	245	...	6 15
98	218	40	5 95	63	254	...	6 15
77	207	280	5 95	80	262	40	6 15
80	214	...	5 97½	59	275	80	6 20
82	220	80	6 00				

SHEEP—There were no sheep on sale today to make a test of the market. For the week, however, there has been a fairly liberal run, as compared with the receipts for the last several weeks. As compared with the same week of last year, however, there is a marked falling off, which makes the decrease in the receipts for the years to date over 15,000 head.

The tendency of prices has been downward the last few days. In Chicago there was a big slump in prices the last of the week and lambs went off as much as 30c to 40c. At this point the decline on both sheep and lambs is about 10@15c. In some cases sales may have looked lower than that, while in others the decline was perhaps not quite that much, but as a general thing the loss was about 10@15c.

The feeder market has held up in good shape, as the supply was not equal to the demand, so that the few bunches that did arrive commanded strong prices.

Quotations: Choice lightweight yearlings, $5.50@5.75; good to choice yearlings, $5.25@5.50; choice wethers, $4.90@5.10; fair to good wethers, $4.60@4.90; choice ewes, $4.25@4.50; fair to good ewes, $4.00@4.25; common ewes, $3.00@4.00; choice lambs, $6.00@6.40; fair to good lambs, $5.60@6.25; feeder wethers, $4.00@4.50; feeder lambs, $4.50@6.00.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Cattle Steady — Hogs Strong — Sheep Steady and Lambs Weak.

CHICAGO, Feb. 22.—CATTLE—Receipts, 200 head; steady; good to prime steers, nominal, $6.50@7.00; poor to medium, $4.00@6.00; stockers and feeders, $3.50@4.75; cows, $1.25@6.25; heifers, $2.50@6.50; canners, $1.25@2.30; bulls, $2.50@4.60; calves, $3.50@6.75; Texas-fed steers, $4.50@5.75.

HOGS—Receipts, 22,000 head; Monday, 45,000, estimated; left over, 3,000 head; market strong to 5c higher; mixed and butchers, $5.90@6.40; good to choice heavy, $6.20@6.50; rough heavy, $5.60@6.25; light, $5.75@6.00; bulk of sales, $5.95@6.30.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 1,000 head; sheep steady, lambs weak; good to choice wethers, $4.75@5.25; fair to choice mixed, $3.85@4.60; western sheep and yearlings, $4.50@5.60; native lambs, $3.75@6.40; western lambs, $5.25@6.40.

Official yesterday: Receipts—Cattle, 3,668; hogs, 24,649; sheep, 5,769. Shipments—Cattle, 3,235; hogs, 5,162; sheep, 219.

Kansas City Live Stock Market.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 22.—CATTLE—Receipts, 100 head; market compared with a week ago 25c higher; light supply stimulated prices on all grades; today's prices nominal; choice export and dressed beef steers, $5.00@5.65; fair to good, $5.00@5.00; stockers and feeders, $3.50@4.90; western-fed steers, $5.25@6.00; Texas and Indian steers, $4.45@5.75; Texas cows, $3.25@4.50; native cows, $3.00@4.75; heifers, $3.75@6.50; canners, $2.00@3.00; bulls, $3.25@4.50; calves, $4.50@7.00. Receipts for the week, 20,000 head; last week, 34,000 head.

HOGS—Receipts, 4,000 head; market 5c higher; top, $6.40; bulk of sales, $6.00@6.30; heavy, $6.25@6.40; mixed packers, $4.90@6.30; light, $5.25@6.05; pigs, $4.65@5.30. Receipts for week, 54,000 head; last week, 77,000 head.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—No receipts; supply this week still insufficient for demand; prices show advance of 75c over two weeks ago; native lambs, $6.50@6.65; western lambs, $5.45@6.65; native wethers, $5.00@5.75; western wethers, $5.45@5.65; yearlings, $5.75@6.50; ewes, $4.50@5.40; culls and feeders, $3.50@5.00. Receipts for week, 10,500 head; last week, 10,000 head.

St. Louis Live Stock Market.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 22.—CATTLE—Receipts, 100 head; market dull, steady; native shipping and export steers, $5.00@6.35; dressed beef and butcher steers, $4.00@6.35; steers under 1,000 lbs., $3.50@5.40; stockers and feeders, $2.50@4.60; cows and heifers, $2.25@5.50; canners, $1.75@2.85; bulls, $2.50@4.00; Texas and Indian steers, $3.00@5.60; cows and heifers, $2.45@3.95.

HOGS—Receipts, 3,000 head; market stronger; pigs and lights, $5.55@6.00; packers, $5.95@6.15; butchers, $6.15@6.50.

St. Joseph Live Stock Market.

ST. JOSEPH, Feb. 22.—CATTLE—Receipts, 50 head; steady; natives, $4.35@7.00; cows and heifers, $1.75@6.50; veals, $4.00@6.75; stockers and feeders, $2.50@4.85.

HOGS—Receipts, 5,500 head; light and light mixed, $5.70@6.15; medium and heavy, $6.10@6.35; pigs, $3.30@4.95.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 40 head; steady.

Stock in Sight.

The following table shows the receipts of cattle, hogs and sheep at the five principal markets for February 22:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
South Omaha	177	7,398	4
Chicago	200	22,000	1,000
Kansas City	100	4,000	.....
St. Louis	100	3,000	100
St. Joseph	50	5,500	40
Totals	627	41,898	1,144

St. Louis Grain and Provisions.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 22.—WHEAT—There was some trading on the curb today, in the absence of any regular market. Wheat and corn opened weak and lower; trading was light; May wheat sold down to 83¼c, ¾c below the close Friday; July dropped to 73¾@73⅞c.

CORN—May sold at 60¼@60⅜c and at the close was offered at 60¼@60⅜c.

OATS—There was no trading in oats.

Oil and Rosin.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 22.—OIL—Cottonseed, Hull refined, spot, firm at 32s 6d. Turpentine spirits, firm at 31s. Rosin, common, steady at 5s. Petroleum, refined, steady at 7¾d; linseed, firm at 32s 6d.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—OIL—Turpentine spirits, 30s 4½d.

ELOPES WITH A BOARDER

Former Nebraska Girl Marries a Man After Three Weeks' Acquaintance.

WYMORE, Neb., Feb. 22.—(Special.)—Miss Katherine Thiessen of Denver, Colo., and formerly a young society woman of this place, where she was raised, figured recently as one of the principals in a rather romantic marriage. As near as the particulars can be learned they are: Miss Thiessen left home shortly before dinner Monday evening, telling her mother she was going to visit a friend and would not be home until late. Mrs. Thiessen was wholly ignorant of the intentions of her daughter, and awakened the next morning to find her daughter had not returned. The excitement in the house grew intense over the girl's continued absence and when it was at its height, a messenger boy brought a note from one of the boarders, John W. Woodsmall, saying Miss Thiessen and he were married at Glenwood Tuesday morning. The mystery then gave place to wonder. Three weeks ago Woodsmall, who is from Owensboro, Ky., come to the house to board, and no one in the house ever suspected that the young man was paying any attention to the girl. Woodsmall is an employe of the Denver & Rio Grande railway at Carbondale, where he has gone with his bride.

RUSSIA PLEADS INNOCENCE

Official Journal Says Czar's Country Did Not Endorse Note to Ambassadors.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 22.—The official Journal de St. Petersburg tomorrow will publish a long inspired account of the actions of the ambassadors of the powers at Washington, April 7 and April 14, 1898, which will