COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

All Board of Trade Pits Are Quiet Throughout Day.

PRICES, HOWEVER, GENERALLY RISE

Corn, Oats and Provisions All Go Up, Wheat Alone Balking and Closing Steady to an Eighth Down.

CHICAGO, March 20.—Quietness prevailed in the grain and provision pits today, but higher prices were realized, with the exception of wheat, which closed about steady, with May ⅛c lower. May corn was ⅛c higher and oats were up a fraction and May provisions closed from 10@15c higher.

Trading in wheat was small and the market held steady throughout the day, after rallying partially from a weak opening. The unexpectedly large Argentine shipments, together with lower cables, were responsible for an opening decline in May of ⅛@⅜c to ⅛c, initial sales being made at 73⅞c to 73⅞@74c. Selling orders were quite liberal at the start and May eased off to 73⅞c, but the strength in corn and fears of damage by the colder weather soon caused a rally, most of the early loss being regained, and May advanced to 74⅛@74⅜c. Covering by shorts held the market steady the latter part of the day and the close was ⅛c lower at 74⅛c. Clearances of wheat and flour were equal to 267,000 bushels. Primary receipts were 400,000 bushels, against 474,000 bushels a year ago. Exports of wheat and flour for the week, as reported by Bradstreet's, were equal to 2,396,000 bushels, compared with 4,326,000 bushels a year ago. Minneapolis and Duluth reported receipts of 258 cars, which, with local receipts of 135 cars, none of contract grade, made the total receipts for the three points 373 cars, against 293 last week and 258 a year ago.

There was a fair trade in corn, but the business was confined largely to local account. The feature of the trading was the buying of May and selling of July by brokers supposed to be acting for local provision interests. Weather conditions were bullish and small receipts, together with a good cash demand, added to the strength of the situation. Closing prices were strong and near the top. May being up ⅝c at 44⅝@44⅞c, after selling between 44c and 44⅞c. Local receipts were 201 cars, with two of contract grade.

Oats were helped some by the strength in corn, but there was a little change in prices and the trading was mostly by scalpers. After selling between 34⅛c and 34⅜@34⅛c. May closed a shade higher at 34⅜c. Local receipts were 235 cars.

Light receipts of hogs and higher prices at the yards caused a strong opening in provisions, and with a good commission house demand, together with buying for export account, a further advance was made. May pork closed 15c higher at $18.15, May lard was also up 15c at $10.15; ribs were 10@12½c higher at $9.92@9.92½.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 15 cars; corn, 130 cars; oats, 210 cars; hogs, 9,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y.
*Wheat					
May	73¾@74	74⅛@⅜	73⅞	74⅛	74¼
July	70⅝@71	71⅛@⅜	70⅝	71⅛	71⅛@¼
Sept.	69⅜	69⅝	69⅜	69⅝	69⅝
*Corn—					
Mch.	42⅞	42⅞	42⅞	42⅞	42⅞
May	44 @⅛	44⅝	44	44⅛@⅝	44 @⅛
July	43⅝@¾	44⅛@¼	43⅝	43⅞@44	43⅝
Sept.	42⅞@43	43⅛	42⅞	43	42⅞@43
*Oats—					
Mch.	33⅞			33⅞	33⅜
May	33¾-⅜	34⅛@⅜	34⅛	34⅜	34⅛@⅜
July	31⅛	31⅜	31⅛@⅛	31⅜	31⅛
Sept.	28⅜	28⅛	28⅛	28⅜	28⅛
Pork—					
May	18 07½	18 25	18 07½	18 15	18 00
July	17 25	17 40	17 25	17 35	17 20
Sept.	17 12½	17 15	17 05	17 10	17 00
Lard—					
May	10 05	10 15	10 05	10 15	10 00
July	9 90	9 97½	9 90	9 92½	9 87½
Sept.	9 90	9 92½	9 87½	9 90	9 85
Ribs—					
May	9 87½	9 92½	9 87½	9 92½	....
July	9 57½	9 62½	9 57½	9 60	
Sept.	9 50	9 50	9 45	9 50	9 42½

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Dull and easier; winter patents, $3.60@3.70; straights, $3.30@3.40; spring patents, $3.40@3.80; straights, $3.10@3.30; bakers, $2.40@2.80.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 76@77c; No. 3, 76½c; No. 2 red, 72½@72⅝c.

CORN—No. 2, 42⅝c; No. 2 yellow, 42⅝c.

OATS—No. 2, 33⅞c; No. 3 white, 34¼@36½c.

RYE—No. 2, 49½c.

BARLEY—Good feeding, 42@43c; fair to choice malting, 47@55c.

SEEDS—No. 1 flax, $1.10; No. 1 northwestern, $1.12½; clover, contract grade, $10.25.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $18.00@18.10. Lard, per 100 lbs., $10.05@10.15. Short ribs sides (loose), $9.75@9.90. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $8.75@8.87½. Short clear sides (boxed), $10.37½@10.50.

Following are the receipts and shipments of flour and grain yesterday:

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.	19,400	35,300
Wheat, bu.	21,400	21,000
Corn, bu.	142,500	273,900
Oats, bu.	184,200	154,300
Rye, bu.	6,700	6,400
Barley, bu.	36,000	21,100

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was easier; creameries, 17@17½c; dairies, 14@24c. Eggs, firm, at mark, cases included, 13½@13½c. Cheese, steady, firm, 13@13½c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, March 20.—FLOUR—Receipts, 27,860 bbls.; exports, 40,962 bbls.; firm on spring patents, but easy on winter; Minnesota patents, $4.00@4.30; Minnesota bakers, $3.20@3.40; winter patents, $3.70@4.00; straights, $3.50@3.65; clears, $2.80@3.10; low grades, $2.40@2.90. Rye flour, dull; fair to good, $2.80@3.20; choice to fancy, $3.25@3.45.

CORNMEAL—Steady; yellow western, $1.10; city, $1.08; Brandywine, $3.40@3.55.

RYE—Steady; No. 2 western, 63½c, f. o. b., afloat; state, 58@60c, c. i. f. New York.

BARLEY—Steady; feeding, 47c, c. i. f. Buffalo; malting, 52½@60c, c. i. f. Buffalo.

WHEAT—Receipts, 22,800 bu.; exports, 83,091 bu. Spot, steady; No. 2 red, 79½c, elevator, and 80½c f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 northern Duluth, 87½c, f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 hard Manitoba, 88½c, f. o. b. afloat. Options—Big Argentine shipments caused an early break in wheat today, from which the market slowly rallied towards noon, with corn and on cold weather news holding about steady in the forenoon on a small trade. The close was steady at a partial ⅛c net decline. March closed 82½c; May, 78⅜@79 1-16c, closed 79c; July, 76 7-16@76⅝c, closed 76⅝c; September, 74¾@75c, closed 75c.

CORN—Receipts, 86,000 bu.; exports, 9,161 bu. Sales, 125,000 bu.; futures, 200,000 bu., spot. Spot, firm; No. 2, 57c, elevator, and 56½c f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 yellow, 53½c; No. 2 white, 54c. While March corn, in absence of further covering, broke this morning, late options turned very strong and higher on bad weather, light receipts and a big export trade, closing ⅛c higher against ⅛c net loss on March. March, 56@57, closed 57c; March, 50@50½c, closed 50½c; July, 49 5-16@49½c, closed, 49⅝c.

OATS—Receipts, 11,200 bu.; exports, 25,451 bu. Spot steady; No. 1, 43½c; standard white, 44½c; No. 3, 42½c; No. 2 white, 44½c; No. 3 white, 44c; track white, 43½@48c. Options generally firm all day with corn. May closed 39⅝c.

HAY—Steady; shipping, 55@70c; good to choice, 9c@$1.05.

HOPS—Quiet; state, common to choice, 1902, 24@33c; 1901, 20@23c; olds, 7@12c; Pacific coast, 1902, 24@29c; 1901, 20@23c; olds, 7@12c.

HIDES—Firm; Galveston, 20 to 25 lbs., 18c; Texas dry, 28 to 30 lbs., 14c.

LEATHER—Firm.

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady; family, $14.00@15.00; mess, $9.50@10.50; beef hams, $20.50@21.50; packet, $12.00@13.00; city, extra India mess, $23.00@24.00. Cut meats, quiet; pickled bellies, $10.25@11.50; pickled shoulders, $9.00@9.25; pickled hams, $11.50@12.00. Lard, firm; western steamed, $10.40; continent, $10.55; South America, $10.75; compound, $7.50@8.00; refined, firm. Pork, firm; family, $19.50@20.00; short clear, $19.00@21.50; mess, $18.00@18.75.

TALLOW—Firm; city, 5¾c; country, 6@6½c.

RICE—Firm.

