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DEALINGS ON NEW YORK 'CHANGE CONTINUE TO BE DEPRESSED.

Engagements of Gold for Export Less than Anticipated—Local Markets Promising for May.

At New York yesterday money on call was easy at 2½@3 per cent.; last loan, 2½; closed, 2½.

Prime mercantile paper, 4½@5½ per cent.

Sterling exchange was steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.88¾@4.89 for demand and $4.87¾@4.88 for sixty days; posted rates, $4.88½@4.89 and $4.89½@4.90; commercial bills, $4.87.

Bar silver, 68c; silver certificates, 68⅛@68½c. At London bar silver closed at 31 1-16d per ounce.

Total sales of stocks were 101,800 shares, including the following: American Tobacco, 37,400; American Sugar, 13,600; General Electric, 3,200; Louisville & Nashville, 3,300; Manhattan consolidated, 3,800; Reading, 5,600; St. Paul, 6,000.

The absence of outside interest in the New York stock market was sharply defined yesterday, the aggregate transactions barely footing up 100,000 shares. It goes without saying that this total is insignificant in comparison with the normal daily average of trading in the spring. Tobacco figured for one-third of the dealing. The dullness is partly ascribed to the renewal of the gold export, and the political uncertainties abroad, which have caused a complete withdrawal of public interest in the market. Activity in the Stock Exchange markets is not expected to be resumed to any important extent until the adjournment of Congress. The pivotal influence upon the speculation yesterday was the engagement of gold for shipment by to-day's steamers. The first news of the formal orders led to some concessions in prices, but as the amount taken fell below the estimates considerably, a moderate rally ensued, in which prices worked to above Thursday night's closing. The actual amount of gold that was withdrawn from the assay office amounted to about $1,445,000. Of the total about $1,200,000 will be exported, only bars being taken. It is understood that the quality of the gold coin that was offered to would-be shippers at the subtreasury was so poor as to involve a depreciation of one-quarter of 1 per cent., hence the unwillingness of the exchange houses to take the coin. The legal limit of loss on gold procured from the subtreasury, technically termed the limit of toleration, is one-half of 1 per cent. The Treasury Department disbursed about $3,000,000 for interest, and this will be practically offset by the government money paid in under the last treasury call by the depositary banks. There was paid in by these depositaries to-day over $1,000,000, making $1,400,000 deposited in the subtreasury within the last two days. The gold shipped goes to Paris. The exchange market was called easier, but did not rule quotably lower, the increased offerings of bills noted being chiefly drawn against the shipments.

The decision of the court permitting the payment of the extra dividend of 20 per cent. in scrip to the common stockholders of the American Tobacco Company was followed by an irregular movement in the stock, with a reacting tendency. The price opened a fraction higher, at 72, reacted to 69½ and rallied to 70¾ in the course of trading. Free offerings in the late dealings caused a recession to 68¾, and the close 69½. The announcement of the signature of the decree of foreclosure of the Reading properties caused a slight gain in the stock, which was not retained. London did not figure in the operations, owing to the close foreign observance of the May-day holiday. General Electric, Manhattan and Consolidated Gas were heavy, but, except in the case of the last-named, which broke 2½ and recovered 1 per cent., the losses were confined to fractions. Louisville & Nashville was the weakest of the railway shares, reacting 1 per cent. from the top. The closing was steady, with the net changes fractions in both directions.

Railway bonds were slightly easier on moderate dealings. Some of the usually active issues were exceptionally strong. Galveston, Houston & Henderson firsts rose 2¼, and Hocking Valley fives 1¾ per cent., the aggregate sales being 932,000 shares.

Government bonds sold off slightly, on sales of $61,500. The trading in State issues amounted to $3,000, without notable change.

The following table, prepared by L. W. Louis, Room 13, Board of Trade, shows the range of quotations:

