Provisions, Live Stock, Etc.

EGG MARKET SHOWS ADVANCES | Sc less, APPLES - Kings, brl. \$4@4.25; Northern Spies, 44@4.25; Greenings, \$3; Ben Davis, \$3@3.25; Baldwins, \$3@3.25; Bonan Beauty, \$4: Jonathans, bu. \$2.50; Missouri Pippins, \$1.75; Ben Davis, boxes, \$1.75.

AGE ACCOUNT.

Values Seem to Have Reached an Extreme Point-Buyers Not as Numerous Since Quotations Reached Present Figures-Butter List Is Firm on All Grades-Cheese Prices Are Higher-Poultry Rules Steady.

The week closes with hardly as firm tone prevailing as at the close of last. Values have reached a point which seems to be clase to the outside limit at which speculative buyers will take hold, and with element of strength with-drawn it seems hardly probable that drawn it seems hardly probable that much, if any higher figures, can develop unless very unusual weather conditions should be the case. Layers are now working to full capacity, as shown by the heavy arrivals now coming. The consumptive demand is of important proportions, and grocers find their outlet much larger. than earlier in the month. Fresh eggs are now quoted fully a cent a dozen higher than a vear ago, while general conditions appear ago, while general conditions appear mount of stock has been forwarded to castern points already for storage, but it is noticeable that bids from that quarter are not coming as freely as carly in the week. This is somewhat accounted for by the fact that more southern eggs are going in that direction, and while not as desirable for storage, answer all requirements for current use. This will confine the eastern demand for northwestern eggs to speculative channels which will buy freely solong as they consider prices right, but will drop out quickly when too high. Butter has held up surprisingly well, and shows strong tone, today on tops, and an advancing tendency on low grades. Renovators and ladlers find their supplies well sold out, and are in market for a sufficient amount of the grade known as packing stock to keep their plants moving. New sweet goods only are wanted. Creamery extras are now quoted \$3 per 60-lb. tub higher much, if any higher figures, can develop their plants moving. New sweet goods only are wanted. Creamery extras are now quoted \$3 per 60-lb. tub higher than a year ago, and while it may not develop the coming week, when it does arrive, dealers look for a decline that the present like the present

shipped in.

Potato prices continue on the descending scale. A drop of 2 cents per bushel took place the first of the week, but the demand has not perceptibly increased. Offerings are liberal and buyers are particular about getting No. 1 stock, so that off lines are in a bad way and must see kthe starch factories for an outlet. Rutabagas are in oversupply and are selling as low as 15 cents per bushel. Onions and cabbage are firm. New green vegetables show some fluctuation in price, but the range is lower on most lines. The variety in are firm. New green vegetables show some fluctuation in price, but the range is lower on most lines. The variety in hands of jobbers is better maintained. and orders can be depended on being filled on the average.

The range of prices on some fruits is toward a lower basis. Cranberries and lemons are lower for the week. Cocoanuts are also more reasonable. Oranges are active and bringing the best price. Apples show no new feathere are plenty of the standards to answer all requirements.

GENERAL PRODUCE

Official quotations of the Minneapolis Produce Exchange, corrected up to 12 m., Saturday, March 25.

Saturday, March 25.

BUTTER—Receipts yesterday, 17.404 pounds. Creameries, extras, 27½c; creameries, firsts, 26c; creameries, seconds, 20c; dairies, extras, 23@24c; dairies, firsts, 20@22c; dairies, seconds, 19c; rolls and prints, fancy, 22c; rolls and prints, choice, 19c; ladies, firsts, 23c; ladies, seconds, 18c; renovated, extras, 22c; packing stock, fresh, 8weet, 19c.

EGGS—Receipts yesterday, 1,453 cases, Current receipts, No. 1, case count, case, \$4.50; checks and seconds, case, \$3.75.

CHESE—Twins or flats, faucy, 15c; twins or flats, choice, 13@13½c; twins or flats, fair to good, 10@11c; old, fancy, 19c; Young Americas, fancy in quality and regular in style, 17c; Young Americas, choice, 11@13c; brick, No. 1, 15½c; brick, No. 1, 15½c; brick, No. 1, 15½c; brick, No. 1, 15½c; primost, No. 1, 11½c; primost, No. 1, 11½c; primost, No. 1, 19@9½c; Swiss, fancy, 1903 make, 16c; Swiss, fancy block, 14½@15c; Swiss, choice, block, 11@12c.