BUTTER—Receipts, 5,336 pkgs.; firm; state dairy, 26@27c; creamery, extra, 29c; creamery, common to choice, 19@28½c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 2,579 pkgs.; firmer; fancy, large, full cream, fall made, colored, 13½@13¾c; fancy, large, white, 14½@14¾c; fancy, small, colored, 15c; fancy, small, white, 14½c.

EGGS—Receipts, 10,680 pkgs.; unsettled; state and Pennsylvania, average best, 17½c; western, fancy, 17c.

POULTRY—Alive, nominally unchanged; dressed, steady, unchanged.

METALS—There was another sharp advance in the London tin market today, following yesterday's decline. Prices there gained £1 12s 6d, with spot closing at £134 17s 6d and futures at £135 7s 6d. The local market was quiet but steady and higher, with spot quoted at $28.50@28.80.

Copper was 2s 6d higher for spot, which was quoted at £66 7s 6d in London, but 7s 6d lower for futures, or at £66 2s 6d for futures. Here copper was unsettled. It is said that sales of lake have been made at about quotations, but it is also reported that leading holders are asking a little over quotations. Standard is quoted at $14.00; lake and electrolytic at $14.75@15.00; and casting at $14.50@15.00. Lead was unchanged in London, at £13 15s, and in New York at $4.67½. Spelter lost 2s 6d in London, closing there at £23 1s 6d, while here it continued firm at $5.75. Iron in Glasgow closed 57s 3d and in Middlesborough at 52s 7½d. Locally iron was unchanged. No. 1 foundry northern is quoted at $24.00@24.50; No. 2 foundry northern, $23@22.50; No. 1 foundry southern and No. 1 foundry southern soft, $23.50@24.50. Warrants are nominal.

OMAHA WHOLESALE MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Weak; fresh stock, 11½@12c.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 10@10½c; roosters, according to age, 5@6c; turkeys, 13@16c; ducks, 9@10c; geese, 9@10c; chickens, per lb., 10@10½c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Chickens, 11@12c; hens, 11@12c; turkeys, 15@18c; ducks, 11@12c; geese, 11@12c.

BUTTER—Packing stock, 13c; choice dairy, in tubs, 15@17c; separator, 27@28c.

OYSTERS—Standards, per can, 28c; extra Selects, per can, 35c; New York Counts, per can, 42c; bulk, extra Selects, per gal., $1.75; bulk, Standard, per gal., $1.35.

FROZEN FRESH FISH—Trout, 9@10c; herring, 5c; pickerel, 8c; pike, 9c; perch, 6c; buffalo, dressed, 7c; sunfish, 3c; bluefish, 3c; whitefish, 9c; salmon, 16c; haddock, 11c; codfish, 12c; redsnapper, 10c; lobsters, boiled, per lb., 40c; lobsters, green, per lb., 35c; bullheads, 10c; catfish, 14c; black bass, 20c; halibut, 11c.

BRAN—Per ton, $15.50.

HAY—Prices quoted by Omaha Wholesale Dealers' association: Choice No. 1 upland, $8; No. 2, $7.50; medium, $7; coarse, $6.50. Rye straw, $6. These prices are for hay of good color and quality. Demand fair; receipts light.

CORN—43c.

OATS—29c.

RYE—No. 2, 45c.

VEGETABLES.

NEW CELERY—Kalamazoo, per doz., 25c; California, per doz., 45@75c.

POTATOES—Per bu., 40c.

SWEET POTATOES—Iowa and Kansas, $2.50.

SEED POTATOES—Northern grown, per bu., 75@80c.

NEW PARSLEY—Per doz. bunches, 45@50c.

NEW CARROTS—Per doz. bunches, 40c.

LETTUCE—Per doz. bunches, 45c.

BEETS—New southern, per doz. bunches, 45c; old, per bu., 40c.

PARSNIPS—Per bu., 40c.

CUCUMBERS—Hothouse, per doz., $1.75.

CARROTS—Per bu., 40c.

GREEN ONIONS—Southern, per doz. bunches, 45c.

RADISHES—Southern, per doz. bunches, 45c.

TURNIPS—Per bu., 40c; Canada rutabagas, per lb., 1½c; new southern, per doz. bunches, 50c.

ONIONS—Red Wisconsin, per lb., 1c; white, per lb., 2c; Spanish, per crate, $1.75.

SPINACH—Southern, per doz. bunches, 50c.

LEMONS—California fancy, $3.25; choice, $3.

NAVY BEANS—Per bu., $2.50.

WAX BEANS—Per bu., box, $3; string beans, per bu., box, $2.50.

CABBAGE—Holland seed, per lb., $1⅛.

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

CAULIFLOWER—California, per crate, $3.00.

FRUITS.

APPLES—New York stock, $3.00@3.50; California Bellflowers, per bu. box, $1.50; Western, $3.00.

GRAPES—Malagas, per keg, $6.00@7.00.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

FIGS—California, per 10-lb. cartons, 90c.; Turkish, per 30-lb. box, $14@18c.

ORANGES—California navels, fancy, $3.00@3.15; choice, $2.75; Mediterranean sweets, $2.25; sweet Jaffa, $2.50.

DATES—Persian, in 70-lb. boxes, per lb., 6½c; per case of 30-lb. pkgs., $2.25.

MISCELLANEOUS.

POPCORN—Per lb., 2c; shelled, 4c.

HIDES—No 1 green, 5½c; No. 2 green, 5c; No. 1 salted, 7c; No. 2 salted, 6c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 8½c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 6c; dry hides, 8@12c; sheep pelts, 25@75c; horse hides, $1.50@2.50.

NUTS—Walnuts, No. 1 soft shell, per lb., 15c; hard shell, per lb., 14c; No. 2 soft shell, per lb., 13c; No. 2 hard shell, per lb., 12c; Brazils, per lb., 12c; filberts, per lb., 12c; almonds, soft shell, per lb., 16c; hard shell, per lb., 15c; pecans, large, per lb., 12½c; small, per lb., 11c; cocoanuts, per doz., 61c; chestnuts, per lb., 10c; peanuts, per lb., 6½c; roasted peanuts, per lb., 7c; black walnuts, per bu., $1; hickory nuts, per bu., $1.00; cocoanuts, per 100, $4.

OLD METALS, ETC.—A. B. Alprin quotes the following prices: Iron, country mixed, per ton, $11; iron, stove plate, per ton, $8; copper, per lb., 8½c; brass, heavy, per lb., 8½c; brass, light, per lb., 5½c; lead, per lb., 3c; zinc, per lb., 2½c.

MAPLE SUGAR—Ohio, per lb., 10c.

HONEY—Utah, per 24-frame case, $3.25; Colorado, $3.50.

St. Louis Grain and Provisions.

ST. LOUIS, March 20.—WHEAT—Lower; No. 2 red cash, elevator, 69c nominal; track, 73@75c; May, 68⅜@69c; July, 67⅝c; No. 2 hard, 70@73c.

CORN—Lower; No. 2 cash, 40½c; track, 41½@44½c; May, 40⅜c; July, 40¼c.

OATS—Dull; No. 2 cash, 34½c, nominal; track, 35½c; May, 33⅝c; July, 30c, nominal; No. 2 white, 37½@38c.

RYE—Steady at 50c.

FLOUR—Steady; red winter patents, $3.30@3.45; extra fancy and straight, $3.00@3.25; clear, $2.75@2.90.

SEEDS—Timothy, steady, $2.00@2.80; prime worth more.

CORNMEAL—Steady, $2.30.

BRAN—Dull, weak; no bids, but possibly 75c could be realized for sacked, east track.

HAY—Steady; timothy, $11.00@16.00; prairie, $7.00@11.00.

IRON COTTON TIES—$1.05.

BAGGING—5⅝@6⅛c.

HEMP TWINE—5c.

PROVISIONS—Pork, higher; jobbing, standard mess, $18.15. Lard, higher, $9.75. Dry salt meats (boxed), firm; extra shorts, $9.75; clear ribs, $10.00; short clears, $10.12½. Bacon (boxed), firm; extra shorts, $10.62½; clear ribs, $10.87½; short clear, $11.

METALS—Lead, strong at $4.60. Spelter, strong at $4.35.

POULTRY—Steady; chickens, 10@10½c; turkeys, 13c; ducks, 15c; geese, 7½c.

BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 21@24c; dairy, 18@21½c.

EGGS—Lower; 11½c, fresh.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.	6,000	19,000
Wheat, bu.	24,000	62,000
Corn, bu.	52,000	93,000
Oats, bu.	101,000	82,000

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, March 20.—WHEAT—Spot, dull; No. 2 red western, winter, 6s 1½d; No. 1 northern, spring, 6s 7½d; No. 1 California, 6s 5½d. Futures, quiet; March, nominal; May, 6s 1⅝d; July, 6s 1½d.