	Open-ing.	High-est.	Low-est.	Clos-ing.
Adams Express	....	....	....	150
Alton & Terre Haute	....	....	....	55
American Express	....	....	....	113
Atchison	16	16	15⅞	15⅞
Baltimore & Ohio	17⅝	17⅝	17⅝	17⅝
Canada Pacific	....	....	....	60
Canada Southern	50⅝	50⅝	50⅝	50⅝
Central Pacific	....	....	....	15
Chesapeake & Ohio	....	....	....	17
Chicago & Alton	....	....	....	154
C., B. & Q.	80⅝	81⅛	80½	80⅝
C. & E. I. pref	....	....	....	100
Chicago Gas	69⅝	69⅝	69⅝	69⅝
C., C., C. & St. L.	35	35	35	35
Cotton Oil	....	....	....	13⅝
Delaware & Hudson	....	....	....	127¼
D., L. & W.	....	....	....	139¾
Den. & R. G. pref	19⅛	19⅛	19⅛	19⅛
Edison Gen. Elec.	36⅞	36⅞	35⅞	35⅞
Erie	14⅞	14⅞	14⅞	14⅞
Erie pref	....	....	....	32
Fort Wayne	....	....	....	160
Great Northern pref	....	....	....	110
Hocking Valley	....	....	....	17½
Illinois Central	....	....	....	96½
Lake Erie & W.	....	....	....	18
Lake Erie & W. pref	....	....	....	70
Lake Shore	....	....	....	149⅝
Lead Trust	....	....	....	26½
Louisville & Nashville	52⅛	52⅝	51⅝	51⅝
Louis. & New Albany	....	....	....	8½
Manhattan	108⅝	109⅛	107⅝	108
Michigan Central	....	....	....	97
Missouri Pacific	27⅞	28	27⅞	28
U. S. Cordage	....	....	....	5
U. S. Cordage pref	....	....	....	10⅛
New York Central	....	....	....	98
N. Y. & N. E.	....	....	....	40
Northern Pacific	....	....	....	13⅝
Northern Pacific pref	....	....	....	42½
Northwestern	106	106¼	106	106¼
Northwestern pref	....	....	....	142
Pacific Mail	27⅞	27¾	27⅞	27¾
Peoria, D. & E.	....	....	....	2½
Pullman Palace	....	....	....	*160
Reading	12⅝	13	12½	12⅝
Rock Island	72	72¼	71⅞	72
St. Paul	78⅝	79	78⅝	78¾
St. Paul pref	....	....	....	127⅝
Sugar Refinery	124	124½	123⅝	124
U. S. Express	....	....	....	*43
Wabash, St. L. & P.	....	....	....	7¼
Wab., St. L. & P. pref	18⅝	18⅞	18⅝	18¾
Wells-Fargo Express	....	....	....	98
Western Union	86	86¼	86	86
U. S. Fours, reg	....	....	....	108¾
U. S. Fours, coup	....	....	....	109¾
U. S. Fours, new, reg.	....	....	....	117⅝
U. S. Fours, new, coup.	....	....	....	117⅝

*Ex. dividend.

The following table, compiled by Bradstreet's, shows the total clearances at the principal cities and the percentage of increase or decrease, as compared with the corresponding week last year:

New York	$562,214,885	Decrease..10.8
Chicago	90,959,724	Decrease.. 7.9
Boston	84,558,637	Decrease..16.4
Philadelphia	56,276,671	Decrease..16.8
St. Louis	21,097,165	Decrease..15.6
San Francisco	13,810,508	Decrease.. 1.4
Baltimore	12,740,784	Decrease.. 3.7
Pittsburg	16,009,912	Increase..10.3
Cincinnati	10,887,350	Decrease..15.0
Kansas City	9,294,151	Increase.. 3.6
New Orleans	8,031,918	Decrease.. 1.9
Buffalo	3,831,837	Decrease.. 5.8
Milwaukee	3,804,399	Decrease..10.3
Detroit	5,350,138	Decrease..11.6
Louisville	4,913,154	Decrease..29.2
Minneapolis	8,303,538	Increase..22.3
Omaha	4,371,770	Increase..28.9
Providence	5,528,900	....
Cleveland	5,298,165	Increase..10.0
Houston	3,328,709	Decrease..21.3
St. Paul	4,125,559	Increase..13.1
Denver	1,662,556	Decrease..33.0
Indianapolis	4,060,351	Decrease.. 1.6
Columbus, O	3,587,800	Decrease.. 1.8
Total's U. S.	$982,885,511	Decrease..10.2
Exclusive of New York	420,670,626	Decrease.. 9.5

LOCAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Better Trade in Prospect, with Prices, in the Main, Steady.

Among the wholesale men the opinion prevails that May business is to show some improvement over the preceding months of the year. Staple groceries rule firm, with a tendency to higher prices on sugar. Dry-goods men are not pressed with business, but in the aggregate trade makes a very fair exhibit. Druggists are having a good trade, as are hardware merchants and iron dealers. Wire nails yesterday were advanced another 15c per keg, acording to the programme of two weeks ago. Present prices are guaranteed to rule sixty days. Iron products are all firm, but no higher than for some time past. Eggs, poultry and butter are unchanged. Next week shippers will begin to quote prices for spring chickens. On Commission row a fair trade is in progress, when the character of the goods offered and the quantity is considered. Stocks of fruits and vegetables are light, but each day is now showing an improvement.

