THE MARKETS.

TOTAL RECEIPTS OF PRODUCE.

Per North River, Vessels and Railroads.

Beef, pkgs	125	Barley, bush	16,250	Peanut, bags	490
Beans, bbls	451	Peas, bush	1,100	Pork, pkgs	30
Cotton, bales	5,404	Oatmeal, bbl	740	Beef, tierces	22
Cotton seed oil, bbls	626	Flaxseed, bgs	2,200	Cutmeats, pg	1,054
		Grease, pkgs	64	Lard, pkgs	550
Cotton seed bags	350	Grass seed bags	202	Lard, kegs	1,096
Cotton seed meal, bags	300	Hides, No.	960	Butter, pkgs	3,029
Copper, cake	1,288	Hides, bales	750	Cheese, pkgs	1,220
Dried Fruit, pkgs	12	Hops, bales	53	D Hogs, No.	112
Eggs, bbls	2,388	Leather, sid's	9,870	Rice, pkgs	280
Eggs, cases	2,989	Moss, bales	181	Rice, chaff, bags	642
Flour, bbls	29,666	Molasses, hhd	352	Skins, bales	255
C Meal, bbls	205	Crude turp		Sumac, bags	70
C Meal bags	425	Spirits turp,	55	Tallow, pkgs	197
Wheatbush	40,740	Rosin, bbls	680	Tobacco, hds	63
Corn, bush	11,012	Tar, bbls	1,584	Tobacco, bls	292
Oats, bush	38,000	Pitch, bbls	25	Whiskey, bbls	370
Rye bush	550	Oil cake, pks	475	Wool, bales	132
Malt, bush	4,000	Oleo stock, pkgs	773	Wine (Cal.), pkgs	54
				Brandy (Cal)	11

GENERAL MARKET REPORTS.

COFFEE—In Brazil styles the movement was moderately active and prices were firmly maintained on the basis of 5½c. for fair Rio spot invoices. Sales, 5,000 bags No. 3 at 15¾c. 1,000 bags do at 15½c., 2,000 bags No. 6 at 14.81c. and 500 bags do. at 14¾c. Mild growths were firm. Sales, 400 pecuis March Pedang, 21¼c.; 2,507 bags Maricaibo, 16c@17c.; 384 bags Savanilla, and from second hands 4,800 bags Maricaibo on private terms. The market for future deliveries opened at a decline of 15 points under the influence of the weaker cables and closed easy at the opening prices as follows: January, 14.05@14.15; February, 14.10@14.15; March, 14.10@14.15; April, 13.60@13.65; May, 13.70@13.75; June, 13.75@13.80; July, 13.80@13.85; August, 13.90; September, 13.95@14.00; October, 14.00@14.05; November, 14.05@14.10; December, 14.05@14.10. Sales, 113,500 bags.

COTTON—The market for actual cotton was quiet and with a weaker speculative movement the feeling sympathized. Sales, 315 bales (61 bales last evening) all of which were for consumption. The port receipts to-day were 3,472 bales, comparing with 4,019 bales this day last week and 7,628 bales this day last year. Since September 1 the total port receipts have been 5,099,777 bales, against 4,912,458 bales for the same period last year.

Quotations as revised based on the American standard of classification are as follows

	Uplands.	New-Orleans and Gulf.	Texas.
Ordinary	7⅞	8 1-16	8 7-16
Strict Ordinary	8 5-16	8½	8½
Good Ordinary	9¼	9 7-16	9 7-16
Strict Good Ordinary	9 11-16	9⅞	9⅞
Low Middling	10⅛	10 5-16	10 5-16
Strict Low Middling	10 7-16	10⅝	10⅝
Middling	10⅝	10 13-16	10 13-16
Good Middling	10⅞	11 1-16	11 1-16
Strict Good Middling	11⅛	11 5-16	11 5-16
Middling Fair	11⅝	11 11-16	11 11-16
Fair	12⅞	12 5-16	12 5-16

STAINED.

Good Ordinary	7 11-16	Low Middling	9 5-16
St. Good Ordinary	8⅜	Middling	10 3-16

The option market was moderately active and weak. First prices showed no changes, but with free selling here and the South a weak feeling finally set in and final figures represented a decline of 1@6 points for the day. Sales, 82,000 bales.