CORN—Spot, American mixed, new, steady at 4s 3d; old, quiet at 5s 4½d. Futures, quiet; May, 4s 2½d; June, 4s 1½d; July, 4s 1½d.

FLOUR—St. Louis fancy, quiet, 8s 3d.

PROVISIONS—Beef, easy; extra India mess, 83s 9d. Pork, firm; prime mess, 62s 2d. Hams, short cut 14 to 16 lbs., steady, 55s 6d. Bacon, Cumberland cut, 24 to 30 lbs., firm, 53s 6d; short ribs, 16 to 24 lbs., steady, 54s 6d; long clear middles, light, 28 to 34 lbs., steady, 53s 6d; long clear middles, heavy, 35 to 40 lbs., steady, 53s; short clear backs, 35 to 40 lbs., steady, 52s; clear bellies, 14 to 18 lbs., steady, 54s. Shoulders, square, 11 to 13 lbs., steady, 43s 6d. Lard, prime western, in tierces, firm, 51s; American refined, in pails, firm, 50s 9d.

BUTTER—Fine United States, nominal; good United States, steady, 50s.

CHEESE—Strong; American finest white, 69s; American finest colored, 69s.

TALLOW—Prime city, 27s 6d; Australian in London, dull, 32s 6d.

Receipts of wheat during the past three days, 102,000 centals, including 84,000 American.

Receipts of American corn during past three days, 61,000 centals.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, March 20.—WHEAT—May, 64½c; July, 62⅝c; cash, No. 2 hard, 69@71c; No. 3, 66@68c; No. 2 red, 70@72c; No. 3, 66@69c.

CORN—April, 35½@36c; May, 36½@36½c; July, 36½c; cash, No. 2 mixed, 35½@39c; No. 2 white, 39c; No. 3, 38c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 35½@36½c; No. 2 mixed, 34c.

RYE—No. 2, 45c.

HAY—Choice timothy, $12.50; choice prairie, $8.50@9.00.

BUTTER—Creamery, 21@25c; dairy, fancy, 19c.

EGGS—Fresh, 10½c.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Wheat, bu.	44,800	28,800
Corn, bu.	45,000	61,600
Oats, bu.	14,000	21,000

Duluth Grain Market.

DULUTH, March 20.—WHEAT—To arrive, No. 1 hard, 75½c; No. 1 northern, 74½c; No. 2 northern, 72⅝c; May, 74½c; July, 74½c.

OATS—May, 33c.

Peoria Market.

PEORIA, March 20.—CORN—Firmer; No. 3, 38½c.

OATS—Steady; No. 3 white, 33c.

Minneapolis Wheat, Flour and Bran.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 20.—WHEAT—May, 73⅜@73⅝c; July, 73⅛@74c; on track, No. 1 hard, 76⅝c; No. 1 northern, 75⅝c; No. 2 northern, 74⅛c.

FLOUR—First patents, $3.75@3.85; second patents, $3.65@3.75; first clears, $2.75; second clears, $2.00@2.15.

BRAN—In bulk, $12.

WEARE GRAIN AND ELEVATOR CO.

Omaha Branch 110-111 Board of Trade Building.

CHICAGO, March 20.—WHEAT—The market has been influenced by larger Argentine shipments than expected. The lack of cash demand and less alarming weather map than anticipated. Prices at one time were ⅛c under Thursday, but there was a partial recovery on local buying. Cables were lower on the large Argentine shipments. Clearances were only 267,000 bu., mainly flour. Clearances for the week were 2,296,000 bu., or 2,000,000 under last year and 1,000,000 under last week. The Modern Miller was emphatically bearish on the crop outlook. Argentine shipments were 2,352,000 bu., compared with 1,240,000 last week and 1,288,000 last year. Primary receipts were 400,000 bu., against 474,000 last year. Primary shipments were 187,000 bu., against 192,000 last year. Northwest receipts were 257 cars, against 233 a year ago. Local receipts were 15 cars, with none contract. Estimates for tomorrow, 15 cars. New York reports 15 loads taken for export. There was a sale of a cargo of No. 1 northern here. A cold wave is predicted for Illinois and Indiana, but warmer weather is promised elsewhere.

CORN—The market has been strong the futures up ⅜@⅝c and the cash ⅛@1c higher. The market has been influenced by the wet weather, but the principal motive has been buying of July, credited to Cudahy, and buying of May and selling of July by Armour brokers. There was some selling of July by Patten. Argentine shipments were only 16,000 bu. but Argentine crop news was favorable. Clearances were 171,000 bu. New York reports 31 loads taken for export. Local receipts were 201 cars, with two contract. Estimated for tomorrow, 130 cars. Cables were lower. There was no eastern demand for corn, but elevator people absorbed the carlot offerings. Clearances for the week, 3,072,000 bu. Primary receipts were 377,000 bu., against 216,000 last year. Primary shipments were 496,000 bu., against 197,000 last year.

OATS—The market has been small and unimportant and prices have not held. There was some demand from elevator people and possibly some selling by Patten, but all on a very small scale. Local receipts were 235 cars, with eight contract. Estimates for Saturday, 210 cars. Clearances, 15,000 bu. The cash market was 1c higher.

PROVISIONS—The market opened strong. Logan and Bryan bought May pork early. Local scalpers were sellers. Trade has been fair. The cash demand is good and shipments of meats heavy. There were 11,000 hogs, and the market active and 10c higher. Estimates for tomorrow, 9,000 head. Hogs in the west today, 39,700 head, against 47,500 last week and 64,700 last year.

WEARE GRAIN AND ELEVATOR CO.

Philadelphia Produce Market.

PHILADELPHIA, March 20.—BUTTER—Firm, good demand; extra western creamery, 31c; nearby prints, 33c.

EGGS—Steady; fair demand; fresh nearby, 15c at the mark; western, 15c; southwestern, 15c; southern, 15c.

CHEESE—Quiet but firm; New York full creams, prime small, 14½@14¾c; fair to good small, 13½@14c; prime, large, 14@14¼c; fair to good, large, 13½@13¾c.

Toledo Grain and Seed.

TOLEDO, March 20.—WHEAT—Market dull; cash, 74½c; May, 76½c; July, 73½c.

CORN—Active, firm; March, 45c; May, 42½c; July, 43½c.

OATS—Dull, steady; March, 36c; May, 34⅝c; July, 31⅝c.

RYE—No. 2, 54c.

SEEDS—Clover, active, steady; cash, $7.40; March, $7.35; April, $7.05; October, $5.47½; prime timothy, $1.60.

NEW YORK STOCKS AND BONDS.

Shares Sell Freely on Renewed Activity in Market.

NEW YORK, March 20.—General improvement was shown by the stock market today. The absence of selling pressure at the opening caused the professional element to cover in a number of the active issues, with the result that numerous material gains were registered. Southern Pacific was one of the few exceptions, showing more or less weakness throughout the day. The bulk of today's business was done during the morning session, though in the last hour the market resumed its early activity and closing prices were in many instances the best of the day. The better feeling was more pronounced in the afternoon because of the greater ease in the time money rate, some loans being made at 5 per cent. It was the general opinion that barring untoward events the situation should from now on improve. The early gains took in Canadian Pacific, Louisville & Nashville, St. Paul, several specialties, including Minneapolis & St. Louis, which advanced 4 points, and the steel stocks. Later there were improved prices for Baltimore & Ohio, the Eries, New York Central, St. Louis & San Francisco issues and Rock Island. The advance in the last two was accompanied by reports that an early announcement of the much discussed deal would be made. In the industrial group prices reached a higher level in Tennessee Coal, Colorado Fuel, Consolidated Gas, General Electric and National Lead. Sugar shares were weak throughout and Amalgamated copper was barely steady, though making a fractional net gain.

The decline in sugar followed the operations of a specialist who offered the stock down in hand share lots. A feature of the early afternoon was the sudden demand for Metropolitan, which was said to come from the large short interests. On fairly large transactions the stock made a net gain of 4 points, closing at the top. Missouri Pacific developed some strength by reason of its statement of earnings, which was one of the most gratifying features of the day. The hard coal stocks were fairly strong, though not in active demand, and St. Paul advanced on what was reported to be inside buying. London traded in about 12,000 shares here, buying slightly on balances. The day's business was comparatively small and commission houses continued to report absence of public interest. Much of the buying came from the various pools and cliques that were prominent on the short side up to a few days ago. There was no change in the foreign exchange situation. Demand sterling rose a trifle in the morning, but eased off to $4.8725 toward the close. Very little business was reported. Money both for time and demand loans was offered in abundance, but the demand was again only moderate. The increasing strength of the market during the day led to a more general inquiry for numerous minor stocks, which had not figured in the rally to any extent. These included Chicago Terminal issues, Colorado Southern issues, Lake Erie, Evansville & Terre Haute and several other obscure properties. North American made a jump of 4 points, but did not maintain the full advance, and several other high grade stocks which have been recently liquidated improved.

