GRAIN AND PRODUCE MARKET

Quiet Opening in Wheat, with Only Slight Fluctuation.

LONGS ARE STEADY BUYERS

Futures Advance Sharply in Covering by Shorts—Corn is Strong—Wet Weather Delays the Planting.

OMAHA, April 15, 1911.

There was a quiet opening in the wheat market after the holiday with little change in the market prices.

Leading longs were steady buyers from the start and later a rush of short covering and heavy commission house buying to even up the week's trading caused the sharp advance in all futures.

The corn market was strong and advanced with wheat. The cold, wet weather has delayed the preparations for the seeding of the new crop and has also prevented the country movement for the first half of April. These conditions are strengthening the cash situation and further advances are likely.

Wheat ruled very strong and higher, values closing at the top, being 2@2½c higher. The cash and the congestion in the May option were the ruling features.

Corn ruled very steady, with values generally higher, the strength being largely in sympathy with wheat. Cash values were ½c higher.

Primary wheat receipts were 427,000 bushels and shipments were 262,000 bushels, against receipts last year of 382 bushels and shipments of 397,000 bushels.

Primary corn receipts were 653,000 bushels and shipments were 549,000 bushels, against receipts last year of 342,000 bushels and shipments of 388,000 bushels.

Clearances were 200,000 bushels of corn, 1,000 bushels of oats, and wheat and flour equal to 212,000 bushels.

Liverpool closed; no market. Easter holiday.

The following cash sales were reported: WHEAT—No. 2 hard, 1 car, 88c; No. 3 hard, 5 cars, 87c; 1 car, 86¾c; 3 cars, 86½c; No. 4 hard, 1 car, 85c.

CORN—No. 2 white, 6 cars, 45½c; 1 car, 44¾c; No. 3 white, 3 cars, 45c; No. 4 white, 1 car, 44½c; No. 2 yellow, 1 car, 45½c; No. 3 yellow, 3 cars, 45c; 1 car, 44¾c; No. 3 mixed, 3 cars, 45c; No. 4 mixed, 1 car, 44½c.

OATS—Standard, 1 car, 31½c; No. 3 white, 5 cars, 31c; No. 4 white, 11 cars, 30¾c; No. 4 yellow, 1 car, 29½c; no grade, 1 car, 29½c.

Omaha Cash Prices.

WHEAT—No. 2 hard, 87@90c; No. 3 hard, 85½@88c; No. 4 hard, 81½@83c; rejected hard, 76½@82c; No. 3 spring, 90½@95c; No. 4 spring, 87½@92c; No. 2 durum, 85½@87c; No. 3 durum, 84½@86c.

CORN—No. 2 white, 44¾@45½c; No. 3 white, 44½@45c; No. 4 white, 43¾@44½c; No. 3 color, 44½@45c; No. 2 yellow, 44¾@45½c; No. 3 yellow, 44½@45c; No. 4 yellow, 43¾@44½c; No. 2, 44¾@45½c; No. 3, 44½@45c; No. 4, 44@44½c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 31½@31¾c; standard, 31@31½c; No. 3 white, 30½@31c; No. 4 white, 29¾@30½c; No. 3 yellow, 30½@30¾c; No. 4 yellow, 29½@29¾c.

BARLEY—No. 3, 88@98c; No. 4, 78@90c; No. 1 feed, 70@85c; rejected, 58@75c.

RYE—No. 2, 89@90c; No. 3, 87@88c.

Carlot Receipts.

	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.
Chicago	9	126	81
Minneapolis	225	...	...
Omaha	12	44	24
Duluth	21	...	...

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISIONS

Features of the Trading and Closing Prices on Board of Trade.

CHICAGO, April 15.—Insistent covering by shorts in the face of light holdings by bull leaders forced a sharp advance today in wheat. The close was strong at the highest point of the week, 1@1½c to 2⅜c above last night. Latest trading left corn with a net gain of ¼c to ⅝@½c to 2⅜c ⅝@½c and provisions more expensive by 15@17½c. Big increases in stocks at Minneapolis had much to do with causing bull sentiment concerning wheat. Better cash and flour demand at spring wheat markets, and improving inquiry for spot grain at Kansas City helped make shorts appear nervous. The greatest anxiety was in regard to the May delivery. Offerings of that option were remarkably scarce and efforts to even up recent sales for the future became so strenuous that other months were affected and a general buying movement set in.

During the last half hour in particular, the market had a broad, active character and the total sales covered was counted in millions of bushels. High and low limits for May proved to be 91¼@88⅞c, with last sales 2⅜c up at 91⅜c.