Months.	To-day's closing.	Extremes. Highest.	Lowest.
April	10.60@10.61	10.59	10.59
May	10.54@	10.60	10.52
June	10.60@10.61	10.67	10.58
July	10.66@	10.73	10.65
August	10.71@10.72	10.78	10.70
September	10.40@10.41	10.45	10.40
October	10.02@10.03	10.05	10.01
November	9.92@ 9.93	9.94	9.92
December	9.92@ 9.93	9.93	9.90
January	9.95@ 9.97	9.94	9.94

FLOUR AND MEAL—FLOUR—A slightly increased business was accomplished to-day, mainly on local trade wants, although exporters bought moderately. Prices are without change of importance, ruling about steady. Sales—18,600 bbls., including 8,800 City Mill Extra, $4 50@$4 65 for the West Indies, latter in new pkgs.; 1,300 bbls. Fine, $2 25@$3 00; 3,000 bbls. Superfine, $2 70@$3 80, latter for Choice; 850 bbls. Extra No. 2, $3 15@$3 60; 5,700 bbls. Winter Wheat Extra, $3 15@$5 10; 5,500 bbls. Minnesota Extra, $3 15@$3 95 for Common to Good, $4 00@$5 00 for Good to Choice, the latter for one or two private brands of Southwest. Included in the sales were 6,400 bbls. for export. Quotations: Fine, $2 25@$3 00, latter for Fancy; Superfine, $2 70@$3 30; Extra No. 2, $3 15@$3 60; Good to Fancy Extra State, $3 60@$4 00; Common to Good Extra Western, $3 15@$3 60; Good to Choice Extra Western, $3 65@$5 00; Common to Fair Extra Ohio, $3 15@$4 00; Good to Fancy, $4 05@$5 00; Common Extra Minnesota, $3 15 @$3 60; Clear, $3 65@$4 35; Rye Mixture, $3 65 @$4 25; Straight, $4 00@$4 50; Patent, $4 60@$5 00; Fancy Winter Extra, $4 30@$5 10; City Mill Extra for West Indies, $4 50@$4 65, latter in new pkgs.; market closed steady.....SOUTHERN FLOUR—Quiet but steadily held. Sales, 700 bbls. Common to Fair Extra at $3 40@$4 00, and Fair to Choice at $4 10@$5 25.....RYE FLOUR—In moderate request. Sales, 600 bbls. Superfine at $2 70@$2 90.

CORN MEAL—Steady. Yellow Western quoted $2 50@$2 75 and Brandywine at $2 65@$2 75. Sales, 400 bbls. Brandywine at $2 75.

GRAIN—WHEAT—Cash grades advanced ¼@½c. per bush. sl. and closed firm, after a fairly active business, in good part for export. The option market was destitute of feature early and was changes were wholly in sympathy with the West. Prices declined a trifle at the opening, subsequently there was a rise of ⅜@⅝c., leaving off strong at about the outside rates. The speculation was moderate in May and June deliveries, but otherwise rather active. Sales, 2,200,000 bushels future, 320,000 bushels spot, including No. 1 Hard at 94½c. in store; 86c. delivered; No. 1 Northern at about 92½c. in store; Ungraded Red, 91@95½c.; No. 3 Red, 91c.; No. 2 Red, 92½c. in elevator; 92@92½c. f. o. b.; 93¼@93½c. delivered; No. 1 Red, 94½c. in elevator; Extra Red, 95½c. in elevator; No. 2 Red, April, closing at 91¾c.; do. May, 91 5-16@92c., closing at 91¾c.; buyers' options at 93c.; do. June, 91@91¼c., closing at 91¼c.; do. July, 90⅞@91⅜c., closing at 91⅜c.; do. August, 90½@90¾c., closing at 90¾c.; do. September, 90⅛@91⅛c., closing at 91⅛c.; do. December, 94⅛@94 9-16c., closing at 94⅛c.; do. May, 99⅛@99½c., closing at 99¼c.....RYE—Dull and nominal.....BARLEY—Dull and unchanged.....BARLEY MALT—Dull and nominal.

CORN—Spot lots a moderate business and prices ruled lower, partly on weak of exporters. Prices declined ⅛@⅜c. at the opening, but before the close the loss was recovered, leaving off firmly. The option dealings were more general and pretty well distributed, although May and July deliveries received most attention. All months declined ⅛@⅜c. during the early hours, but the rise in wheat prompted a better feeling later in the day, and the final rates show a recovery of ⅛@¼c. Sales—904,000 bushels future, 112,000 bushels spot, including Ungraded Mixed at 34@50½c., inside price for Destilling; No. 3 Red, 46c.; Steamer, 46½@48½c. in elevator; No. 2, 48⅝@49¼c. in elevator, 50¼@50½c. delivered; No. 2 April, 49¼c., closing at 49¼c.; do. May, 48⅝@49⅛c., closing at 49¼c.; do. June, 48⅝@48¾c., closing at 48¾c.; do. July, 49⅛@49⅜c., closing at 49⅜c.; do. August, 50⅛@50¼c., closing at 50¼c.; do. September, 50⅝@50¾c.