The local grain market is dull, transaction few and track bids ruling as follows:

Wheat—No. 2 red, 66¼c; No. 3 red, 62¼@63¾c; wagon wheat, 65c.

Corn—No. 1 white, 30½c; No. 2 white, 30½c; No. 3 white, 30½c; No. 2 white mixed, 29c; No. 3 white mixed, 29c; No. 2 yellow, 29½c; No. 3 yellow, 29½c; No. 2 mixed, 29c; No. 3 mixed, 29c; ear corn, 27c.

Oats—No. 2 white, 23c; No. 3 white, 22c; No. 2 mixed, 21c; No. 3 mixed, 20c.

Hay—No. 1 timothy, $13.50@14.50; No. 1 prairie, $9.50@10.50.

Poultry and Other Produce.
(Prices paid by shippers.)

Poultry—Hens, 6½c; springs, 6½c; cocks, 3c; turkey hens, 10c; toms, 8c; old toms, 7c; ducks, 8c; geese, 5c.

Butter—Choice country, 4@6c.

Eggs—Shippers paying 7½@8c for fresh stock.

Honey—16@18c per lb.

Beeswax—20c for yellow; 15c for dark.

Wool—Medium washed, 12c; fine merino, unwashed, 10c; tub-washed, 20@23c; burry and unmerchantable, 5c less.

Feathers—Prime geese, 30c per lb; prime duck, 25c per lb.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

Green-salted Hides—No. 1, 5¼c; No. 2, 4¼c; No. 1 calf, 6c; No. 2 calf, 4½c.

Green Hides—No. 1, 4c; No. 2, 3c.

Grease—White, 3½c; yellow, 2¾c; brown, 2¾c.

Tallow—No. 1, 3c; No. 2, 2½c.

Bones—Dry, $12@13 per ton.

REAL-ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Ten Transfers, with a Total Consideration of $15,870.

Instruments filed for record in the recorder's office of Marion county, Indiana, for the twenty-four hours ending at 5 p. m., May 1, 1896, as furnished by Theo. Stein, abstracter of titles, corner of Market and Pennsylvania streets, Indianapolis, Suite 229, first office floor, The Lemcke. Telephone 1760:

Christian Wechsler to Alice J. Lyon, lot 157, in Jefferson Park	$100
Nannie B. Duke to Union National Saving and Loan Association, lot 16, in Dennison Park	6,000
Joseph H. Clark to Marion H. Traylor, lot 19, in Clark's North Capitol-avenue addition	1,000
Margaret V. Peavey to Anna M. Weyborn, lot 4, in Muir's Haugaville subdivision	600
Keystone Land Company to Thomas W. Langer and wife, lot 24, in Allen's Highland place	3,500
Edward H. Hallett to Frank S. Chance, lot 18, in block 4, in Tuxedo Park	150
Charles F. Sayles to John E. Milner, lot 28, in Ridenour's extended and revised addition	2,000
Charles Johnson to Mary J. Sigman, north half of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section 25, township 17, range 4	120
John Ryan to Richard P. Ryan, lot 68, in Dougherty's subdivision of outlot 99	1,500
Essie M. Thornton to Jennie Scott, north half of lot 3, in West's heirs' addition	900
Transfers, 10; consideration	$15,870

Building Permits.

C. S. Hogle, frame house, Central avenue and Bedford street, $3,550.

G. S. Nunnen, frame house, Twentieth street and Grand avenue, $1,500.

A. S. Cosler, frame house, Highland avenue, $975.

A. D. Cosler, frame house, Ontario street, $600.

A. D. Cosler, frame house, Shoemaker street, $800.

A. D. Cosler, frame house, Francis street, $800.

A. D. Cosler, frame house, Isabella and Shoemaker streets, $500.

J. E. Elliott, frame house, Graceland Park, $900.

W. G. Burns, frame house, State avenue, $2,200.

Sarah E. Newcomer, frame addition, 886 North Pennsylvania street, $200.

J. B. Andrew, brick kitchen, 29 Madison avenue, $100.

Mrs. E. Donion, repairs, 202 West South street, $200.

Mary E. and H. H. Farr, frame house, 253 Bright street, $1,950.