The main influence in corn was the strength of wheat. May ranged from 49¼@49⅝c to 50¼@50¼c, and closed steady with May at 49¾@50c, a net gain of ¼c. Cash grades were firm. No. 3 yellow closed at 51¼@51½c.

Sympathy with other grain braced up the price of oats. May fluctuated between 31⅝@32⅝c, closing ⅝@⅞c net higher at 32¼c.

Foreigners are reported as making purchases of provisions in the pit here. The outcome of the day's business was a smart advance all around, 45@52½c in pork, 25c to 25@27½c for lard, and 15@22½c on ribs.

Prices in Chicago furnished by the Updike Grain company, Telephone oDuglas 2473, 708 Brandeis building, Omaha:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y.
Wheat.					
May...	88⅞@89	91½	88⅞	91⅜	89
uJly...	85⅝@86	87⅝	85⅝	87¼@⅝	85¾
Sept...	85⅞@86⅞	87⅞	85⅞	86⅞@87	85⅞
Corn—					
May...	49⅞@⅝	50¼@¼	49½@⅝	49⅞@50	49⅝@⅞
July...	50⅝@½	50¾@51	50⅝	50¾	50½
Sept...	51⅝@½	51¼@52	51⅛	51⅝@52	51⅛
Oats—					
May...	31⅝@⅞	31⅞	31⅝	32¼	31¾@⅛
July...	31⅝@⅞	32⅜@⅞	31⅝@⅞	32¼	31¾
Sept...	31½@⅝	32¼	31½	32 @⅛	32 @⅛
Pork—					
May...	15 40	15 85	15 37½	15 72½	15 20
July...	15 02½	15 30	15 02½	15 25	14 80
Lard—					
May...	8 02½	8 25	8 02½	8 20	7 92½
July...	8 10	8 35	8 10	8 27½	8 02½
Sept...	8 20	8 40	8 12½	8 35	8 10
Ribs—					
May...	8 60	8 72½	8 57½	8 70	8 47½
July...	8 15	8 22½	8 12½	8 20	8 10
Sept...	8 07½	8 20	8 07½	8 22½	8 05

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Irregular; winter patents, $3.75@4.30; winter straights, $3.50@4.10; spring straights, $4.00@4.10; bakers, $3.00@4.35; spring patents, best hard, $5.40@5.55.

RYE—No. 2, 91@92c.

BARLEY—Feed or mixing, 65@86c; fair to choice malting, $1.00@1.10.

SEEDS—Flax, No. 1 southwestern, $2.46½; No. 1 northwestern, $2.58½. Timothy, $11.15. Clover, $15.00.

PROVISIONS—Pork, mess, per bbl., $16.25@16.50. Lard, per 100 lbs., $8.15@8.17½. Short ribs, sides (loose), $7.50@8.37½; short clear sides (boxed), $8.25@8.37½.

Total clearances of wheat and flour (two days) were equal to 212,000 bu. Primary receipts were 427,000 bu., compared with 382,000 bu. the corresponding day a year ago.

Estimated receipts for Monday: Wheat, 74 cars; corn, 201 cars; oats, 134 cars; hogs, 25,000 head.

Chicago Cash Prices—Wheat, No. 2 red, 89¼@91½c; No. 3 red, 87@90c; No. 2 hard, 89½@92c; No. 3 hard, 87@90c; No. 1 northern spring, $1.01@1.03; No. 2 northern spring, 98c@$1.01; No. 3 spring, 92@96c. Corn, No. 2 cash, 50½@51c; No. 3 cash, 49¾@50¼c; No. 2 white, 50¾@51c; No. 3 white, 49¾@50¼c; No. 2 yellow, 51¼@51½c; No. 3 yellow, 50¼@51c. Oats, No. 2, 31¾@32c; No. 2 white, 34@34¼c; No. 3 white, 33@34c; No. 4 white, 32¾@33; standard, 33¾@34c.

BUTTER—Steady; creameries, 15@18c; dairies, 13@15c.

EGGS—Weak; receipts, 37,471 cases; at mark, cases included, 13½c; firsts, 14½c; prime firsts, 15c.

CHEESE—Steady; daisies, 14@14½c; twins, 13¾c; young Americas, 13¾@14c; long horns, 13¾@14c.

POTATOES—Firm; choice to fancy, 55@57c; fair to good, 52@55c.

POULTRY—Steady; turkeys, dressed, 19c; fowls, live, 15c; springs, live, 15c.

VEAL—Steady; 50 to 60-lb. wts., 6@7c; 60 to 85-lb. wts., 7@9c; 85 to 110-lb. wts., 9½@10c.