OATS—Cash grades advanced a trifle and closed firm, with a moderate trade demand. The options are up ⅛@¼c., closing with the best figures ruling firm. Speculation, however, is rather quiet. Sales—165,300 bushels future, 118,000 bushels spot, including No. 2 at 34c.; do. White, 37c.; No. 2, 34¼@34⅝c.; do. White, 37½@37¾c.; No. 1 White, 38c.; Mixed Western, 34@37c.; White do., 37½@42c.; White State, 38@39½c.; No. 2 April, 34⅜@34⅝c., closing at 34⅝c.; do. May, 34⅜@34⅝c., closing at 34⅝c.; do June, 34⅞@35c., closing at 35c.....FEED—Dull and unchanged.

HAY AND STRAW—With liberal receipts the tone was easy and sellers have moderated their views somewhat. Hay, Timothy—Choice, 80@85c.; No. 1, 75c.; No. 2, 60@65c.; Clover, mixed, 50@60c.; Clover, 45@55c.; Shipping, 50c. Straw—Long Rye, 55@60c.; Short, 45@50c.; Oat, 45@50c.; Wheat, 20@35c.

HOPS—The market is an easy one. Reports from Oneida County state that some farmers have sold their crop at 15c. American Hops—N. Y. State, 1886, Best, 20c.; do. Common to Good, 15@18c.; do. 1885, Prime to Choice, 18@22c.; do. Medium, 9@10c.; Pacific Coast, crop 1886, Best, 20@22c.; do. Common to Good, 16@19c.; do. 1885, Good to Prime, 8@10c. Foreign—German, crop of 1886, Best, 20@23c., and Common to Good, 14@18c.; English, crop of 1886, 16@20c.

METALS—Tin—Active and firm, closing at 22.40@22.45c. spot and future. Between calls 10 tons April sold on the Exchange at 22.40c.; do., 10 tons June, 22.40c.; do., 10 tons July, 22.45c.; do. 10 tons August, 22.45c.; do. 10 tons September, 22.45c.; do. 10 tons July, 22½c. On seconds, small 10 tons July sold at 22.35c.; do. 100 tons spot, 22.40c.; do. 10 tons prompt shipment, 22.45c.; do. 10 tons May, 24.45c.; do. 50 tons July, 22.45c.; do. 10 tons August, 22.45c. After second call, 40 tons May sold at 22.40c.; 10 tons June, 22.40c. After calls, 10 tons April sold at 22.40c.; 10 tons prompt shipment, 22½c.; do. 10 tons July, 22.40c.; do. 10 tons June, 22.40c. Sales in London for the day cabled as 220 tons. Copper—Dull and barely steady at 10.30@10.45c. Lake 9¼@9.40c. Baltimore. Sales of Chili Bars in London for the day, 300 tons. Lead—Steady at 4.40c.@4.45c. Spelter—Dull at 4.40@4.45c.

MOLASSES—Well held on the basis of 19½c. for 50° test boiling Muscovado. Sales, 2 cargoes to Boston at 20c. and 3 to do. 19½c. Recent business includes 1,000 pkgs. Domestic Black Strap at 16c. in bbls. and 10c. in bbls.

SPIRITS—The market for Spirits Turpentine was quiet but steady at 39½c. for merchantable, but little business was accomplished. Rosins quiet and in instances easier. Strained, $1 17½; Good do., $1 20; E., $1 25; F., $1 30; G., $1 40; H., $1 45; I., $1 55; K., $1 80; M., $2 22; N., $2 70; Window Glass, $3; Water White, $3 25.

OILS—Aside from a moderate movement in cotton seed from day to day the entire market was dull. While values show no changes of importance from our last quotations, sales, 300 bbls. prime summer yellow 37½c. and 15 tons Ceylon cocoanut on private terms.