Live POULTRY—Yearling roosters, 12c; 11½c; primost. No. 2, 5c; misses. 10. 1. oc. 1. oc.

LEMONS-California, fancy, as to size, \$3; choice, \$2.75.
BANANAS—Jumbo bunches, \$2.25@2.50; large BANANAS—Jumbo bunches, \$2.25@2.50; large bunches, \$2@2.25; medium bunches, \$2. CRANBERRIES—Bell and Bugle, bri, \$6.50; late Howes, \$6.50; Jerseys, bu crate, \$2.25. NEW VEGETABLES—Beets, bu, 40c; beets, doz bunches, 90c; carrots, bu, 40@50c; cauliflower, crate, \$4; California celery, S5c@\$1; California celery, crate, \$5.50; cucumbers, doz, \$2; egg plant, \$2@3; garlic, 10@12c; lettuce, leaf, 35c; mint, doz, 40c; onlons, shallots, dobunches, 80@90c; parsley, doz. 30c; parsnips, bu, 50c; peppers, green, six-basket crate, \$4.50; radishes, round, doz bunches, 40c; rhubarb, bi, 7c; spinach, bu, \$1.35; Florida tomatoes, six-basket crate, \$5; turnips, bu, 25c; wax beaus, bu, \$6.50; watercress, doz. 30c. basket crate, \$5: turnips, bu, 25c; wax beaus, bu, \$6.50; watercress, doz, 30c.
BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—Brl, \$5.75@6.25; bale, ten 10-lb sacks, \$3@3.25.
HONEY—Extra fancy white, 1-lb sections, 10c: choice white, 1-lb sections, 10c: anaber, 10e; goldenrod, 10c; extracted white, in cans, \$½c: extracted amber, in cans, 7c.
CABBAGE—Large crates, \$2; ton, \$15.
BEANS—Quotations include sacks, Fancy navy, bu, \$2: choice navy, bu, \$1.65@1.75; medium navy, hand-picked, \$1.75@1.85; medium navy, hand-picked, \$1.75@1.85; medium day, fair, \$1.25; medium navy, unixed and dirty, 65@75c; brown, fancy, \$2; brown, fair to good, \$1.50@1.75.

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@.75c; brown, fancy, \$2; brown, \$1.50@1.75.

DRIED PEAS—Yellow, fancy, bu, \$1.40; yellow, medium, \$1.50; green, fancy, bu, \$1.25; medium, bu, \$1.10; marrowfat, \$2.

PINEAPPLES—24s and 30s, crate, \$4.50, ONIONS—Dry, per, 100 lbs. \$2.25; Spanish, \$2.35. dkim, bu, \$1.10; marrowfat, \$2. PINEAPPLES—24s and 30s. crate. \$4.50. ONIONS—Dry, per 100 lbs. \$2.25; Spanish, crate, \$2.35; STRAWBERRIES—Floridas, qt, 75c. DRESSED MEATS—Veal. fancy. lb. 1/2@Sc; veal. fair to good, 6½@7c; veal. small or overweight, 3@5c; mutton, fancy, 7@7½c; lambs, fancy, 10@11c; hogs, 6@6½c. States, \$4.25@5.75; native cows and helfers, \$2.000, complete to the complete to the

BIG DEMAND RULING FOR STOR- ROCKEFELLER BANK IS A LARGE ONE

STANDARD OIL AND OTHER DE-POSITS OF \$259,000,000.

European Investors Taking Hold of American Industrial Bonds-The Venezuelan Situation and the Bears in Wall Street-The Waldorf-Astoria Clique Confident and Other Large Speculative Groups Bullish — The Winter Wheat Outlook Helps Stocks.

fought shy of American industrial investments, and the fact that telephone bonds have found favor abroad is pleasant testimony to the growing credit of this country and of its industrial enterprises in Europe. There is a large amount of money in Europe seeking investment, and it is likely that in the course of the current year there will be an important movement of funds from the other side into the attractive stocks and bonds of American railroad and industrial corporations.