The bond market maintained a firm tone throughout the day, but was somewhat less active than on yesterday. Total sales, par value, $1,715,000.

United States new 4s and 5s advanced ⅛c on the last call.

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

Atchison	84¾	Texas & Pacific	29
do pfd	95⅝	Toledo, St. L. & W.	26⅝
Bal. & Ohio	86	do pfd	44
do pfd	92¼	Union Pacific	94⅝
Canadian Pacific	131⅛	do pfd	91
Canada So.	73	Wabash	29
Ches. & Ohio	47¼	do pfd	50⅜
Chicago & Alton	33¼	Wheeling & L. E.	24⅝
do pfd	70	do 2d pfd	33
Chicago & G. W.	25⅛	Wis. Central	75⅛
do 1st pfd	80	do pfd	50
do 2d pfd	41½	Adams Ex.	217
C. & N. W.	181½	American Ex.	212
Chicago Ter. & Tr.	17⅝	United States Ex.	128
do pfd	32	Wells-Fargo Ex.	220
C. C. C. & St. L.	93¼	Amal. Copper	72⅝
Colorado So.	25¾	Amer. Car & F.	40⅜
do 1st pfd	66⅛	do pfd	91½
do 2d pfd	42½	Amer. Lin. Oil	15¼
Del. & Hudson	171½	do pfd	40½
Del. L. & W.	251	American S. & R.	49⅝
Denver & R. G.	37⅞	do pfd	94½
do pfd	87½	Anac. Mining Co.	123⅝
Erie	36⅞	Brooklyn R. T.	67⅝
do 1st pfd	68⅝	Colo. Fuel & Iron	68
do 2d pfd	55⅛	Cons. Gas	209⅜
Great Nor. pfd	182	Cont. Tobacco pfd	114½
Hocking Valley	102	Gen. Electric	190
do pfd	98	Hocking Coal	20¼
Illinois Central	140⅞	Inter. Paper	17
Iowa Central	33¼	do pfd	71½
do pfd	65	Inter. Power	53½
Lake Erie & W.	42½	Laclede Gas	92½
do pfd	113	National Biscuit	46½
L. & N.	122½	National Lead	27⅜
Manhattan L.	141⅛	No. American	106½
Met. St. Ry.	138⅝	Pacific Coast	65
Mex. Central	26⅞	Pacific Mail	38½
Mex. National	18⅝	People's Gas	102⅝
Minn. & St. L.	103½	Pressed S. Car	61½
Mo. Pacific	110⅛	do pfd	92½
M. K. & T.	26⅛	Pullman P. Car	220
do pfd	[illegible]	Republic Steel	20⅜
N. J. Central	178	do pfd	78
N. Y. Central	133¼	Sugar	126½
Norfolk & W.	72⅛	Tenn. Coal & Iron	67⅝
do pfd	90	Union Bag & P.	12⅝
Ontario & W.	31⅛	do pfd	78
Pennsylvania	144⅝	U. S. Leather	12⅝
Reading	61⅛	do pfd	91
do 1st pfd	84	U. S. Rubber	16⅛
do 2d pfd	72½	do pfd	52
St. L. & S. F.	52⅝	U. S. Steel	37⅛
do 1st pfd	[illegible]	do pfd	87⅝
do 2d pfd	73½	Western Union	85½
St. L. S. W.	25¼	Amer. Locomotive	27
do pfd	55⅞	do pfd	93⅜
St. Paul	171¼	K. C. Southern	22
do pfd	189	do pfd	46⅛
So. Pacific	64⅛	Rock Island	47⅛
So. Railway	33⅝	do pfd	73
do pfd	95⅛		

Bank Clearings.

CHICAGO, March 20.—Clearings, $25,822,326; balances, $2,005,702; New York exchange, 10c premium; foreign exchange, unchanged; sterling posted at $4.85 for sixty days and at $4.88 for demand.

NEW YORK, March 20.—Clearings, $231,729,769; balances, $6,674,520.

BOSTON, March 20.—Clearings, $19,988,887; balances, $1,219,493.

PHILADELPHIA, March 20.—Clearings, $18,698,982; balances, $2,480,148; money, 5 per cent.

BALTIMORE, March 20.—Clearings, $3,662,689; balances, $508,914; money, 6 per cent.

ST. LOUIS, March 20.—Clearings, $8,399,495; balances, $647,642; money, steady at 5@6 per cent; New York exchange, 20c premium.

CINCINNATI, March 20.—Clearings, $3,319,200; money, 4½@6 per cent; New York exchange, 10@15c premium.

WEEKLY BANK CLEARINGS.

Summary of Business Transacted by the Associated Banks.

NEW YORK, March 20.—The following table, compiled by Bradstreet, shows the bank clearings at the principal cities for the week ended March 19, with the percentage of increase and decrease as compared with the corresponding week last year:

CITIES.	Clearings.	Inc.	Dec.
*New York	$1,358,118,417		3.4
*Chicago	165,658,102	2.8	
*Boston	130,493,785	.2	
*Philadelphia	108,070,509		1.5
*St. Louis	45,794,641		7.0
Pittsburg	50,418,415	28.0	
*San Francisco	31,827,027	29.0	
*Baltimore	21,951,150	1.9	
Cincinnati	21,603,200	7.1	
*Kansas City	17,909,156	4.9	
Cleveland	16,757,283	31.0	
*Minneapolis	12,011,912	3.6	
New Orleans	13,030,271	13.1	
Detroit	9,696,008	2.2	
*Louisville	10,517,418	19.0	
OMAHA	7,984,974	6.9	
*Milwaukee	7,152,056	11.8	
*Providence	7,039,000	14.8	
*Buffalo	5,559,018	11.5	
*St. Paul	5,665,315	19.6	
Indianapolis	5,315,154	29.0	
Los Angeles	6,279,527		
*St. Joseph	6,507,002	16.5	
Denver	4,003,629		7.6
Richmond	3,852,711		15.1
Columbus	3,876,900	11.2	
Seattle	4,174,451	37.1	
Washington	3,919,577	5.0	
*Savannah	3,794,229	59.4	
Memphis	3,972,241	8.1	
Albany	2,893,489		3.2
Salt Lake City	2,795,802		13.0
*Portland, Ore.	3,609,475	26.8	
*Toledo	2,855,402	20.5	
Fort Worth	3,080,831	2.8	
Peoria	2,530,033		22.4
Hartford	2,527,643		
Rochester	2,280,843		
Atlanta	2,861,865	26.3	
Des Moines	2,547,307	21.6	
New Haven	1,639,823	8.6	
Nashville	2,205,426	31.1	
Spokane, Wash.	2,128,134	39.0	
Grand Rapids	1,763,550	17.2	
Sioux City	1,462,134	5.4	
Springfield, Mass.	1,491,575	6.4	
Norfolk	1,622,530	17.9	
Dayton	1,712,164	27.3	
Tacoma	2,069,688	69.3	
Worcester	1,554,206		
Augusta, Ga.	1,695,017	58.9	
Portland, Me.	1,398,763	19.5	
Scranton	1,430,473		5.6
Topeka	1,298,038	6.1	
Syracuse	1,237,709	12.7	
Evansville	1,170,069	32.5	
Wilmington, Del.	1,100,401	8.3	
Birmingham	1,241,341	30.2	
Davenport	801,556		16.3
Fall River	958,903		3.7
Little Rock	872,316	6.2	
Knoxville	1,076,345	65.7	
Macon	781,000	14.5	
Wilkesbarre	890,622	11.1	
Akron	726,600	16.3	
Springfield, Ill.	676,561	9.1	
Wheeling, W. Va.	684,538		11.6
Wichita	825,169	42.7	
Youngstown	627,913		4.1
Helena	403,719		17.2
Lexington	677,753		9.7
Chattanooga	703,188	28.0	
Lowell	505,464		
New Bedford	561,096	43.5	
Kalamazoo	627,176	43.4	
Fargo, N. D.	417,646	19.4	
Canton, O.	530,000	15.7	
Jacksonville, Fla.	385,241		5.1
Greensburg, Pa.	438,284		
Rockford, Ill.	469,793		4.6
Springfield, O.	439,066	10.6	
Binghamton	382,600	13.0	
Chester, Pa.	390,049	9.7	
Bloomington, Ill.	382,819	29.4	
Quincy, Ill.	443,619		3.6
Sioux Falls, S. D.	363,746	5.6	
Mansfield, O.	180,913		
Jacksonville, Ill.	269,201	61.0	
Fremont, Neb.	162,233	30.6	
†Utica	2,303,333		
§Decatur, Ill.	252,540	7.6	
†Houston	12,398,900		1.7
†Galveston	8,980,060	6.4	
Charleston	1,172,819		
Totals, U. S.	$2,165,759,079		.8
Outside New York	207,640,662	6.27	

CANADA.