Chicago Receipts—Wheat, 9 cars; corn, 126 cars; oats, 81 cars. Estimated Monday: Wheat, 24 cars; corn, 201 cars; oats, 134 cars.

St. Louis General Market.

ST. LOUIS, April 15.—WHEAT—Futures, higher; May, 88c; July, 84⅞@85c. Cash, Higher; track, No. 2 red, 89½@90c; No. 2 hard, 87@88c.

CORN—Higher; May, 48⅞@49c; July, 49⅝c. Cash: Firm; track, No. 2, 49½@49¾c; No. 2 white, 49¾@50c.

OATS—Higher; May, 32½c; July, 32c. Cash: Firm; track, No. 2, 32c; No. 2 white, 32½c.

RYE—Unchanged at 94c.

FLOUR—Firm; red winter patents, $4.20@4.70; extra fancy and straight, $3.60@4.10; hard winter clears, $3.40@3.75.

SEED—Timothy, $5.00@9.50.

CORNMEAL—$2.40.

BRAN—Higher; sacked east track, $11.50@11.75.

HOY—Market steady; timothy, $15.00@20.00; prairie, $12.00@15.00.

PROVISIONS—Pork, unchanged; jobbing, $16.50. Lard, unchanged; prime steam, $7.67½@7.77½. Dry salt meats, unchanged; boxed extra shorts, $8.62½; clear ribs, $8.62½; short clears, $8.75. Bacon, unchanged; boxed extra short, $9.87½; clear ribs, $9.87½; short clears, $10.00.

POULTRY—Weak; chickens, 12½c; springs, 17c; turkeys, 17@18c; ducks, 14c; geese, 8c.

BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 18@22c.

EGGS—Lower at 14½c.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.	13,200	32,000
Wheat, bu.	26,000	13,000
Corn, bu.	76,000	16,000
Oats, bu.	82,000	62,000

OMAHA WHOLESALE PRICES.

BUTTER—Creamery, No. 1, delivered to the retail trade in 1-lb. cartons, 23c; No. 2, in 30-lb. tubs, 21c; No. 2, in 1-lb. cartons, 21c; packing stock, solid pack, 12c; dairy, in 60-lb. tubs, 14@15c. Market changes every Tuesday.

CHEESE—Twins, 14@15½c; Young Americas, 17@18c; daisies, 16c; triplets, 16c; limberger, 18c; No. 1 brick, 18c; imported Swiss, 32c; domestic Swiss, 22c; block Swiss, 19c.

POULTRY—Dressed broilers, under 2 lbs., $5.00 per doz.; hens, 15c; cocks, 11c; ducks, 18c; geese, 15c; turkeys, 20c; pigeons, per doz., $1.20; homer squabs, per doz., $4.00; fancy squabs, per doz., $3.50; No. 1, per doz., $3.00. Alive: Broilers, 35c, 1¼ to 1½ lbs., and 1½ to 2 lbs., 30c; smooth legs, 14c; hens, 12½c; stags, 10c; old roosters, 7c; old ducks, full feathered, 12½c; geese, full feathered, 8½c; turkeys, 14c; guinea fowls, 20c per doz; pigeons, per doz., 60c; homers, per doz., $3.00; squabs, No. 1, per doz., $1.50; No. 2, per doz., 50c; capons, over 5 lbs., 14c; old turkeys, 12c.

FISH (all frozen)—Pickerel, 6c; white, 10@10c; pike, 9c; trout, 11c; large crappies, 12@15c; Spanish mackerel, 15c; eel, 18c; haddock, 13c; flounders, 12c; green catfish, 16c; roe shad, 40c each; shad roe, per pair, 55c; frog legs, per doz., 35c; salmon, 8c; halibut, 9c; herring, 5½c.

Beef Cuts—Ribs: No. 1, 13½c; No. 2, 11½c; No. 3, 10½c. Loin: No. 1, 14½c; No. 2, 12½c; No. 3, 11½c. Chuck: No. 1, 7½c; No. 2, 7½c; No. 3, 7¼c. Round: No. 1, 9½c; No. 2, 9½c; No. 3, 9c. Plate: No. 1, 5¾c; No. 2, 5¾c; No. 3, 5c.