The bears in Wall street pretend to be seriously alarmed over the Venezuelan situation and resultant complications with European powers. In fact one prominent bear said the situation was so serious that he thought the stock exchange

than a year ago.

develop the coming week, will break some records. With a continuance of anything like the present weather, the make will greatly increase, and it will take a big drop in price to induce speculative buying. Dairies are not in over-supply, in fact the local market has been comparatively short on table butter all the week.

Cheese shows some advances that Cheese shows some advances that he sustained rise in the market has placed them in a precarious position. So far they have been unable to buy back their stocks, and they are in mortal fear of being "squeezed."

Wall Street Opinion.

Americas of fancy quality are particularly scarce, and further advances on this grade seem likely.

Poultry demand is almost entirely confined to live. So far dressed poultry has sold very well, owing to the scarcity of live, but dressed stock is likely to arrive in poor condition and should not be forwarded unless absolutely necessary. As anticipated at last week's writing, veal weakened under the weight of excessive offerings, but the decline was not serious. Mutton, lambs and hogs are higher. Meat inspectors have been active this week, and have confiscated a good many under-aged veal, which should not be shipped in.

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Railroad Earnings.

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Railroad earnings continue to expand as a reflection of the prevailing industrial prosperity. For the same reason bank clearances show an almost steady enlargement from the record of previous years. The rebound in iron and steel may prove as extravagant as was the preceding severe and oncessonable drop in prices and activity, but, judging by present indications, it will be a long time before developments are likely to occur in the general situation to check the expansion of profits among the manufacturers of steel and iron and of equipment and supplies to the railroads. The winter wheat outlook, so far as may be judged from the conditions which have prevailed since the planting of the seed and its germination, is more favorable than in some years. favorable than in some years.

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Much interest naturally attaches to the developments which may take place in the railroad situation in the immediate future. The approach of the annual meeting of the New York Central has been and will doubtless continue to be made the peg on which to hang no end of tales of impending deals. The street has looked for announcements of important deals which will justify the price level that has been established for many stock issues not justified by the current return of interest on the investment. If there is a disappointment in this regard, it will be natural that speculative stocks will be sold. The cardinal fact should not be lost sight of however, that at present rich men dominate the market.

market.

Of interest in connection with the exchange situation is the probability that local banking houses will assist in the underwriting of the new Japanese loan, thus making further demands upon the surplus money resources.

—S. S. Schroff.

PROVISIONS

S. CHICAGO PROVISIONS, March 25.—Smaller receipts of live hogs gave some strength to provisions. Trading, however, was almost at a standstill. May pork was up 5c at \$12.87½, to \$7.20. Ribs were 2½c higher at \$6.95@6.97½, (close—Pork. May. \$12.77½@12.80; July. \$12.22½@12.95. Lard. March \$7.02½; April. \$7.07½; May. \$7.17½. Ribs. May. \$6.97½; July. \$7.17½; September, \$7.32½; October, \$7.32½@7.35.

NEW YORK PROVISIONS, March 25.—Beef and pork, stead. Lard, dull; prime western steam, \$7.30.

CHICAGO PRODUCE, March 25.—Butter, firm; creameries, 20@27c; dairies, 18@23c. Eggs, firm; at mark, cases included, 164c. Cheese, firm; daisies, 13@234c; twins, 12@124c; Young Americas, 134c. Poultry, alive, easy; turkeys, 13c; chickens, 13c; springs, 13c. Potatoes, steady; Burbanks, 26@28c; Rurals, 25@28c. Veal, firm; 50 to 60-bb weights, 4@44g-; 65 to 75-bb weights, 5@614c; 80 to 125-lb weights, 7@8c. 5@643c; 80 to 123-15. weights, 4@8c.

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK, March 25.—Cattle—Receipts, 300: strong; good to prime steers.

\$5.15@6.25: poor. to medium. \$3@5: stockers and reeders, \$2.75@4.65: cows. \$2.80@4: helfers, \$3@5: cunners. \$1.50@2.40; bulls. \$2.50@4; calves, \$3@7.

Hogs—Receipts, 9.000; Monday, 30.000; 5@10c hlgher; mixed and butchers. \$5.25@5.45: good to choice heavy. \$5.35@5.55; rough heavy, \$5.25@5.35; light, \$5.20@5.45; bulk of sales, \$5.30@5.45.

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Sheep—Receipts, 2.500; sheep and lambs, steady; good to choice wethers, \$5.75@6.25; fair to choice mixed. \$4.75@5.65; western sheep. \$5@6.25; native lambs, \$5.50@7.65; western lambs, \$5.50@7.95.