	Clearings.	Inc.	Dec.
Montreal	$23,109,831	24.1	
Toronto	17,158,604	15.4	
Winnipeg	3,598,397	58.0	
Halifax	2,017,391	18.1	
Ottawa	1,482,996		37.6
Vancouver, B. C.	1,068,659	21.7	
Quebec	1,336,154	10.4	
Hamilton	946,027	18.1	
St. John, N. B.	856,361	25.5	
Victoria, B. C.	594,341	28.8	
§London	906,382		
Totals, Canada	$51,748,561	19.7	

*Balances paid in cash. †Not included in totals because containing other items than clearings. §Not included in totals because of no comparison for last year.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, March 20.—MONEY—On call rather easier at 4@6 per cent, closing offered at 5c; time money, easier, with sixty and ninety days at 5½@5¾ per cent and six months at 5@5½ per cent; prime mercantile paper, 6 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.8720@4.8725 for demand and at $4.84@4.8410 for sixty days, posted rates, $4.85 and $4.88; commercial bills, $4.83½@4.83¾.

SILVER—Bar, 48½c; Mexican dollars, 38½c.

BONDS—Government, strong; state, inactive; railroad, firm.

The closing quotations on bonds are as follows:

U. S. ref. 2s, reg.	107	L. & N. uni. 4s	99⅝
do coupon	107⅝	Mex. Central 4s	77
do 3s, reg.	107¼	do 1s inc.	26⅛
do coupon	108	**Minn. & St. L. 4s	104⅛
do new 4s, reg.	135¼	M., K. & T. 4s	99⅛
do coupon	134½	do 2s	80⅛
do old 4s, reg.	109½	N. Y. C. gen. 3½s	105⅝
do coupon	109½	N. J. C. gen. 5s	131
do 5s, reg.	103¾	No. Pacific 4s	102⅞
do coupon	103¼	do 3s	73⅛
Atchison gen. 4s	102	N. & W. con. 4s	100⅛
do adj. 4s	90⅝	Reading gen. 4s	97
Bal. & Ohio 4s	101⅝	St. L. & I. M. c. 5s	114
do 3½s	92⅝	St. L. & S. F. 4s	88⅛
*do conv. 4s	101½	*St. L. S. W. 1s	96
*Canada So. 2s	106¼	*do 2s	81⅛
Central of Ga. 5s	107	S. A. & A. P. 4s	83⅛
*do 1s inc	76½	So. Pacific 4s	89⅛
Ches. & Ohio 4½s	108⅝	*So. Railway 5s	116
*Chicago & A. 3½s	78½	*Texas & Pacific 1s	115
C., B. & Q. n. 4s	93¼	T., St. L. & W. 4s	78
C., M. & St. P. g. 4s	110⅝	Union Pacific 4s	102⅞
C. & N. W. con. 7s	131⅞	do conv. 4s	103⅞
C., R. I. & P. 4s	105	Wabash 1s	116⅛
C. C. C. & St. L. g. 4s	100¼	do 2s	106
Chicago Ter. 4s	83	do deb. B	77⅛
Colorado So. 4s	89½	West Shore 4s	110⅛
Denver & R. G. 4s	98⅝	*Wheel. & L. E. 4s	90
*Erie prior lien 4s	97	Wis. Central 4s	91⅛
**do general 4s	86	Con. Tobacco 4s	63⅛
*F. W. & D. C. 1s	110	Colo. Fuel con. 5s	88
**Hocking Val. 4½s	106½		

*Bid. **Offered.

Boston Stocks and Bonds.

BOSTON, March 20.—Call loans, 5½@6 per cent; time loans, 5@6 per cent. Official closing of stocks and bonds:

Atchison 4s	100	Amalgamated	72½
Mex. Central 4s	78	Bingham	24⅝
Atchison	84	Calumet & Hecla	550
do pfd	98	Centennial	28¼
Boston & Albany	258	Copper Range	70¼
Boston & Me	186⅛	*Dominion Coal	117
Boston Elevated	147	Franklin	11
N. Y., N. H. & H.	211	Isle Royale	13
Fitchburg pfd	140	Mohawk	56
Union Pacific	94⅝	Old Dominion	20⅛
American Sugar	126⅝	Osceola	71⅛
do pfd	120½	Parrot	32¼
American T. & T.	164	Quincy	120
Dominion I. & S.	55⅛	Santa Fe Copper	2⅝
Gen. Electric	195⅛	Tamarack	182
Mass. Electric	30¼	Trinity	11¼
United Fruit	106½	United States	25⅝
U. S. Steel	37⅛	Utah	29¼
do pfd	87⅝	Victoria	7⅛
Westingh. Common	*72	Winona	12⅝
Adventure	11½	Wolverine	73
Allouez	7⅝		

*Ex-dividend.

Whisky Market.

CHICAGO, March 20.—WHISKY—Steady, $1.30.

ST. LOUIS, March 20.—WHISKY—Steady, $1.30.

CINCINNATI, March 20.—WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, quiet on basis of $1.30.

PEORIA, March 20.—WHISKY—$1.30 for finished goods.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, March 20.—WHEAT—Steady; No. 1 northern, 78@78½c; No. 2 northern, 77@77½c; May, 74@74⅛c, bid.

RYE—Steady; No. 1, 51½@53c.

BARLEY—Steady; No. 2, 60c; sample, 41@56c.

CORN—May, 44⅛c.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET

Cattle Receipts Moderate and Prices Held Generally Steady.

HOGS ADVANCED ANOTHER DIME

Sheep and Lambs in Active Demand at Good, Steady Prices and as Receipts Were Small Everything Sold Early.

SOUTH OMAHA, March 20.

Receipts were:	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Official Monday	3,086	4,167	10,600
Official Tuesday	4,100	5,441	7,893
Official Wednesday	4,925	6,267	5,586
Official Thursday	4,235	4,111	2,017
Official Friday	1,865	3,828	5,692
Five days this week	18,211	24,120	31,594
Same days last week	17,155	33,932	25,631
Same week before	18,530	32,490	33,689
Same three weeks ago	20,011	47,694	39,337
Same four weeks ago	18,436	41,064	27,330
Same days last year	14,340	39,601	26,899

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:

	1903.	1902.	Inc.	Dec.
Cattle	207,006	178,239	28,767	.....
Hogs	504,622	610,703	.....	106,181
Sheep	302,804	200,188	102,616	.....

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

Date.	1903.	1902.	1901.	1900.	1899.	1898.	1897.
March 1	*	6 01	5 22	4 68	3 51	3 48	3 50
March 2	6 93¾	*	5 28	4 66	3 52	3 85	3 47
March 3	7 02⅝	5 73	*	4 62	3 59	3 73	3 50
March 4	7 01½	6 07	5 32	*	3 62	3 87	3 48
March 5	7 11½	5 97	5 36	4 74	*	3 82	3 50
March 6	7 05¾	5 99	5 34	4 70	3 54	*	3 65
March 7	7 15⅛	7 10	5 37	4 71	4 60	3 89	*
March 8	*	6 06	5 39	4 72	3 64	3 76	3 67
March 9	7 14½	*	5 41	4 71	3 58	3 76	3 60
March 10	7 25	5 97	*	4 73	3 53	3 80	3 65
March 11	7 29¾	6 09	5 40	*	3 59	3 79	3 64
March 12	7 13½	6 18	5 42	4 78	*	3 74	3 70
March 13	7 28¾	6 20	5 45	4 79	3 60	*	3 78
March 14	7 28¼	6 13	5 55	4 75	3 63	3 69	*
March 15	*	6 11	5 56	4 79	3 59	3 68	3 81
March 16	7 19¾	*	5 56	4 85	3 65	3 70	3 87
March 17	7 10⅝	6 15	*	4 94	3 65	3 71	3 91
March 18	7 05⅝	6 21	5 55	*	3 58	3 73	3 85
March 19	7 19⅛	6 22	5 61	4 89	*	3 75	3 94
March 20	7 33	6 17	5 71	4 86	3 58	*	4 00

* Indicates Sunday.