D. L. Stoddard, repairs, 210 West Raymond street, $75.

Carrie M. Webber, frame house, Temple avenue, $1,400.

Margaret E. Eller, repairs, 440 Michigan avenue, $385.

No Horseshoers Strike Here.

It is not believed that the effort of the National Organization of Horseshoers and Carpenters to bring about an eight-hour day will have much effect in this city. The carpenters have not been working more than eight hours for several seasons past and if the general demand for this movement is made and a strike results it will not affect the carpenters here except through a sympathy movement. The horseshoers have no uniform scale here as to hours. It differs in different shops according to the class of trade. Some employers claim that to institute the eight-hour day would be to ruin business. Labor agitators, however, claim that the movement does not require shops to be kept open only eight hours. The shop may stay open twenty-four hours so long as no workman is required to put in more than eight hours' time. It is believed the fight will be made chiefly in Chicago, Philadelphia and some of the large Western cities.

WHEAT'S QUICK FALL

WEAKNESS SET IN AT CHICAGO AND PRICES WENT OFF 1 1-4C.

Lack of Support Undermined All Other Board of Trade Markets, with Exception of Lard.

CHICAGO, May 1.—Improvement in the weather conditions in the winter wheat belt and heavy May deliveries created a weak wheat market to-day, and July closed 1¼c below yesterday's final figures. Corn and oats participated in the weakness and closed ½c lower each. Pork and ribs closed lower, lard showing a slight advance.

Wheat was fairly active at times and the range for the day was ¼c. The easiness at the start was influenced in a measure by the liberal deliveries on May contracts, probably between 2,750,000 and 3,000,000 bu going around, being sent out by the elevator interests. Cables did not show the steadiness expected and cut some figure as did the liberal Northwestern receipts—486 cars—which were 141 cars larger than the same day last week, and about equal to those of a year ago. Small decrease in Liverpool stocks also was a little disappointing, the reduction in the stock of wheat there during April being but 112,000 bu. Many who bought on the strong impulse the market got at the close yesterday got discouraged and sold out. Elevator interests were liberal sellers of July openly, and brokers supposed to be acting for the same interests were picking up the May at ¼c difference. The chief sustaining influence was crop news at private sources from North Dakota, where seeding is delayed and rain reported within the past twenty-four hours, especially in the Red river valley. But later the signal service predicted generally fair conditions for the Northwest tonight and Saturday, with the exception of showers in Minnesota. A gradual decline, lasting to the end of the session, set in. July opening a shade easier at 64c, sold at 63¾@63⅞c, up to 64¼c, and declined to 63¾c. The market in the last twenty minutes seemed to have lost all its friends and selling became quite general. The bears and bulls vied with each other in their efforts to find buyers for their offerings, and in the last fifteen minutes millions were for sale and buyers hard to find. It sold down to 62⅝@62¾c, and closed weak at 62¾c for July.

Corn was weak and quiet. A downward tendency was given at the start from the heavy deliveries of May contracts, and July, opening ½c lower at 30¼c, gradually declined, closing weak at 29⅞c. The small shipments and export clearances were also discouraging features.

In oats there was not so much pressure to sell at the opening, and a firmer feeling resulted. Later, however, offerings became free and yesterday's record breaking prices were touched. July opened unchanged at 19¼c, declined to 18⅝c, and closed easy at 18¾c.

Provisions ruled weak all day. The opening was lower, influenced by the demoralized condition of the live stock market, and as the grain markets weakened, still further reductions were noted in pork and ribs. Lard received some support and held well, July closing .02½c higher at 4.87½c. July pork closed 25c lower at $8.10; July ribs .05c lower at 4.15c.

Estimates for Saturday—Wheat, 16 cars; corn, 315 cars; oats, 200 cars; hogs, 17,000 head.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open-ing.	High-est.	Low-est.	Clos-ing.
Wheat—May	62	62¼	60¾	60⅞
June	63⅝	63½	62½	62½
July	64	64½	62⅝	62¾
Sept	64¾	64⅞	63½	63½
Corn—May	28½	28⅝	28¼	28¼
July	30¼	30¼	29¾	29⅞
Sept	31⅝	31⅝	31	31⅛
Oats—May	17⅝	18⅛	17⅝	17⅝
June	....	....	....	18
July	19¼	19⅜	18⅝	18¾
Sept	19⅞	20	19⅝	19½
Pork—May	$8.07½	$8.10	$7.95	$7.95
July	8.30	8.30	8.10	8.10
Sept	8.47½	8.47½	8.30	8.30
Lard—May	4.70	4.77½	4.67½	4.75
July	4.85	4.90	4.85	4.87½
Sept	5.00	5.05	4.97½	5.02½
Ribs—May	4.00	4.02½	3.97½	4.02½
July	4.20	4.20	4.15	4.15
Sept	4.32½	4.35	4.30	4.30