OCEAN FREIGHTS—In the leading departments the movement reached a fair aggregate but the rates showed no improvement. BERTH ENGAGEMENTS—To Bristol, steam, 32,000 bush. grain, 2d; Hull, steam, 32,000 bush. grain, 2d; and 16,000 bush. do., 2½d.; Liverpool, steam, 20,000 bush. grain, 1¾d. from store, and 16,000 bush. do., 1d., afloat; Amsterdam, steam, 12,000 bush. grain, private terms; Bordeaux, steam, 16,000 bush. grain, private terms; Genoa, steam, 18,000 bush. grain, private terms; Liverpool, steam, 1,050 bush. 3d., and 7,000 bush. grain, 1d.....PETROLEUM CHARTERS—Antwerp, hence, a British bark, 7,000 bbls., and a British ship, 10,000 refined, 1s. 7½d.; Java, hence, a British bark, 45,000 cases on a foreign charter, and another, 25,000 cases, on private terms; Bangkok, hence, a British bark, 40,000 cases refined oil, 2½c.; Hamburg, hence, a bark, 6,000 bbls. refined, private terms; Copenhagen, from Philadelphia, hence, a Russian bark, 6,000 bbls. refined, 2s. 2d.; Italy, an Italian bark, 15,000 cases refined, 14d.; Stettin, from Philadelphia, a Norwegian bark, 6,000 bbls. refined, 2s. 2½d.; Alicante, hence, an Italian bark, 6,000 bbls. crude, 3s.; Naples, hence, an Italian bark, 3,000 bbls. refined, 2s. 4½d.; Hamburg, hence, a German bark, 7,000 bbls. refined, 1s. 7½d.....MISCELLANEOUS CHARTERS—Rosario, hence, a British bark, general cargo lump sugar; New-York, from Jacksonville, a schooner lumber, $7; Melbourne, hence, a bark, general cargo; Berbece, hence, a British bark, general cargo, $1,150; Carbarian, hence, a schooner, $1,800; St. Vincent, hence, a bark, general; Rio, from Branswick, a Norwegian bark, with a cricket frame.

PROVISIONS—PORK—The market has not varied in any particular, ruling firm with a moderate stir to the trading. Sales 250 bbls. Mess, private terms. Mess quoted at $15@ $15 25 for Old, $16 50@$17 for New, $15 50@$17 for Family Mess, $16 75@$17 for Extra Back and $14 50@$15 for Extra Prime.....BEEF—Dull and more or less nominal. City Extra India Mess, $14@$16; Extra Mess, bbls. $8 50@, Packet, $9; Plate, $9 50.....BEEF HAMS—Have a slow demand. Quoted at $21 50@$21 75.....CUT MEATS—The movement is unimportant for the day, but holders remain steady in their views. No sales reported. Pickled Bellies, 12 lb., quoted 7¾c. Pickled Hams, 11@11½c. Pickled Shoulders, 6¾c.; Smoked Hams, 12@12½c.; Smoked Shoulders, 7¾c.....MIDDLES—Quiet and prices nominally as quoted last. Long Clear, 8¼@8½c.; Short Clear, 8¼@8½c.....LIVE HOGS—Rather quiet, but have a moderate demand at steady prices. Bacon to light average 7¾@7 9-16c.; pigs 7¾c.....LARD—The market had a decidedly weak look during the early hours, when prices declined 5@7 points, sympathizing with the West. Later in the day the tone improved and the closing rates show a recovery of 4@5 points. Trading continues comparatively light. Sales, 250 tcs. Western steam spot, 7.70c. City Steam in moderate demand. Sales, 190 tcs., 7.40c.; prime nominally 7.75c.; Continental, 8.10c. South America, 7.250 tcs. May, 7.69@7.70c., closing 7.70c.; 1,500 tcs. June, 7.74@7.78c., closing 7.78c. bid; 3,000 tcs. July, 7.80 @7.85c., closing 7.85c. bid; 3,000 tcs. August, 7.88@7.93c., closing 7.93c. bid; 500 tcs. October, 8.02@8.03c., closing, 8.03c. bid.....BUTTER, CHEESE and EGGS—Butter—The feeling continues dull and weak, and while there is no general decline, some grades can be had slightly lower. Elgin Creamery, 26c.; Pennsylvania Creamery, 26c.; Western Creamery, 21@26c.; State Dairy, half firkin tubs, 20@26c.; half-tubs, choice, 25@26c.; Welsh tubs, 17@23c.; Western Dairy, 12@17c; Western Factory, 12@20c.; Western Imitation Creamery, 17@22c.; Old Butter—Western Creamery, 16@18c.; State Dairy tubs, 12@19c.; State Dairy, firkins and tubs, 13@20c.; State Dairy firkins 14@20c. Cheese—Firmness is noted in prices and in the instance of fancy white (which advance was reported yesterday) it is realized. Trade demand continues fair. State Factory, 11@15½c., including Fancy White 15½@15¾c.; do. Colored, 14c.; Light Skims, 1½@12½c.; Pennsylvania Skims, 1½@2½c. Eggs—Have a moderate demand at steady prices. State, 13c.; Western, 12½@13c.; Southern, 12@12½c.

STEARINE—Quiet and strongly held. City quoted, 9¼ @9½c. Oleomargarine, 9 13-16c. Sales, 18,000 lb. 6¾c.

TALLOW—More active and firm. Prime City quoted at 5 15-16@3⅞c. Sales, 250,000 lb. 3 15-16@3⅞c.