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

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
C., M. & St. P.	5	11	..
Wabash	1	3	..
Missouri Pacific	1	1	..
Union Pacific system	3	4	4
C. & N. W.	2	3	..
F., E. & M. V.	18	11	3
C., St. P., M. & O.	33	7	..
B. & M.	15	9	6
C., B. & Q.	5	2	..
C., R. I. & P., east	2	3	..
Illinois Central	..	1	..
Total receipts	86	55	13

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

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Omaha Packing Co.	202	488	....
Swift and Company	469	969	545
Armour & Co.	443	1,028	1,709
Cudahy Packing Co.	451	1,070	400
Armour, from Sioux City	98	477	....
Carey & Co.	12	....	....
Lobman & Co.	5	....	....
Hill & Huntzinger	11	....	....
Livingstone & Shaller	12	....	....
Lee Rothschild	17	....	....
L. F. Huss	77	....	....
Dennis & Co.	21	....	....
Wertheimer	142	....	....
Other buyers	120	....	....
Totals	2,020	4,032	3,014

CATTLE—Receipts of cattle were not as heavy as they were yesterday, but there was a fair run for a Friday. The demand, though, was in good shape, so that prices held fully steady with yesterday on desirable grades. Trading was quite brisk and an early clearance was made.

Buyers took hold of the beef steers in good shape and the market was active and firm on practically all kinds. As high as $5.35 was paid for a prime load of sixteen head averaging 1,583 pounds. This is the highest price of the year for a full load of cattle and were bought for exporting. There was not a very large supply of beef steers on sale, so that practically everything was disposed of in good season.

The cow market opened fairly active and just about steady. Along toward the close, however, trading was not quite as brisk and some salesmen found it a little hard to get steady prices on the close. In most cases, though, there was not enough change from yesterday to be worthy of mention. The demand seemed to be better for the good grades today than for the canners and cutters.

Bulls, veal calves and stags sold without much trouble in just about yesterday's notches.

There were scarcely enough stockers and feeders in the yards this morning to make a market. The few that arrived, though, sold readily at steady prices if the quality was at all satisfactory, in spite of the fact that the end of the week is at hand. The demand from the country this week has been quite satisfactory, so that speculators have not been obliged to carry over many cattle from day to day. Representative sales:

BEEF STEERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	760	3 45	7	1187	4 40
2	665	3 60	13	1126	4 40
1	740	3 75	13	1031	4 40
1	1000	4 00	29	1033	4 40
1	830	4 00	19	1070	4 40
1	850	4 00	13	1049	4 40
1	920	4 00	23	1102	4 45
1	1220	4 00	1	1310	4 45
2	730	4 00	12	1288	4 45
6	865	4 10	6	1141	4 45
10	1064	4 20	23	1123	4 50
3	745	4 20	22	1086	4 50
1	1075	4 20	1	1430	4 50
1	1210	4 25	1	1330	4 50
1	1020	4 25	5	1147	4 50
14	1085	4 25	18	1058	4 50
1	800	4 25	19	1245	4 50
1	950	4 25	42	1212	4 55
11	894	4 30	23	1181	4 55
22	1030	4 30	7	1160	4 55
11	1003	4 30	70	1238	4 55
75	1133	4 30	2	1360	4 60
2	1320	4 30	21	1259	4 60
13	929	4 30	25	1212	4 60
19	925	4 30	13	1243	4 60
1	950	4 30	14	1202	4 65
28	1044	4 35	18	1391	4 65
13	1084	4 35	22	1070	4 70
17	1108	4 35	21	1231	4 75
20	1042	4 35	18	1408	4 75
19	1114	4 35	36	1327	4 70
2	960	4 35	20	1302	4 70
14	1045	4 35	16	1583	5 35

STEERS AND HEIFERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
17	797	4 15	14	1138	4 55

STEERS AND COWS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
18	1061	4 20	20	850	4 25
12	1008	4 20			

COWS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	740	2 00	1	970	2 35
1	810	2 25	1	900	2 25
1	840	2 25	2	1095	2 25
1	855	2 40	1	930	2 35
1	800	2 50	2	1185	2 35
1	900	2 50	2	1300	2 40
1	840	2 50	1	1176	2 40
1	742	2 50	1	1050	2 40
1	770	2 50	1	1088	2 40
1	870	2 55	1	1005	2 45
1	993	2 60	1	1077	2 45
1	910	2 60	11	1204	2 50
4	767	2 60	14	1320	2 50
1	1080	2 75	22	1135	2 50
1	950	2 75	1	810	2 50
1	930	2 75	1	1013	2 55
1	985	2 75	1	1166	2 60
1	870	2 75	4	1007	2 60
1	850	2 75	10	1117	2 70
5	884	2 75	1	1112	2 70
1	1115	2 75	6	1237	2 70
1	875	2 80	7	1141	2 70
1	850	2 80	1	1135	3 55
1	870	2 80	1	1080	3 65
1	764	2 85	13	1092	3 75
1	1030	2 90	1	1035	3 75
1	1080	2 90	1	1265	3 75
1	1080	2 90	1	1310	3 75
1	1020	3 00	1	1123	3 75
1	1270	3 00	2	1081	3 75
1	1100	3 00	5	1090	3 80
1	1100	3 00	10	1000	3 80
1	800	3 00	1	1103	3 80
1	1130	3 00	4	822	3 85
1	1011	3 00	21	1127	3 85
1	950	3 00	1	1060	3 85
1	930	3 10	1	1225	3 90
1	1085	3 10	1	1100	4 00
1	1100	3 20	1	1122	4 00
1	930	3 20	1	1213	4 00
1	1260	3 25	1	1257	4 00
1	850	3 15	1	1232	4 00
1	1060	3 25	4	1430	4 00
1	1065	3 25	1	1125	4 00
1	970	3 25			

STOCK COWS AND HEIFERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	980	2 75	13	447	2 90
6	790	2 75	4	982	3 50

STOCK CALVES.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
4	270	3 25	1	391	3 40
1	130	3 25	1	330	4 00

HEIFERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	540	2 60	11	810	3 50
1	545	2 90	2	775	3 55
1	600	2 90	2	826	3 65
1	701	2 90	1	440	3 75
1	522	3 05	4	862	3 85
1	470	3 15	1	1000	4 00
1	810	3 25	1	985	4 00
1	730	3 25			

BULLS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	780	2 60	1	1550	3 30
1	1350	2 75	1	1420	3 30
1	1410	2 75	1	1440	3 30
1	1160	2 75	1	1740	3 30
1	1560	2 80	1	1530	3 35
1	1324	3 00	1	1440	3 35
1	1520	3 00	1	1180	3 35
1	1670	3 00	1	1400	3 40
1	1300	3 00	1	1780	3 40
1	1470	3 00	1	1410	3 40
1	1690	3 00	1	1880	3 45
1	1580	3 15	1	1550	3 45
1	[illegible]	3 15	1	1430	3 50
1	1620	3 20	1	1710	3 50
2	1275	3 20	1	1770	3 60
1	1150	3 25	1	2050	3 60
1	950	3 25	1	1550	3 60
1	1260	3 25	1	1650	3 50
1	1830	3 25	1	1690	3 60

CALVES.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
2	120	5 50	1	150	6 00
2	190	6 00	1	130	6 25
1	129	6 00	1	150	6 50

STAGS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	1150	2 50	1	1370	3 00

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
11	657	3 10	1	760	4 00
1	960	3 85	2	740	4 00
3	722	3 40	1	840	4 00
1	560	3 10	6	411	4 15
2	515	3 25	1	840	4 15
2	727	3 50	9	864	4 20
1	570	3 25	5	868	4 20
1	790	3 50	2	806	4 25
1	770	3 60	2	573	4 25
1	460	3 75	9	421	4 25
9	966	3 75	5	783	4 25
12	673	3 80	18	991	4 35
22	518	4 00			

HOGS—There was a very light run of hogs here this morning, owing probably to the bad condition of the country roads. The local demand was brisk and reports from other points were favorable to the selling interests, so that prices improved. The advance amounted to just about a dime. Trading was not very active, as salesmen were holding their droves at pretty high prices and packers were not willing to give over a dime advance. The limited supplies, though, soon brought the market to a close. The bulk of the good heavy hogs sold largely from $7.30 to $7.35 and as high as $7.40 was paid. Medium weights went largely from $7.25 to $7.30 and the lighter weights from $7.25 down.

Today's advance carries the market to the highest point of the year. Representative sales:

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
47	251	...	7 20	12	382	...	7 35
49	218	...	7 25	71	301	...	7 35
72	199	40	7 25	63	259	...	7 35
77	210	...	7 25	75	286	...	7 35
66	208	80	7 25	40	280	...	7 35
63	220	...	7 30	63	240	...	7 35
63	240	120	7 30	47	272	160	7 35
78	238	40	7 30	24	298	80	7 35
85	223	...	7 30	74	255	40	7 35
72	276	...	7 30	66	263	40	7 35
73	234	...	7 30	68	256	40	7 35
67	234	...	7 30	74	251	...	7 35
39	241	40	7 30	64	234	...	7 35
64	259	...	7 30	72	257	...	7 35
41	264	...	7 32½	47	232	40	7 35
112	244	80	7 32½	74	275	...	7 35
81	225	...	7 32½	77	230	...	7 35
73	236	...	7 32½	54	263	40	7 35
82	227	...	7 32½	65	265	40	7 35
86	234	...	7 32½	53	271	...	7 35
72	243	120	7 32½	67	263	...	7 37½
80	235	...	7 32½	61	303	80	7 40
63	230	...	7 32½	28	304	...	7 40
22	280	...	7 35	61	275	...	7 40
58	272	80	7 35	81	291	80	7 40
54	261	80	7 35	40	289	...	7 40
12	254	...	7 35				

SHEEP—Receipts were fairly liberal this morning for the last end of the week, but the demand was fully equal to the occasion and the market ruled active and strong on all desirable grades. In some places sales looked a little higher than the prices that have been paid of late. A bunch of clipped yearlings and wethers mixed sold at $6.00, which was pronounced a good strong price. It was very evident that packers were hungry for good stuff, so that everything answering to that description was soon disposed of.