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour dull and slightly easier. No. 2 spring wheat, 60¾@60⅞c; No. 3 spring wheat, 61½c; No. 2 red, 64¾@65c. No. 2 corn, 28½c; No. 2 yellow corn, 28¾c. No. 2 oats, 18@18¼c; No. 2 white, 19¾@20¾c; No. 3 white, 18½@19½c. No. 2 rye, 35¼c. No. 2 barley nominal; No. 3, 28@36c. No. 1 flaxseed, 99½c; prime timothy seed, $3.30. Mess pork, per brl, $7.95@8. Lard, 4.75c. Short-rib sides (loose), 4@4.05c; dry-salted shoulders (boxed), 4½@4⅝c; short-clear sides (boxed), 4¼@4½c. Whisky, distillers' finished goods, per gal, $1.22.

Receipts—Flour, 4,000 brls; wheat, 10,000 bu; corn, 187,000 bu; oats, 283,000 bu; rye, 1,000 bu; barley, 27,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 5,000 brls; wheat, 115,000 bu; corn, 74,000 bu; oats, 122,000 bu; rye, 1,000 bu; barley, 7,000 bu.

AT NEW YORK.

Ruling Prices in Produce at the Seaboard's Commercial Metropolis.

NEW YORK, May 1.—Flour—Receipts, 16,900 brls; exports, 14,900 brls. Market dull and easier, with the fall in wheat, although still held at old figures. Southern flour more active. Rye flour dull. Buckwheat dull at 38@41c. Corn meal quiet; yellow Western, coarse, 72@73c. Rye steady at 43@45c. Barley steady; malting, 38@43c. Barley malt dull.

Wheat—Receipts, 63,800 bu; exports, 33,900 bu. Spots weak; No. 2 red, 72¼c; No. 1 hard, 71⅝c. Options opened steady on rains in the Northwest and light deliveries, but yielded to disappointing cables, big spring wheat receipts, fine weather in the winter wheat belt, and later sold off under free liquidation, closing ¾@1c net lower; No. 2 red, May, 69⅝@70⅜c, closing at 69⅝c; September, 69⅞@71c, closing at 69⅞c.

Corn—Receipts, 145,300 bu; exports, 1,500 bu. Spots steady; No. 2, 35⅝c. Options opened steady on covering, but later declined under big receipts, bearish sentiment and sympathy with wheat, closing unchanged to ¼c lower; May, 35 5-16@35 9-16c, closing at 35⅜c; September, 37¼@37½c, closing at 37¼c.

Oats—Receipts, 169,200 bu; exports, 1,000 bu. Spots weak; No. 2, 25c. Options dull and easier with the other markets, closing ⅛@¼c lower; May, 23⅞@24c, closing at 23⅞c.

Hay firm. Hops dull. Hides steady. Leather steady. Wool quiet.

Beef steady. Cut meats quiet; pickled bellies, 4¼@5c; pickled shoulders, 4⅝c; hams, 9@9¼c. Lard steady; Western steam closed at 5.05c asked; refined higher. Pork steady; family, $10.50@11.

Tallow lower. Cotton seed oil quiet but steady.

Coffee—Options opened quiet at unchanged prices, ruled generally dull and featureless on local trading, closed steady at 10 points decline. Sales of 6,700 bags, including: May, 12.85c; September, 11.50@11.60c. Spot coffee—Rio quiet; No. 7, 13⅞c; mild quiet; Cordova, 16¾@18c. Sales of 2,000 bags Maracaibo and 1,200 bags Central American, p. t. Rio—Quiet; No. 7 Rio, 13, $500; exchange, 9 9-16; receipts, 2,000 bags; stock, 72,000 bags. Total warehouse deliveries from United States, 6,645 bags, including 5,832 bags from New York; New York stock to-day, 222,292 bags; United States stock, 248,557 bags; afloat for the United States, 116,250 bags; total visible for the United States, 364,807 bags, against 515,091 bags last year.

Sugar—Raw quiet but firm; refined quiet.

TRADE IN GENERAL.

Quotations at St. Louis, Baltimore, Cincinnati and Other Places.