FRUITS—Apples: Washington Missouri Pippins, 5½-tier, per box, $2.50; Washington Red-cheek Pippins, 54-64-80-112 sizes, per box, $3.50; Washington Ganos, per box, $2.50. Bananas: Fancy select, per bunch, $2.25@2.50; Jumbo, per bunch, $2.75@3.75. Dates: Anchor brand, new, 30 1-lb. pkgs., in boxes, per box, $2.00; bulk in 70-lb. boxes, per lb., 6½c. Figs: Turkish, 7-crown, per lb., 18c; 5-crown, per lb., 14c; 4-crown, per lb., 13c. Grape Fruit: Florida, 46-54-64-80 sizes, per box, $4.50; choice stock, 25c less. Lemons: Limoneira brand, extra fancy, 300-360 sizes, per box, $4.75; fancy, 300-360 sizes, per box, $4.25; 240 size, 50c per box less. Oranges: Camella Redlands navels, all sizes, per box, $3.25; fancy navels, 80-96-126 sizes, $2.85; 150 and smaller sizes, $3.00. Pineapples: 24-30-36 sizes, per crate, $4.50. Strawberries: Louisiana, per 24-pint case, $2.50@2.75.

VEGETABLES—Beans: String and wax, per hamper, $3.50@4.50. Beets: Per bu., 75c; per dozen bunches, 85c. Cucumbers: Hot house, 1½ and 2 doz. in box, per doz., $2.00. Egg Plant: Fancy Florida, per doz., $2.00. Garlic: Extra fancy, white, per lb., 15c. Lettuce: Extra fancy leaf, per doz., 45c. Onions: Texas Bermuda, white, per crate, $2.25; yellow, per crate, $2.00. Onion Sets: White, per bu., 32 lbs., $1.75; yellow, per bu., 32 lbs., $1.00; red, per bu., 32 lbs., $1.50. Parsley: Fancy southern, per doz. bunches, 50@65c. Parsnips: Per lb., 2c. Potatoes: Early Ohio seed, sand soil, in sacks, per bu., $1.10; Genuine Red River E. Ohio seed, per bu., $1.35; Iowa and Wisconsin, white stock, per bu., 85c; Colorado, per bu., $1.00. Rutabagas: Per lb., 1¼c. Tomatoes: Florida, per 6-basket crate, fancy, $3.25; choice, $1.75. Turnips: Per bu., 75c.

MISCELLANEOUS—Almonds: California soft shell, per lb., 18c; in sack lots, 1c less. Brazil Nuts: Per lb., 13c; in sack lots, 1c less. Cocoanuts: Per sack, $5.00; per doz., 75c. Filberts: Per lb., 14c; in sack lots, 1c less. Hickorynuts: Large, per lb., 5c; small, per lb., 4c. Peanuts: Roasted, per lb., 8c; raw, per lb., 6½c. Pecans: Large, per lb., 16c; in sack lots, 1c less. Walnuts: Black, per lb., 2½c; California, per lb., 13c; in sack lots, 1c less. Cider: New York Mott's, per bbl., $6.75. Honey: New, 24 frames, $3.75.

Corn and Wheat Region Bulletin.

Record for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 a. m. Saturday, April 15, 1911:

OMAHA DISTRICT.

Stations.	—Temp.— Max.	Min.	Rain- fall	Sky.
Ashland, Neb.	61	26	.00	Clear
Auburn, Neb.	61	29	.00	Clear
Columbus, Neb.	59	29	.00	Clear
Culbertson, Neb.	57	28	.00	Clear
Fairbury, Neb.	64	28	.00	Clear
Fairmont, Neb.	57	26	.00	Clear
Gr. Island, Neb.	60	26	.00	Clear
Hartington, Neb.	60	25	.00	Clear
Hastings, Neb.	67	28	.00	Clear
Holdrege, Neb.	56	25	.00	Clear
*No. Platte, Neb.	52	18	.00	Clear
Oakdale, Neb.	58	26	.00	Clear
Omaha, Neb.	58	35	.00	Clear
Tekamah, Neb.	60	33	.00	Clear
*Valentine, Neb.	54	24	.00	Clear
Alta, Ia.	57	30	.00	Clear
Carroll, Ia.	57	28	.00	Clear
Clarinda, Ia.	56	30	.00	Clear
Sibley, Ia.	56	25	.00	Clear
*Sioux City, Ia.	58	26	.00	Clear

*Minimum temperature for twelve-hour period ending at 8 a. m.

DISTRICT AVERAGES.

District.	No. of Stations.	—Temp.— Max.	Min.	Rain- fall.
Columbus, O.	17	60	40	.20
Louisville, Ky.	30	62	44	.40
Indianapolis, Ind.	11	55	40	.00
Chicago, Ill.	35	54	34	.00
St. Louis, Mo.	25	56	38	.00
Des Moines, Ia.	17	56	32	.00
Minneapolis, Minn.	30	46	28	.00
Kansas City, Mo.	24	54	32	.00
Omaha, Neb.	21	58	28	.00

Freezing temperatures are reported this morning in all except the eastern districts of the corn and wheat region. Precipitation occurred in the Columbus and Louisville districts.