RICE—In the movement was rather better but val ues were not changed from 5¾@4¾c. for Molasses, 4 9-16c. for Fair Refining, and 5⅜c. for 96° test Centrifugal. Sales 3,700 bags Centrifugal at 5⅛c.; 280 bags Molasses at 4¾c., and 102 bbls. Centrifugal at 5½c. Refined quiet and steady. Crushed, 8 3-16c.; Cubes, 8⅜c.; Powdered, 8 1-16c.; Granulated, 8 1-16@8⅜c.; Mouls A, 8⅜c; Confectioners' A, 8 3-16@8⅜c.; Coffee A Standard, 8 5-16c.; Coffee off A, 8⅛@8 3-16c.; White Extra C, 4⅞@8c.; Extra C, 4⅝@4⅞c.; C, 4⅜@4½c.; Yellow, 4⅛@4⅜c.

WHOLESALE PRICES OF COUNTRY PRODUCE

For the week ending Tuesday, April 12, 1887.

BEANS AND PEAS.

Receipts for week 778 bbls. beans, 14,850 pkgs. peas. Exports, 839 pkgs. beans and 3,396 bush. peas. Continued light receipts, strong advices from the interior, and a fair trade here have combined to make a higher and firm market. Choice marrow advanced to $1 95@$2, with the latter now generally asked. Medium are firm at $1 50, with a few extra lots held a little higher. Choice peas are also doing better, owing to small stocks. Very few choice white kidney here and such are held for more money; average best lots, however, can still be had at $1 50. Red kidney have had sales up to $1 75 and look firm at that. Turtle soup remain dull. A fair inquiry for California Lima at $1 70@$1 75. Green peas selling slowly.

Beans, Marrow, Choice	$1 95 @2 00	Do., Red Kidney, Choice	$1 70@1 75
Do. poor to good	1 00 @1 70	Do., Poor to Good	1 00@1 50
Medium, Choice	1 50 @	Do., Black T. S. Choice	1 50@....
Do. poor to good	90 @1 30	Do., poor to good	1 00@1 33
Pea, Choice	1 45 @	Do., Cal. Lima, Fine	1 70@1 75
Do., Wh. Kid'y Choice	1 50 @1 60	Peas, Green	1 00@1 02½

BUTTER.

Receipts for week 21,188 pkgs. Exports 15 pkgs. The slight evidence of weakness noted in our last weekly report became more marked as the week advanced, but it was not until to-day that any serious break occurred. The weather is warm and spring like, receipts show a considerable increase and trade is very dull. Buyers have been quick to note this unfavorable change in the position and are holding off, or rather taking only the smallest quality necessary to meet pressing necessities. Receivers appreciate the importance of selling the goods before they become stale and they are disposed to meet buyers on very reasonable basis. The bulk of the receipts of butter feels the decline the most. Extra Elgin is not plenty, but aside from a few buyers who cannot be satisfied with anything else, the demand is very limited and the stock has to sell on a level with other fancy goods. It is, therefore, impossible to do any considerable wholesale business above 26@27c., and a higher quotation would be unsafe. Extra State and Pennsylvania is selling at 26@27c., latter full high. Fancy Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, Michigan and Wisconsin are offered freely at 25@26c. Extra firsts at 23@24c., and firsts are quiet at 20@22c. Western summer made creamery begins to drag and holders are making easier prices in order to clean out. The supply of new State dairy has increased largely, trade is dull and values are decidedly lower. Close selections of Delaware County half tubs occasionally reach 26 cents, but large well posted buyers are cutting some of the fancy marks at 25 cents and good lines of Chenango, Cortland and Chautauqua County tubs are going at 24c. Fresh Welsh is more plenty and closing weak at 22@23 cents for good to finest lines. Old dairy is in so light stock that holders still have firm views as to prices. Western Imitation creamery is lower, dull and weak. Factory is very light receipt, but not much demand for it and prices declining.

NEW BUTTER.

Creamery—Extra, Extra	26 @27	Do. firsts	20 @22
State & Penn extra	26 @27	Western Imitation Creamy, ex. firsts	20 @22
Western, extras	25 @26	Do. firsts	17 @18
Extra firsts	23 @24	Do. seconds	14 @15
Firsts	21 @22	Western Dairy— Do. firsts	16 @17
Seconds	18 @20	Do. seconds	13 @15
State Dairy— Hf. tubs extras	25 @26	Western Factory— Extras	18 @20
Do. extra firsts	23 @24	Do. firsts	15 @17
Do. firsts	20 @22	Do. seconds	13 @14
Do. seconds	17 @19	Do. thirds	12 @12½
Welsh tubs, extra	22 @ ..		
Welsh tubs, ex. firsts	23 @ ..		