ST. LOUIS, May 1.—Flour dull and steady. Wheat—The speculative market was controlled by bearish influences, which early caused a decline. Shorts became uneasy when it was seen there was but little wheat for sale and the market stiffened up, and the deliveries on May contract still further tightened the local market, but later a collapse in Chicago caused a rush to sell here, the market declining and closing ½@¾c below yesterday. Spot dull but firm; No. 2 red, cash, 68¼@71c track, 63c bid elevator; May, 56⅝c; July, 59⅝@59½c; August, 60¼c. Corn—Futures strong early in the day but later weakened and closed below yesterday. Spot firm; No. 2 mixed, cash, 25⅞c; May, 25⅝@25⅞c; July, 27½c; September, 28½@28⅝c. Oats—Futures firm and a shade higher for July; No. 2, cash and May, 17c; July, 17⅝@18c. Rye, 37c bid, track. Barley nominal. Corn meal, $1.35@1.40. Bran dull and declining, selling at 40c on east track. Flaxseed steady at 85c. Timothy seed, $2.50@3. Hay—Timothy in liberal demand; prairie scarce and firm at $5.50. Butter and eggs unchanged. Whisky, $1.22. Cotton ties and bagging unchanged. Pork steady; standard mess jobbing at $8.37½. Lard higher; prime, 4.60c; choice, 4.70c. Bacon—Boxed shoulders, 4.75c; longs, 4.75c; ribs, [illegible]¼c; shorts, 4.87½c. Dry-salt meats—Boxed shoulders, 4.75c; longs, 4.25c; ribs, 4.37½c; shorts, 4.37½c. Receipts—Flour, 5,000 brls; wheat, 9,000 bu; corn, 46,000 bu; oats, 26,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 7,000 brls; wheat, 3,000 bu; corn, 155,000 bu; oats, 68,000 bu.

BALTIMORE, May 1.—Flour dull and unchanged; receipts, 7,472 brls; shipments, 200 brls. Wheat dull and easy; spot, 69½c asked; month, 69¼@69½c; July, 69¼@69⅝c; receipts, 200 bu; southern wheat on grade, 69@72c. Corn easy; spot and month, 34½@34⅝c; July, 34⅝@34¾c; receipts, 84,362 bu; Southern white corn, 36c; yellow, 36½@37c. Oats easier; demand fair; No. 2 white Western, 26@26½c; receipts, 15,257 bu. Rye firm; No. 2 Western, 42@43c. Hay firm; choice timothy, $17. Grain freights steady; demand slow and unchanged. Sugar steady and unchanged. Butter firm and unchanged. Eggs weak and unchanged. Cheese steady and unchanged.

CINCINNATI, May 1.—Flour dull. Wheat dull; No. 2 red, 70c. Receipts, 2,000 bu; shipments, 500 bu. Corn firm; No. 2 mixed, 31c. Oats easier; No. 2 mixed, 20@21c. Rye barely steady; No. 2, 42c. Lard steady at 4.60c. Bulk meats steady at 4.37½c. Bacon steady at 5.25c. Whisky steady; sales, 525 brls at $1.22. Butter firmer. Sugar barely steady. Eggs easy at 9c. Cheese steady.

TOLEDO, May 1.—Wheat lower and weak; No. 2, cash and May, 68¼c; June, 69c; July, 65⅞c. Corn dull and steady; No. 2 mixed and May, 29½c. Oats active and easier; No. 2 mixed and May, 19½c. Rye quiet; No. 2, cash, 38½c. Clover seed dull; prime, cash, $4.60 nominal; October, $4.55.

DETROIT, May 1.—Wheat lower; No. 1 white, 68c; No. 2 red, 66¾c; May, 66¾c; July, 65¾c; August, 64¾c. Corn—No. 2, 28½c. Oats—No. 2 white, 21¾c. Rye—No. 2, 36c. Clover seed, $4.50. Receipts—Wheat, 1,000 bu; corn, 5,000 bu; oats, 1,000 bu.

Wool.