L. A. WELSH,
Local Forecaster, Weather Bureau.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, April 15.—WHEAT—May, 85¾c; July, 83¼c; September, 82¼c bid. Cash, ½@1½c higher; No. 2 hard, 86@95c; No. 3, 83@93c; No. 2 red, 90@91c; No. 2, 88@90c.

CORN—May, 47¾c; July, 48⅝c bid; September, 49⅝c bid. Cash: Unchanged to ¼c higher; No. 2 mixed, 47¼@48c; No. 3, 46½@47¼c; No. 2 white, 47½c; No. 3, 47@47½c.

OATS—Unchanged to ¼c higher; No. 2 white, 33@34c; No. 2 mixed, 31@32c.

RYE—No. 2, 72@79c.

HAY—Steady; choice timothy, $14.00@14.50; choice prairie, $12.50@13.00.

BUTTER—Creamery, 20c; firts, 17c; seconds, 15c; packing stock, 12½c.

EGGS—Extras, 16c; firsts, 14c.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Wheat, bu.	41,000	87,000
Corn, bu.	114,000	53,000
Oats, bu.	14,000	14,000

Peoria Market.

PEORIA, April 15.—CORN—Steady; No. 4 white, 48c; No. 2 yellow, 50c; No. 3 yellow 50c; No. 2 mixed, 50c; No. 3 mixed, 49¾@50c; sample, 44c.

OATS—Easy; No. 2 white, 33½c; standard, 32½c; No. 3 white, 32½c; No. 4 white, 31½c.

Minneapolis Grain Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, April 15. — WHEAT — May, 97½c; July, 98¼c; September, 90¾c; cash, No. 1 hard, $1.01⅛; No. 1 northern, $1.00@1.01; No. 2 northern, 97@99c; No. 3, 94@97½c.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, April 15.—WHEAT—No. 1 northern, $1.01@1.02; No. 2 northern, 99c@$1.00; May, 92½c; July, 88¼c bid.

OATS—Standard, 33½@34c.

BARLEY—Malting, $1.00@1.10.

Duluth Grain Market.

DULUTH, April 15.—WHEAT—No. 1 northern, 99c; No. 2 northern, 96@97c; May, 86c bid; July, 86¾c bid; September, 91¾c bid.

OATS—32c.

Oils and Rosin.

SAVANNAH, Ga., April 15.—TURPENTINE—Firm at 73½c; sales, 1,322 bbls.; receipts, 633 bbls.; shipments, 463 bbls.; stocks, 5,000 bbls.

ROSIN—Steady; sales, 582 bbls.; receipts, 1,839 bbls.; shipments, 2,429 bbls.; stocks, 32,764 bbls. Quotations: B, $7.75; D, $7.77½; E, $7.80; F, $7.85; G, $7.90; H, $7.85; I, $7.87½; K, $7.85@7.90; M, $7.85; N, $7.90; WG, $7.92½; WW, $7.85.

Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, April 15.—DRY GOODS—The cotton goods market ruled quiet with prices barely steady on brown goods and print cloths. Fine cottons are in light request at first hands. Yarns show a slightly firmer undertone. Linens are quiet. Burlaps are being bought more freely in the Calcutta.

Omaha Hay Market.

OMAHA, April 15.—HAY—No. 1, $12.00; No. 2, $11.00; packing, $10.00; alfalfa, $14.00. Straw: Wheat, $5.50; rye, $6.50; oats, $7.00.

The Omaha Bee's Great Booklovers' Contest—Thirty-nine prizes. You can enter at any time

NEW YORK STOCKS AND BONDS

Prices Hold Steady, but Trading in Wall Street is Slow.

CREDIT IS EASY AND ABUNDANT

Crop Outlook Shows an Improvement, While in the Industrial Field Business Shows Up Well All Along the Line.

NEW YORK, April 15.—(Special Telegram.)—The stock market gives evidence that economic conditions throughout the country are being subjected to a test of soundness more severe than that applied by activity at high pressure. There is extremely light buying and selling and has been for some weeks past, but prices have kept the even tenor of their way under a healthful condition of the business world.

No doubt in the present week holiday considerations, the prospect of the long recess from Thursday night until Monday morning influenced the desultory dealings of the inveterate traders in stocks, but if Wall street sentiment or feeling, or the lack of feeling, were consulted, it would be difficult to associate the present business in stocks with anything which the speculative community has in mind.