OLD BUTTER.

Creamery—Western, summer make	14 @17	State Dairy—Firkins extras	20 @ ..
State Dairy—Tubs, extra firsts	18 @20	Do. extra firsts	18 @19
Do. firsts	16 @17	Do. firsts	16 @17
Do. seconds	14 @15	Do. seconds	14 @15
		Western Dairy and Factory—Seconds	12 @13
		Do. do. thirds	9 @11
		Grease, per lb	5½@ 7

CHEESE.

Receipts, week, 8,682 packages. Exports, 3,827 packages. Fancy State factory white cheese are up fully ¼ cent per lb, and the market is strong, with not to exceed 700 boxes in store. Holders refuse to sell fancy parcels below 15 cents. There is a pretty good movement in colored with fancy lots selling at 13¾@14 cents. A line of about 500 boxes sold to a Philadelphia party on Saturday, and further lots were shipped there to-day. Fine stock is worth about 13½c., and fair to prime sells at 12 @13½c. New cheese are not arriving in quotable quantity as yet. A few lots of Chenango County skims are selling at 3@ 8½c. and odd lots from the Little Falls district at 8@12c., latter for pretty nearly full cream stock. Pennsylvania skims lower and dull. Liverpool cable quotes 64.

State Factory, white fancy	15	Do. Fair to Good	12 @12¾
Do. colored, fancy	13¾@14	Do. Common to Fair	11 @12
Do., full cream, fine	13½@ ..	Do. Skims, Poor to Prime	6 @10
Do. Good to Prime	12½@13¼	Pennsylvania Skims	1½@ 1¾

EGGS.

Receipts for week 36,217 pkgs. Following our last report the market continued active and in sellers' favor until Thursday, when a few sales of special marks were made at 14½c., but 14c. was the ruling price and became full top on Friday under some pressure to sell out. On Saturday trade was dull and sales were made mainly at 13½@13¾c., the week closing with a good deal of stock unsold. Dealers and retailers carried considerable stock over Sunday, and so far this week the demand has been exceedingly dull; arrivals are lighter, but the offerings are more than ample to supply the requirements and prices have fallen to 12¾@13c., at which holders consider the position fairly steady in view of advices of moderate shipments from most points West. Duck and goose eggs are much lower since Easter and close dull.

In compliance with the wishes of many in the trade, we call attention to the following article from a recent issue of *The Producers' Price Current* on the egg case question:

"A returnable package for marketing any kind of produce is not only a nuisance to the trade but often the loss of all the sale of the goods and may be shown to be uneconomical. The decided advantages pertaining to free packages have of late years widely extended their use for the shipment of all kinds of produce, and it can be but a short time before the returnable package will take its place among the relics of the past—outgrown in the natural progress of trade toward better methods of business. Even now those shippers who still cling to the use of returnable packages have to contend with so great disadvantage in competition with goods in free packages that it would seem only necessary to state the facts of the case to induce them to abandon their use altogether. The use of cases in lieu of barrels for packing eggs has greatly increased of late years, and as in many sections of the country they can be used more cheaply than barrels, a strong prejudice against them, although as a rule barrels are preferred by the trade here. But between returnable and non-returnable cases there is a wide difference. The trouble and expense to dealers in separating the returnable cases and carting them back to the receiver is no small item, to say nothing of the loss of time and the inconvenience to receivers, in that they can only be sold at a lower price than barrels and free cases—always ¼c. per dozen lower and sometimes more; even at that difference in price the free cases are preferred, so that in a dull and declining market, when quick sales cannot to be desired, the free cases often find a ready sale and the returnable cases remain to catch most of the decline. Furthermore, the returnable cases are not available to fill out-of-town orders, which frequently form an important part of the demand in this market. It may also be shown that shippers can get new light cases and let them go with the eggs at less cost than they can have the heavy cases returned to them if proper consideration be given to the difference in cost of the cases, the difference in price received for the eggs, the expense of cartage and freight, and the loss in breakage and wear and tear of cases and fillers. Let the cases come free."

State and Pennsylv. per doz	13@..	Southwestern, bbls. and free cases	12¼@..
Western, choice, in bbls	@13	Southern, fair to good	12 @12½
Western, choice, in cases	12½@13	Duck eggs, per doz	22 @24
		Goose eggs, per doz	40 @45

FRUITS AND BERRIES—FRESH.

Apples hold up well in price but are a little quieter. Cranberries in moderate supply and firm, but demand light. Florida oranges scarce and firm. Strawberries arrive very moderately from Florida and South Carolina and prices for good bright lots hold up firmly; but many of the late receipts are of poor quality and drag at lower rates.