BOSTON, May 1.—The Boston Commercial Bulletin will say to-morrow of the wool market: "The market has been very dull throughout the week. The drop in tops on the continent and the decline of 5 per cent. in the London auctions have checked purchases. Our market is nearly back again at the lowest point, fine medium territory clothing being offered at 30c, cleaned. The growers are generally holding out at last year's prices, and as they are looking forward to a new tariff at the special session next spring there is likely to be more wool hoarded in the country than usual. The most notable events are a second shipment of 63,000 pounds of Western bales of wool to the same English mill that purchased a month or so ago, and a cable dispatch offer to purchase large lines of new spring Utah wool at 10c, laid down in England. This price is ½c less lower than the cost of such wools in that position bought at prevailing prices in Utah. The sales of the week are 1,135,000 lbs domestic and 427,000 lbs foreign, against 1,190,000 lbs domestic and 635,000 lbs foreign last week, and 1,710,000 lbs domestic and 1,235,000 lbs foreign for the same week last year. The sales to date show a decrease of 11,909,773 lbs domestic and 94,100 lbs foreign from the sales to same date in 1895. The receipts to date show a decrease of 11,704 bales domestic and an increase of 19,877 bales foreign.

LONDON, May 1.—At the wool auction sales to-day 11,328 bales were offered, of which 2,200 were withdrawn. All better parcels met with brisk demand. Inferior carbonizing sorts were dull and irregular, but in face of the shortage of supplies merchants were indisposed to accept the reductions, hence large withdrawals. Following are the sales in detail: New South Wales—2,042 bales; scoured, 80@1s 5½d; greasy, 5½d@11d. Queensland—2,322 bales; scoured, 10½d@1s 4½d; greasy, 5¾@10½d. Victoria—2,240 bales; scoured, 9½@1s 11d; greasy, 5¾@11½d. South Australia—1,026 bales; scoured, 1s 2½d @1s 3½d; greasy, 4½@8½d. Swan River—888 bales; scoured, 10½d; greasy, 4¼@8½d. Tasmania—102 bales; greasy, 7½@9d. New Zealand—1,788 bales; scoured, 8d@1s 1d; greasy, 7d@9½d. Cape of Good Hope and Natal—922 bales; scoured, 7¾d@1s 1½d; greasy, 5@7½d.

Butter, Eggs and Cheese.

NEW YORK, May 1.—Butter—Receipts, 4,489 packages; market steady; Western dairy, 8@11c; Western creamery, 10@15½c; Elgins, 15½c. Cheese—Receipts, 3,529 packages. Market quiet; large, 5@9¾c; small, 4½@10c; part skims, 3@4½c; full skims, 2@2½c. Eggs—Receipts, 12,710 packages. Market steady; State and Pennsylvania, 11@12c; Western, 10@11c; Southern, 9@9¾c.

CHICAGO, May 1.—On the Produce Exchange to-day the butter market was firm; creamery, 11@15c; dairy, 9@13c. Cheese quiet at 9@10½c. Eggs weak at 9@9½c.

PHILADELPHIA, May 1.—Butter firm; fancy Western creamery, 16c. Eggs steady; fresh near-by, 10½c; fresh Western, 10½c; Cheese dull and easier.

Oils.

WILMINGTON, May 1.—Rosin steady; strained, $1.40; good, $1.45. Spirits of turpentine firm at 24½@25c. Tar firm at $1.20. Turpentine steady; hard, $1.30; soft, $1.70; virgin, $1.90.

NEW YORK, May 1.—Petroleum quiet; United closed at $1.24 bid. Rosin firm; strained, common to good, $2. Spirits of turpentine quiet at 25¾@29½c.

OIL CITY, May 1.—Credit balances, $1.25; shipments, 54,602 brls; runs, 121,335 brls.

SAVANNAH, May 1.—Spirits of turpentine firm at 25½c; sales, 510 brls. Rosin firm.

CHARLESTON, May 1.—Rosin firm at $1.45. Spirits of turpentine firm at 24½c bid.

Cotton.

NEW ORLEANS, May 1.—Cotton active and firm; middling, 7c; low middling, 7 7-16c; good ordinary, 7c. Net receipts, 1,438 bales; gross, 2,147 bales; exported to Great Britain, 4,651 bales; sales, 1,650 bales; stock, 149,011 bales.

NEW YORK, May 1.—Cotton opened steady; middling uplands, 8¼c; middling gulf, 8⅝c. Closed quiet; middling uplands, 8 3-16c; middling gulf, 8 7-16c; sales, 7,486 bales.

NASHVILLE, May 1.—Cotton steady; middling, 7½c. Receipts, 217 bales; shipments, 587 bales; stock, 54,587 bales; sales, 1,000 bales.

Dry Goods.

NEW YOK, May 1.—There was a very good inquiry extended to all offerings of staple colored and fancy cottons, but the volume of sales was disproportionate. A better feeling prevades the market and general sentiment supports it. There was something done in all classes of goods for immediate wants, but in response to orders. Printing cloths are steady at 2½c and odd goods slightly dearer on that basis.