Yet there is a broader aspect to the financial situation which in a longer view than the next few months produces a very different impression than the survey of more immediate facts. From this standpoint the things to emphasize are the great changes for the better which have occurred in the essential features of the situation as compared with a year ago. The liquidation in the stock market, in the commodity markets, in the trade markets themselves, has been a most salutary process. It has released great stores of tied-up capital, made the relation between bank loans and bank resources once more normal and sound, rendered credit easy and abundant.

Money Stays in Europe.

Foreign trade, instead of receding at a disquieting rate, has risen greatly in favor, instead of owing large amounts abroad, which were being met by corresponding advances of foreign capital bankers have large balances to their credit in the foreign markets, which they are keeping there because Europe offers, for the time being, a more profitable field of employment.

Curtailment of home production and the policy long pursued by merchants and manufacturers of buying only for immediate needs are to be sure reflecting themselves for the present in earnings of the railroads and industrial companies, but such measures of economy are bound to benefit in the end.

The industrial and agricultural outlook showed decided improvement during the week. The government crop report issued from Washington placed the estimated crop of winter wheat at 541,414,000 bushels. This compares with 524,172,000 bushels in December, 1910, 497,500,000 in April, 1910, 436,306,000 in April, 1909, and 498,986,000 in April, 1908.

The estimated rye crop was 34,849,000 bushels. Estimated yield per acre of winter wheat was 15.7 bushels. But the indicated yield of 15.7 is still slightly below last year's actual average of 15.8 bushels.

The industrial field showed decided improvement. Five hundred and sixty coke ovens, built by the United States Steel corporation at a cost of $6,500,000, were put in operation at Gary, Ind., during the week. Besides the by-products, these ovens will produce 2,500,000 tons of coke annually.

Steel Trade is Good.

The Illinois Steel company reports orders for 3,300 tons of rails. The Tennessee Coal and Iron company reports 735 tons sold to the Galveston, Houston & San Antonio railway and about 700 tons of scattered orders.

The recent order placed by the Harriman lines is apportioned as follows: Illinois Steel company, 21,225 tons; Tennessee Coal and Iron company, 18,000 tons, and the Colorado Fuel and Iron company, about 32,000 tons, making a total of 72,225 tons.

March was one of the best months in the history of the steel trade in the matter of earnings. Certain independent companies report a net income close to the highest level ever reached. The steel corporation's net earnings for the month must have been close to $11,000,000, or $4,000,000 in excess of earnings in December.

The stock exchange was closed for an extra holiday, both in New York and in London today. The weekly bank statement, which will be published here as usual, made an unexpectedly strong showing. The actual week-end figures added $5,700,000 to the surplus reserve, which is thereby restored to the highest figures since March 4.

The week's increase resulted from $8,700,000 gain in cash, which far exceeded estimates. The trust company loan expansion of $10,400,000 explains how the banks were able to keep their own loan increase down to $2,800,000.

Statement of Clearing House Banks.

NEW YORK, April 15.—The weekly statement of clearing house banks shows that the banks hold $31,606,850 more than the requirements of the 25 per cent reserve rule. This is an increase of $5,128,525 in the proportionate cash reserve as compared with last week. The statement follows:

Daily Average—	Amount.	Increase.
Loans	$1,350,697,300	$ 754,600
Specie	304,456,000	5,803,700
Legal tenders	74,993,500	858,400
Ex-deposits	1,291,370,600	6,134,300
Circulation	45,767,100	*371,900
Reserve	379,449,500	6,662,100
Reserve required	347,842,650	1,533,575
Surplus	31,606,850	5,128,525
Ex-U. S. dep. included	1,582,100	*21,500
Actual Condition—		
Loans	$1,355,187,300	$ 2,888,500
Specie	308,806,300	9,186,300
Legal tenders	74,891,800	*480,800
Ex-deposits	1,298,923,000	11,654,900
Circulation	45,815,900	87,300
Reserve	383,498,100	8,705,500
Reserve required	349,980,750	2,903,125
Surplus	33,577,350	5,741,775
Ex-U. S. dep. included	1,560,000	*4,800

Summary of state bank and trust companies in Greater New York not reporting to the clearing house:

	Amount.	Increase.
Loans	$1,145,835,500	$10,453,600
Specie	116,491,100	*1,772,300
Legal tenders	19,082,000	*66,100
Total deposits	1,257,084,900	6,975,700

*Decrease.

Local Securities.