Apples, Do. Baldwin	$4 50@ 5 00	Oranges, Florida fancy, box	6 00@ 6 50
Do. Russett	4 00@ 5 00	Do. good to prime	3 50@ 4 50
Inferior stock, bbl	3 00@ 3 50	Do. good to prime, russet	3 00@ 3 50
Cranberries, Jersey, per crate	3 00@ 3 50	Do. inferior	2 00@ 2 50
Strawberries, Fla. qt	20@ 50		
Do. Charleston	35@ 65		

DRIED FRUITS.

Receipts for the week, 752 pkgs.; exports Dried Apples, 353 pkgs. More movement in Evaporated Apples and a slightly firmer market. Sun-dried sliced in small stock, quiet and unchanged. Very little doing in coarse cut. Sun-dried peeled Peaches selling at 15@17c. for old; scarcely any new left. Unpeeled easier and dull. Small fruits selling slowly with prices weak on most kinds.

Apples, Evaporated Fancy	12½@13	Peaches, N. C. peeled, choice	16 @17
Do. choice	12 @ ..	Do. do., prime	13 @15
Do. prime	11¼@11½	Do. Ga., peel'd, ch'ce	15 @16
Do. common to fair	10 @11	Do. do., fair to good	13 @14
Do. N. C. sliced choice	5½@ 6	Do. unpeeled	4 @ 5
Do. do. prime	4 @ 5	Raspberries, exp	17 @17½
Do. State, sliced	4 @ 5	Do. sun dried	15½@16½
Do. Ohio and Mich., cts. bbls	4½@ 5	Cherries, pitted, choice dry	@11
Do. Western, grs. bgs	3 @ 4	Do. common to prime	7 @ 9
Peaches, Ga. evap. unpeeled	@13	Plums, State, prime	7 @ 7
		Huckleberries	6 @ 7
		Blackberries	@ 9

HOPS.

Receipts for week, 567 bales. Imports, 603 bales. The market continues dull and weak. Buyers take what few lots are needed for present requirements, but refuse to add to their stocks. Holders are selling wherever opportunity offers and make concessions when it will increase business.

State, 1886, Prime	20 @21	Pacific Coast, 1886, Choice	20 @ ..
State, 1886, Fair to Good	16 @18	Do. 1885, Medium to Prime	15 @18
State, 1886, Poor to Medium	10 @15	Foreign	13 @18
State, 1885	7 @11		

POULTRY AND GAME.

The Jewish holidays have kept up the price of live fowls, but that demand is now largely over and with increasing receipts the market closes lower and weak. Roosters are easier in sympathy with fowls. Turkeys still scarce and selling promptly at 12@13c. Ducks and geese are too poor to sell well and prices rule lower. Pigeons steady.

Western dressed fowls are plentier, very dull and lower. Turkeys scarce and firm. Philadelphia poultry in small supply and of very irregular quality and price; choice broilers or fancy soft meated roosters wanted; coarse fowly yearlings hard to sell. Capons and chicks firm. Frozen poultry in light supply and prime stock held firmly.

Wild ducks mostly of poor quality and dull. Snipe and plover quiet.

LIVE POULTRY.

Fowls, N. Y., N. J. and Penn. per lb	@12½	Ducks, Western, per pair	60 @80
Do. Western, pr lb	@12½	Ducks, Southern	50 @55
Do. Southern	11 @ ..	Geese, Western, per pair	1 00@1 37
Roosters, young and old	7 @ 8	Do. Southern	1 00@ ....
Turkeys, per lb	12 @13	Pigeon, per pair	45@ 50

DRESSED POULTRY

Turkeys, Western	10 @14	Ships	19 @20
Chickens, Philadel. spring	45 @50	Squabs, white doz	3 50@4 00
Do. Phila. winter	25 @35	Do. dark	2 00@2 50
Do. Phila. fall	21 @22	Frozen turkey, fancy	14 @15
Do. Phila. yearling	14 @20	Do. prime	12 @13
Fowls, Jersey and Phila.	11 @12	Frozen chicken, prime	11 @12
Do. Western	@11	Frozen ducks, West.	12 @14
Old cocks	6 @ 7	Frozen geese, Western	8 @ 9
Ducks, Western	10 @12		
Geese, Western	7 @ 9		
Capons, large	25 @28		
Do. medium	22 @24		

GAME.

Wild Ducks, Canvas, pair	75@1 50	Do. common	15@ 20
Do. Red Head	40@ 60	Dow birds, grass	3 00@3 50
Do. mallard	30@ 40	Plovers, doz	1 50@1 75
Do. Teal	25@ 30	Snipe, English, doz	1 00@1 25

POTATOES AND VEGETABLES.