The market has been in very satisfactory condition all the week, and the tendency of prices has been upward, particularly on the better grades. Each day's offerings have changed hands about as rapidly as unloaded, and the prices received have been very satisfactory to the selling interests.

Quotations: Choice western lambs, $6.50@6.75; fair to good lambs, $5.50@6.25; choice Colorado lambs, $6.75@7.15; choice lightweight yearlings, $6.00@6.25; choice heavy yearlings, $5.50@5.75; fair to good yearlings, $5.00@5.50; choice wethers, $5.50@5.75; fair to good, $5.00@5.50; choice ewes, $5.00@5.25; fair to good ewes, $4.25@4.75; feeder lambs, $4.75@5.25; feeder yearlings, $4.25@4.75; feeder wethers, $4.00@4.65; feeder ewes, $3.00@3.50. Representative sales:

No.		Av.	Pr.
461	western ewes	104	5 15
384	western ewes	107	5 30
38	cull lambs	56	5 50
251	western lambs	68	6 35
563	western lambs	66	6 60
1	buck	120	5 00
353	shorn ewes	64	5 30
542	shorn sheep and yearlings	78	6 00
10	western cull ewes	70	3 25
40	western cull ewes	86	3 25
371	western ewes	90	5 15

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Cattle and Sheep Are Steady, While Hogs Go Higher.

CHICAGO, March 20.—CATTLE—Receipts, 1,500 head; market steady; good to prime steers, nominal, $5.10@5.70; poor to medium, $3.75@4.75; stockers and feeders, $2.75@4.85; cows, $1.50@4.60; heifers, $2.25@4.75; canners, $1.50@2.75; bulls, $2.25@4.25; calves, $3.00@7.00; Texas fed steers, $4.00@4.50.

HOGS—Receipts, 10,000 head; estimated tomorrow, 10,000; left over, 2,500; market 10@15c higher; mixed and butchers, $7.25@7.45; good to choice heavy, $7.55@7.65; rough heavy, $7.25@7.50; light, $6.95@7.35; bulk of sales, $7.25@7.50.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 3,000 head; market steady; good to choice wethers, $5.40@6.25; fair to choice mixed, $4.50@5.40; western sheep, $5.25@6.25; native lambs, $5.25@5.50; western lambs, $5.50@7.50.

Official yesterday:

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Cattle	8,163	4,757
Hogs	17,235	4,492
Sheep	10,350	3,179

Kansas City Live Stock Market.

KANSAS CITY, March 20.—CATTLE—Receipts, 1,200 natives, 200 Texans and 130 calves, mostly natives; beef steers 10c lower than early yesterday; quarantine stuff steady; cows steady to 10c lower; stockers and feeders slow; choice export and dressed beef steers, $4.50@5.20; fair to good, $4.00@4.50; stockers and feeders, $3.00@4.60; western fed steers, $3.00@3.50; Texas and Indian steers, $3.75@4.55; Texas cows, $2.25@3.15; native cows, $1.50@4.25; native heifers, $2.40@4.35; canners, $2.00@2.25; bulls, $2.75@4.25; calves, $1.75@7.00.

HOGS—Receipts, 3,700 head; market 10@15c higher and active; top, $7.45; bulk of sales, $7.25@7.40; heavy, $7.30@7.45; mixed packers, $7.15@7.40; light, $7.00@7.25; yorkers, $7.20@7.25; pigs, $6.50@6.90.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 2,000 head; sheep steady; lambs strong; native lambs, $4.00@7.00; western lambs, $4.50@7.00; fed ewes, $3.40@6.00; native wethers, $3.80@5.90; western wethers, $3.70@5.90; stockers and feeders, $2.95@4.10.

New York Live Stock Market.

NEW YORK, March 20.—BEEVES—Receipts, 3,755 head. Steers steady to strong; fat bulls, 15@25c higher; others steady; fat cows, strong; others steady. Steers, $4.75@5.65; tops, $5.85; bulls, $3.65@4.50; cows, $1.50@3.90. Cables unchanged. Exports tomorrow, 1,594 cattle and 6,150 quarters of beef.

CALVES—Receipts, 159 head; veals steady to strong at $5.00@9.25. City dressed veals easy at 10@14c per pound; general sales, 11@13½c.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 3,906 head; sheep steady for tops; others slow and weak; three cars unsold. Sheep, $4.25@6.50; lambs, $6.50@8.15; spring lambs, 5@8c per head.

HOGS—Receipts, 2,754 head; higher; Pennsylvania and state hogs, $7.75@7.90; mixed western, nominal.

St. Louis Live Stock Market.

ST. LOUIS, March 20.—CATTLE—Receipts, 800 head, including 400 Texans; market steady to strong; native shipping and export steers, $4.70@5.20, with strictly fancy quoted up to $5.75; dressed beef and butcher steers, $4.00@5.00; steers under 1,000 lbs., $3.50@4.25; stockers and feeders, $2.40@4.40; cows and heifers, $2.25@4.50; canners, $2.25@3.00; bulls, $2.50@4.00; calves, $3.50@7.50; Texas and Indian steers, $3.75@4.45; cows and heifers, $2.20@3.20.

HOGS—Receipts, 3,500 head; market 5@10c higher; pigs and lights, $6.85@7.20; packers, $7.10@7.35; butchers, $7.20@7.55.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 1,500 head; market firm; native muttons, $3.50@5.80; lambs, $5.00@7.00; culls and bucks, $2.00@4.50; stockers, $1.50@3.00; Texans, $3.50@4.50.

St. Joseph Live Stock Market.

ST. JOSEPH, March 20.—CATTLE—Receipts, 746 head; active, mostly strong to 10c higher; stock cattle 25@40c lower than late last week; natives, $3.85@5.45; cows and heifers, $2.25@4.40; yearlings and calves, $2.85@4.35; stockers and feeders, $3.25@4.50.

HOGS—Receipts, 3,014 head; market 10@15c higher; pigs 10c higher; light and light mixed, $7.10@7.35.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 1,156 head; steady to strong; top Colorado lambs, $7.10.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

SIOUX CITY, March 20.—(Special Telegram.)—CATTLE—Receipts, 700 head; strong; beeves, $4.00@6.00; cows, bulls and mixed, $2.00@4.25; stockers and feeders, $3.50@4.60; calves and yearlings, $3.00@4.30.

HOGS—Receipts, 1,000 head; 10@15c higher, selling at $7.10@7.40; bulk, $7.15@7.35.

Stock in Sight.

Following were the receipts of live stock at the six principal western cities yesterday:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Omaha	1,865	3,528	2,692
Chicago	1,500	10,000	3,000
Kansas City	1,200	3,700	2,000
St. Louis	800	3,500	1,500
St. Joseph	746	3,014	1,156
Sioux City	700	1,000	....
Totals	6,811	24,742	10,348

Evaporated Apples and Dried Fruits.

NEW YORK, March 20.—EVAPORATED APPLES—Shows no improvement in point of demand, but offerings are not pressing and attractive fruit is steadily held. Common are quoted at 4@6c; prime at 5¼@5½c; choice at 5½@6½c; fancy at 7@7½c.

CALIFORNIA DRIED FRUITS—While prunes are perhaps a shade more active, prices are easy and slightly lower. Quotations range from 3 to 7½c for all grades. Apricots continue in fair demand and are steady to firm at 7½@10½c in boxes, and 7½@10c in bags. Peaches are dull and easy, but unchanged at 12@18c for peeled and 6@10c for unpeeled.

Cotton Market.

NEW ORLEANS, March 20.—COTTON—Steady; sales, 5,050 bales; ordinary, 7⅛c; good ordinary, 8⅝c; low middling, 9 3-16c; middling, 9⅝c; good middling, 10 3-16c; middling fair, 10⅝c. Receipts, 2,156 bales; stock, 257,464 bales. Futures, quiet; March, 9.80c asked; April, 9.79@9.81c; May, 9.80@9.81c; June, 9.84@9.86c; July, 8.86@9.87c; August, 9.64@9.66c; September, 8.96@8.98c; October, 8.53@8.54c; November, 8.40@8.42c; December, 8.40@8.41c.