Quotations furnished by Burns, Brinker & Co., 449 New Omaha National bank building:

	Bid.	Asked.
Chicago & Eastern Ill. 4s, 1965	81	81½
Colorado Tel. Co. 7 per cent	84¾	86
Chicago Railway 5s, 1927	89	89½
City of Omaha School 4½s, 1931	104¾	104¾
City of Omaha 4½s, 1931	105¼	105¾
Cudahy Packing 5s, 1934	99	99½
Denver Gas & Electric 5s, 1949	89¾	90¾
Dempster Mill Mfg. Co. stock	124	125
Fairmont Creamery 1st guar. 6 p. c.	103¼	104
Fairmont Creamery pfd. 7 p. c.	99	100
Kansas City Stock Yards stock	96	98
Kansas City Gas 5s, 1922	98½	100
Kansas City R. & L. 5s, 1913	97¾	98
Omaha Water 5s, 1946	93¾	99
Omaha & C. B. St. Ry. 5s, 1928	97	97½
Omaha & C. B. St. Ry. pfd. 5 p. c.	82	82½
Omaha & C. B. R. & B.	65	68
Omaha S. L. pfd 5 per cent	...	85
Pacific T. & T. 5s, 1931	97¼	97½
Portland G. & C. 5s, 1940	98	99
Packard pfd. 7 per cent	107	108
Seattle Electric 5s, 1929	86	89
Union Stock Yards stock	92½	94

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET

Demand for Cattle and Sheep Steady—Hogs Higher.

CHICAGO, April 15.—CATTLE—Receipts estimated at 200 head; market steady; beeves, $5.30@6.75; Texas steers, $4.50@5.70; western steers, $4.85@6.85; stockers and feeders, $4.10@6.80; cows and heifers, $2.70@5.85; calves, $5.00@7.00.

HOGS—Receipts estimated at 7,000 head; market 5c higher; light, $6.25@6.65; mixed, $6.10@6.65; heavy, $6.05@6.40; rough, $6.05@6.15; good to choice heavy, $6.05@6.40; pigs, $6.25@6.65; bulk of sales, $6.30@6.45.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts estimated at 1,000 head; market steady; native, $3.00@4.70; western, $3.15@4.70; yearlings, $4.40@5.40; lambs, native, $4.75@6.15; western, $4.75@6.15.

St. Louis Live Stock Market.

ST. LOUIS, April 15.—CATTLE—Receipts 100 head; no Texans; market steady; native beef steers, $5.00@6.75; cows and heifers, $4.75@5.25; stockers and feeders, $3.50@5.75; Texas and Indian steers, $4.50@6.50; cows and heifers, $3.50@5.00; calves, in car-load lots, $5.00@7.25.

HOGS—Receipts, 3,500 head; market 5@10c higher; pigs and lights, $6.30@6.50; packers, $6.75@6.50; butchers and best heavy, $6.20@6.50.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 100 head; market steady; native muttons, $3.75@4.90; lambs, $5.75@6.10.

Stock in Sight.

Receipts of live stock at the five principal western markets yesterday:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
South Omaha	50	4,300	1,300
St. Joseph	100	7,000	...
Kansas City	500	2,000	500
St. Louis	100	3,500	100
Chicago	200	7,000	1,000
Totals	950	23,800	2,900

TOLD ABOUT NOTED PEOPLE

A Reminiscence of Cleveland, a New England Deane and Two to Fill In.

In the second year of President Cleveland's first term, as told in "The Funny Side of Politics," a prominent western senator went up to the White house as an escort of a democratic leader of his state. In opening the conversation the leader began to say he had been watching the development of his policy with great interest and anxiety, when the president interrupted him with the question, "And what do you think of it?"

"I think you have pursued a wise and statesmanlike course, Mr. Cleveland, a very wise and statesmanlike course; but the time has come for you to take decided action and go a little further and faster, Mr. Cleveland; a little further and faster."

"What do you mean by that?" inquired the president.

"I mean that you should show your democracy and encourage the party by turning out more republicans and appointing more democrats to office. We hope to see you go a little further and faster in this direction, Mr. Cleveland, a little further and faster."

"That is," responded the president, "you want me to appoint two horse thieves a day instead of one."

This shot hit the bull's-eye. The president has a good memory and happened to recall, while he was listening to the counsel of the western leader, that upon his recommendation he had appointed a man to office who afterwards turned out to have been once convicted of stealing horses.

Like most New England ministers of the time, relates the Youth's Companion, the Rev. Dr. Samuel Deane, who was born in 1733 and died in 1814, and who for many years was pastor of the First church at Portland, Me., was a practical farmer. He was a man of learning, also, and a wit. Professor Kittredge, in his delightful Miscellany, "The Old Farmer and His Almanac," says Mr. Deane, when a tutor at Harvard, made one jest which has since been falsely credited to many men.