Metals.

NEW YORK, May 1.—Pig iron quiet; Southern Scotch, $10.75@13; North German, $11@13.50. Copper dull; brokers, 10⅝c; exchange, 10.75c. Lead quiet; brokers, 3c; exchange, 3.05c. Tin steady; straits, 13.30@13.40c; plates firm. Spelter quiet; domestic, 4.05@4.10c.

ST. LOUIS, May 1.—Lead firm. Spelter firm at 3.85c.

LIVE STOCK.

Cattle Active and Stronger—Hogs Active and Lower—Sheep Strong.

INDIANAPOLIS, May 1.—Cattle—Receipts, 650; shipments, 200. There was a fair supply. The market was active, with stronger prices on all decent grades. Everything sold before noon. A few fancy export grades sold above quotations.

Export	$4.00@4.20
Shippers, medium to good	3.70@3.90
Shippers, common to fair	3.25@3.60
Feeders, good to choice	3.50@3.70
Stockers, common to good	2.75@3.35
Heifers, good to choice	3.50@3.85
Heifers, common to medium	2.75@3.25
Cows, good to choice	3.10@3.35
Cows, fair to medium	2.70@3.00
Cows, common old	1.50@2.50
Veals, good to choice	4.00@5.00
Veals, common to medium	2.75@3.75
Bulls, good to choice	3.00@3.35
Bulls, common to medium	2.25@2.75
Milkers, good to choice	27.00@35.00
Milkers, common to medium	15.00@22.00

Hogs—Receipts, 8,000; shipments, 3,200. With a liberal supply the movement was fairly active, but there was a sharp decline of 7½@10c. Packers and shippers bought liberally at the decline and a reasonably good clearance was made of all offerings. The closing was weak.

Light	$3.40@3.55
Mixed	3.35@3.52½
Packing and shipping	3.35@3.50
Roughs	2.50@3.00
Pigs	2.75@3.50

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 200; shipments, 100. There was a light supply. The market was active at strong prices, and all grades found ready sale.

Sheep, clipped, good to choice	$3.00@3.25
Sheep, clipped, common to medium	2.25@2.75
Lambs, clipped, yearlings, good to choice	3.75@4.00
Lambs, clipped, yearlings, common to medium	3.00@3.50
Spring lambs	5.00@7.00
Bucks, per head	2.00@4.00

Elsewhere.

ST. LOUIS, May 1.—Cattle—Receipts, 2,000; shipments, 1,100. Market active and 10c higher; export steers, $3.90@4.15; fair to good shipping steers, $3.40@4.20; dressed beef and butchers' steers, $3.25@3.90, mostly at $3.35@3.75; steers under 1,000 pounds, $2.75@3.50, chiefly at $3@3.25; stockers and feeders, $2.60@3.60, mainly at $2.75@3.40; cows and heifers, $2@3.55, mostly at $2.25@3.25; canners, $1.50@2.25; bulls mainly at $2.30@2.75; calves, $4@5.50; Texas steers, $2.80@3.85, bulk of sales at $3@3.60; cows and heifers, $2@3.25, bulk of sales at $2.25@2.85.

Hogs—Receipts, 9,300; shipments, 8,600. Market 5@10c lower; heavy, $3.20@3.40; mixed, $3.10@3.35; light, $3.20@3.50.

Sheep—Receipts, 4,900; shipments, 2,000. Market steady; natives, $2@3.50; Texas, $3@3.45; spring lambs, $4.50@6.50.

CHICAGO, May 1.—Cattle—To-day's market was 10c higher than yesterday, and the supply was well taken. The range of prices for common to strictly choice dressed beef and shipping steers were $3.40@4.40. Few steers sell below $3.80, and plenty of sales have been made as high as $4.25. Butchers' stock has advanced about 25c, and cows and heifers are selling largely at $2.75@3.25, with numerous sales of choice heifers at $3.50@3.75. Bulls continue to sell slowly, at $2.25@3, while calves have sold up to $4.75 for prime ones. Texas grass steers are rather more plentiful, and sell at $2.65@2.85, while fed lots of superior quality have sold close to to $4.

Hogs—There was a further decline of 5c, leaving prices 20@25c lower than a week ago. Prices are the lowest in many years, but they are likely to go still lower, as supplies in the near future promise to continue extremely large. The bulk of hogs sold to-day crossed the scales at $3.30@3.35, sales