NEW YORK, March 20.—COTTON—Opened steady at a decline of 2 points to an advance of 2, and immediately following the call developed considerable firmness, notwithstanding the Liverpool cables, which, due to come two to five points higher, were but ⅛ to 3 higher at the time of the New York opening. The early firmness was the result of renewed covering by shorts and some buying for the long account based on the continued flood reports and moderate estimates for the day's receipts. Under these influences the market advanced 1 to 4 points from the opening, but this proved the high point of the day. Reports that about 30,000 bales of spot cotton were pointing to New York, presumably for March delivery, caused nervousness among the smaller longs. A realizing movement set in, longs evidently thinking it wise to secure profits. In addition to this there was considerable selling for the short account on the larger movement into sight than expected. Exports were small. The market closed steady, net 4 to 12 points lower, that level being within 1 to 2 points of the lowest. Sales of futures estimated at 300,000 bales.

ST. LOUIS, March 20.—COTTON—Steady; middling, 9 13-16c; sales, 520 bales; receipts, 1,715 bales; shipments, 2,004 bales; stock, 22,321 bales.

LIVERPOOL, March 20.—COTTON—Spot, moderate business done; prices 6 points higher; American middling, fair, 5.94; good middling, 5.56; middling, 5.40; low middling, 5.26; good ordinary, 5.14; ordinary, 5.02. The sales of the day were 7,000 bales, of which 500 bales were for speculation and export and included 6,300 American. Receipts, 26,000 bales, including 24,000 American. Futures opened firm and closed quiet and steady. American middling, g. o. c., March, 5.23@5.24; March-April, 5.23@5.24; April-May, 5.24@5.25; May-June, 5.26@5.27; June-July, 5.25@5.27; July-August, 5.26; August-September, 5.18; September-October, 4.87@4.88; October-November, 4.67@4.68; November-December, 4.62@4.63.

Wool Market.

BOSTON, March 20.—WOOL—The Commercial Bulletin will say of the wool market in tomorrow's issue: The market is rather more active. Prices have weakened on medium wools, with freer sales in consequence. In scoured pulled wools, notably B supers at 40c for choice, have sold very freely. Missouri ¼-blood combing has been offered delivered in Boston as low as 22c this week. Choice Ohio wool of this grade has been sold at 23½c. New South American cross-breds are arriving and selling at 27c for ¼-blood, costing 1@2c less than the scoured pound than domestic wool of the same grade. The imports to the United States are not over 12,000 bales, barely a third of last year's imports. The attendance of the buyers in Boston this week is the largest in months. New clip Arizona wool has been opened in Boston at 48c clean for fine medium. The shipments of wool from Boston to date from December 21, 1902, are 39,585,192 lbs., against 58,621,509 at the same date last year. The receipts to date are 46,345,678 lbs., against 49,686,233 for the same period last year.

ST. LOUIS, March 20.—WOOL—Slow and quiet; medium grades and combing, 16@20½c; light fine, 15@18c; heavy fine, 11@14c; tub washed, 19@29c.

NEW YORK, March 20.—WOOL—Firm.

LONDON, March 20.—WOOL—The offerings at the auction sales today numbered 12,619 bales. Competition was spirited and prices were firm. A few lots of heavy Cape of Good Hope and Natal were bought in. Superfine merinos showed an advance of 7½d. Medium merinos were in demand for the continent. Faulty grades were irregular. Superior scoureds sold solidly and cross-breds were taken by home and French buyers. Following are the sales in detail: New South Wales, 21,000 bales; scoured, 10d@1s 9d; greasy, 7½d@1s 4d. Victoria, 900 bales; scoured, 5⅝d@1s 8½d; greasy, 7¼d@1s 3½d. South Australia, 100 bales; scoured, 1s 5½d; greasy, 7@11d. West Australia, 1,500 bales; scoured, 10d@1s 4½d; greasy, 4d@1s. New Zealand, 5,700 bales; scoured, 6¾d@1s 8½d; greasy, 4½d@1s ½d. Cape of Good Hope and Natal, 300 bales; greasy, 7@9½d. Punta Arenas, 100 bales; greasy, 6¼@7d. Buenos Ayres, 100 bales; greasy, 4⅝@6¼d.

Oil and Rosin.

OIL CITY, Pa., March 20.—OIL—Credit balances, $1.50; certificates, no bid; shipments, Pennsylvania, 84,247 bbls.; average, 88,306 bbls.; runs, 101,383 bbls.; average, 79,731 bbls.; shipments Lima, 74,562 bbls.; average, 62,840 bbls.; runs, 71,521 bbls.; average, 52,800 bbls.

SAVANNAH, Ga., March 20.—OIL—Turpentine, firm, 65c. Rosin, firm; A, B, C, D, E, $2.05; F, $2.10; G, $2.20; H, $2.40; I, $2.85; K, $3.20; M, $3.40; N, $3.60; WG, $3.85; WW, $4.25.

NEW YORK, March 20.—OIL—Cottonseed, steady. Turpentine, quiet. Rosin, firm; strained, common to good, $2.30.

TOLEDO, O., March 20.—OIL—No change.

LONDON, March 20.—OIL—Calcutta linseed, spot, 44s 3d. Petroleum, American refined, 5¼d.

LIVERPOOL, March 20.—OIL—Turpentine spirits, firm, 45s. Cottonseed, Hull refined, spot steady, 21s 9d.

London Stock Market.

LONDON, March 20.—Closing quotations:

Consols for money	91 3-16	New York Central	141
do account	91 5-16	Norfolk & Western	74⅞
Anaconda	6⅛	do pfd	92
Atchison	85⅞	Ontario & Western	32⅛
do pfd	100½	Pennsylvania	73½
Baltimore & Ohio	87½	Rand Mines	11
Canadian Pacific	134⅝	Reading	31⅝
Chesapeake & Ohio	48½	do 1st pfd	43½
Chicago G. W.	25	do 2d pfd	37½
C., M. & St. P.	175	Southern Railway	34⅝
DeBeers	22⅝	do pfd	97
Denver & R. G.	38⅞	Southern Pacific	65⅝
do pfd	89½	Union Pacific	96⅞
Erie	37½	do pfd	93½
do 1st pfd	69½	United States Steel	38
do 2d pfd	56½	do pfd	89½
Illinois Central	145	Wabash	29
Louisville & Nash	127	do pfd	61½
Missouri, K. & T.	27		

BAR SILVER—Steady at 22⅝d per ounce.

MONEY—3½@4 per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 3 11-16@3¾ per cent and for three months bills is 3¾@3 11-16 per cent.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, March 20.—COFFEE—Spot market quiet. Futures opened steady under important cables and primary advices, and during most of the session ruled quiet. Toward the finish trading became more active, under offerings by importers and selling encouraged by smaller warehouse deliveries, which, in the absence of demand, closed the market barely steady, net 5 points lower. Sales were 33,750 bags, including March at 4.20c; May, 4.30@4.35c; July, 4.50@4.55c; September, 4.65@4.70c; October, 4.70@4.75c; November, 4.80c; December, 5.00@5.05c; June, 5.10c.

Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, March 20.—DRY GOODS—Slow and uneventful, but sellers show no inclination to make concessions nor to agree to any offers of buyers that are under the market. Jobbers are doing only a moderate business, with nearby retail trade, but reports from the country are that retail trade is increasing most favorably.

MANCHESTER, March 20.—DRY GOODS—Cloths, dull and inactive. Yarns, firm, but not active.

New York Mining Stocks.

NEW YORK, March 20.—The following are the quotations on the the New York Stock exchange:

Adams Con.	50	Little Chief	9
Alice	20	Ontario	400
Breece	25	Ophir	305
Brunswick Con.	1	Phoenix	8
Comstock Tunnel	12	Potosi	26
Con. Cal. & Va.	195	Savage	24
Horn Silver	125	Sierra Nevada	35
Iron Silver	150	Small Hopes	50
Leadville Con.	2	Standard	280

Sugar and Molasses.

NEW ORLEANS, March 20.—SUGAR—Steady; open kettle, 2⅝@3½c; open kettle, centrifugal, 3⅛@3⅝c; centrifugal whites, 4⅛c; yellow, 3⅝@4c; seconds, 2⅛@3½c.

MOLASSES—Open kettle, nominal, 13@26c; centrifugal, 6@18c. Syrup, nominal, 19@24c.

NEW YORK, March 20.—SUGAR—Raw, steady; fair refining, 3 3-16@3¼c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3 11-16c; molasses sugar, 2 15-16@3c; refined, steady.

MOLASSES—Firm.

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