A visitor, to whom he was exhibiting the curiosities in the college museum, noticed a long, rusty sword, and asked to whom it had belonged.

"I believe," replied Mr. Deane, "that it was the sword with which Balaam threatened to kill his ass."

"But," objected the stranger, "Balaam had no sword; he only wished for one."

"Very true," said Mr. Deane. "This is the sword wished for."

There is another specimen of the doctor's humor, in his own handwriting. Portland, then Falmouth, was burned by the British naval commander, Mowat, in 1775.

There was intense indignation, and Dr. Deane suggested, as an inscription for a plan of the town published shortly after, a brief statement of the facts, in which Captain Mowat was described as "that execrable scoundrel and monster of ingratitude." At the end of the letter in which he expresses these sentiments, Dr. Deane admitted a possible emendation:

"If you do not like the words 'execrable scoundrel,' you may say 'infamous incendiary,' or what you please."

Just because Colonel E. H. R. Green is fat and looks good-natured, and has a sort of out-of-door air, some of the sharpers about town had him sized up as easy, when he first returned to New York from Texas to take care of the properties of his mother, Mrs. Hatty Green. It may be, too, that the Colonel's breezy candor kind of coaxed the boys along a bit, says the New York correspondent of the Cincinnati Times-Star. He will talk on any subject when he feels like talking, with a frankness unusual in the banking fraternity.

"Here's my old friend, Mr. Hinks," said the colonel the other night, at his hotel, grabbing at a well-dressed man, who was walking by without speaking. His old friend, Mr. Hinks, shrunk into himself and was obviously embarrassed. After a moment's talk he got away, and the colonel's well-padded sides shook. "Hinks is one of 'em," said he. "I'd just landed in town when Hinks came up to me one night in the hotel. He had met me in Texas, he said. So-and-so had introduced him. I didn't remember him, but the name he mentioned was that of a good friend of mine, and I thought maybe my memory was at fault. By and by he opened the trap. He told me of the good thing he had under cover, and that I could make $1,000,000 if I'd just put in a few thousands. It was a gold mine, and he had the gaudiest maps and prospectus I have ever seen. I listened to him until he go through.

"Hinks,' said I, 'just between friends, I've got a gold mine of my own that I want to sell. No, I won't buy a mine, but I'll tell you what I'll do. I'll draw cards with you, the winner take both. That's all either is fit for."

Colonel Green got another good laugh out of it. "There's a free masonry among these fellows. I think," said he. "None has offered me a gold mine since."

The late Sir William Butler, in his autobiography which has just been published posthumously, tells the following story of Cecil Rhodes, which Cecil's brother, Frank Rhodes, told him:

"My brother," said Frank Rhodes, "is a strange man. We were young chaps together, and there wasn't too much money or too many things among us. One day Cecil came and asked me to let him have one of my shirts, as he wanted to go to an evening party in London. Well, I wanted the shirt myself that evening and I told him he couldn't have it. He said nothing, but I knew he didn't like losing a chance, so I watched him.

"I saw him off to the train. He had neither the shirt on him nor had he bag and baggage with him; but I thought that I'd go to the drawer and just make sure of my shirt. It was gone! Cecil came back that night.

"'Well, Cecil,' I said, 'you won over that shirt of mine; but just tell me how you did it, for it wasn't on you when you left here and you had no parcel with you. What did you do with it?'

"He chuckled a little and said dryly, 'I put it on under the old one.' Now, that's Cecil."

Fashions in Trousers.

At the semi-annual exhibition of men's fashions at the Merchant Tailors' association, under the auspices of the New York Custom Cutters' club, the spring and summer models shown were, according to the opinion of an "artist draper," "conservative in comparison with the advance patterns shown in England. There the trousers models are of the skin tight pattern. Men's fashions always begin with the legs. Knowing whether the trousers will be tight or loose, the rest is only a logical deduction." He said also that the "hump shoulder, invented in Vienna, improved in Berlin and always disliked by Englishmen, will have to come down, and, if we judge by indications, all puffs and pads will be reserved for women."—New York Tribune.

A Real Sport.

A little newsboy with a cigarette in his mouth the other day entered a West Side notion store and asked for a match.

"We do not keep matches; we sell them," replied the woman behind the counter.

"How much are they?" asked the city's future citizen.

"A penny a box," was the answer.

"Gimme a box," said the boy.

Taking the box of matches the boy opened it, took out a match, lit his cigarette and then handed the box back to the storekeeper.

"Here, take de box," he said, "and put it on de shelf, and when anodder sport comes and asks for a match, give him one on me."—Milwaukee Free Press.

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