State potatoes are coming forward freely but the demand is fairly active and prices still rule strong, the best grades showing further improvement. Eastern seed potatoes are also doing a little better in price and sell more readily. Bermuda new plenty and lower; Florida new very irregular and sales show wide range. A few New-Orleans lots of small size and common quality selling slowly at $3 50@$4 50 per bbl. Sweet potatoes steady; really fancy reach $3 25. Florida new vegetables of nearly all kinds meet a good demand in ranges quoted as to quality. Charleston and Savannah green peas sell well when choice, but receipts largely inferior, especially from Savannah. Asparagus still scarce and high. Norfolk kale and spinach of good quality sell readily. Radishes quiet. Beetroots outlook steady at $1 75@$2; tomatoes largely green, and most sales at 75c. @$1 per box, only a few fancy lots going any higher. Beets easier; Florida's are much preferred even at higher prices.

Potatoes, Bermuda, bbl	$7 00@$8 00	Do. Fla., crate	$2 50@$3 50
Do. Florida	5 00@ 7 00	Beans, Fla., Wax, crate	3 00@ 4 00
Do. State, Burbank	2 00@ 2 12½	Do. Green, round	3 00@ 3 50
Do. State, White		Do. Green, flat	1 75@ 2 50
Sweet	2 00@ 2 12½	Peas, Sav. crate	1 50@ 2 25
Do. State, Hebron	1 87@ 2 00	Do. Charleston	1 75@ 2 25
		Asparagus, Ch'n. dozen	7 00@12 00
		Do. N. C., per doz	7 00@10 00
		Beets, Fla., crate	2 00@ 2 50
		Do. Bermuda	1 50@ 1 75
		Squash, Fla., cr	1 50@ 1 75
		Spinach, North'n, bbl	2 00@ 3 00
		Kale, Nort., bbl	2 00@ 2 50
		Radishes, Nort., 100	75@ 1 00
		Cabbages, old, 100	6 00@ 8 00
		Do. Fla., new, bbl	3 50@ 4 00

MILK AND CREAM.

The daily average receipts of milk and cream at the different railroad distributing points in and near the city for the week have been as follows: Erie, 3,725 cans of milk, 38 cans of condensed milk and 67 cans of cream; Susquehanna, 1,375 cans of milk and 32 cans of cream; New-York City and Northern, 1,403 cans of milk; Harlem, 2,620 cans of milk, 81 cans of condensed milk and 80 cans of cream; New-Haven and Hartford, 1,300 cans of milk; Ontario and West Shore, 2,060 cans of milk, 108 cans of condensed milk and 55 cans of cream; New-Jersey Central, 525 cans of milk and 10 cans of cream; and by miscellaneous shippers, 1,425 cans of milk and 40 cans of cream. The total daily supply has been 14,433 cans of milk, 227 cans of condensed milk and 284 cans of cream. The receipts have more than met the demand and prices sagged off, the average paid for the platform surplus declining to $1 40 a can of 40 quarts.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

NEW-YORK, Wednesday, April 13.—BEEVES.—Receipts were 36 cars of 654 head at Jersey City with the exception of 2 carloads. The total for four days 3,893 head against 3,808 head for the same time last week. Arrivals all for the market, and with a few cars held over the total offerings were 40 carloads.

Demand active and the yards were cleared early at an advance of about 10c. on all grades of Steers.

Footest to Best sold at the range of $4 50@$5 65 per 100 lb; Dry Cows at $2 75@$4; Bulls at $3@$4 25 (including 2 cars of slop-fed at $3 80@$4 25); Old Oxen and Stags at $2@$3 25.

About 34 cars that were expected to arrive over the West Shore road were delayed by a washout and will probably be here for Friday's market.

Shipments to-day 740 quarters of Beef in the Adriatic by Joseph Eastman.

Sales.—D. McPherson: 2 Pennsylvania Meal fed Steers, 1455 lb., at $5 40; 9 do, 1309 lb. at $5 25; 10 do, 1250 lb. at $5 25; 18 do, 1133 lb. at $5 20; 15 do, 1264 lb. at $5 15; 26 do, 1181 lb. at $5 15; 5 do, 1220 lb. at $4 90; 10 do, 1142 lb. at $4 90; 1 do, 890 lb. at $4 50; 2 State Oxen, 1490 lb. at $4 25; 4 State Bulls, 925 lb. at $3 40; 21 State Dry Cows, 924 lb. at $2 75; 1 do, 954 lb. at $2 65; 2 Bulls, 925 lb. at $