ST. LOUIS LIVESTOCK, March 25.—Cattle—Receipts, 75; market steady; beef steers, \$3@6; cows and helfers, \$3.40@4.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 2.000; market higher; and lights, \$3.50@5.10; butchers and best heavy, \$5.40@5.50. \$5.40(£5.50). Sheep—Receipts, 1.400; market steady; natives, \$3@6; lambs, \$4@7.40.

CATTLE DEMAND IS RUNNING STRONG

MORE STUFF IN AT ST. PAUL, GOOD STOCKER TRADE AT SIOUX JOHN W. LETS ALL THE BOYS IN BUT LITTLE UNSOLD.

No Finished Beef, but Some Occasional Bunches of Good Steers that Sell Well Up-Hogs Fluctuate Sharply and Cover a Considerably Wider Price Range for the Week-Sheep Receipts Largely Made Up of Western Stock Coming In on Contract.

South St. Paul, March 25.—Receipts of live-stock on the South St. Paul market for the first five days totaled 6,123 cattle, 389 calves, 16,094 hogs and 6,690 sheep, compared with 5,730 cattle, 979 calves, 17,467 hogs and 5,893 sheep the preceding week and 2,945 cattle, 589 calves, 13,147 hogs and 7,327 sheep for the correspond-ing week last year. cattle, 979 calves, 17,467 hogs and 5,893 sheep the preceding week and 2,945 cattle, 589 calves, 13,147 hogs and 7,327 sheep for the corresponding week last year.

While local receipts of cattle have shown a small increase over recent weekly runs, and have been double the supply for the like week last year, the demand has been strong and trade active. Not much change in values on any class of stock occurred during the week. No finished beef cattle arrived, but the better grades offered sold with some strength over last week's closing prices. Occasional small bunches of right good steers sold at \$4.75, and a fairly good class at \$4.50 to \$4.65, with most of the fair light killers around \$4.25. Good to choice butcher cows sold from \$2.50. Bulls ruled a little stronger early in the week, but lost the strength toward the close. Veal calves are 15c to 25c lower than a week ago. With the approach of the grass season, the demand for stockers and feeders continues strong. All the useful steers from 700 to 1,100 pounds have met with an active sale and firm to strong prices ruled. Choice feeders sold here during the week at \$4.25 and good 700 to 900-pound steers are quotable from \$3.50 to \$4. Best yearlings sold up to \$3.75, and nothing of much use below \$2.50, altho scrawny little knotheads have gone down around \$2 and are not much wanted even at such prices. Stock heifers of fair weight and quality have been of ready sale, but common little stuff dragged. Milch cows and springers, unless good, have been of hard, slow sale, and common kinds sold largely as canners br at equivalent prices.

Hogs—The week was one of rather sharp fluctuations in hog values. On the first two days, with moderate runs east, the market advanced nearly 15c. This advance was practically all lost in the trade of Wednesday and Thursday, with a strong nickel advance Friday. Prices at the close of that day's trading were fully 5c to 10c higher than at the close of the previous week. It is generally believed, that present prices will be maintained th

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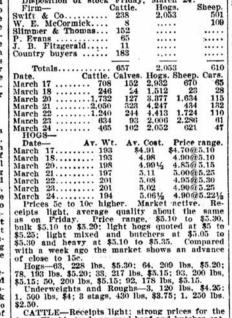
Sheep—Receipts in this department have been composed very largely of fed western stock delivered on contract. Natives have been in small supply, and offerings for the most part poor in quality. Prices ruled firm on sheep, while larubs have shown an easier tendency. Choice fat lambs are quoted up to \$7.25, but a good class are going around \$7 and fair to medium killers from \$6.25 to \$6.75. Good to choice fat ewes are quotable from \$5 to \$5.25, fat wethers from \$5.50 to \$5.75 and yearlings from \$6 to \$6.50. Prices on shorn stock are still ruling 75c to \$1 below prices quoted above. About a steady market is anticipated for the next week. Estimated receipts at the Union stockyards oday: Cattle, 155; calves, 35; hogs, 1,200; sheep

Railroads entering the yards reported receipts or the day by loads as follows: Chicago Great Halirona Firm— Cattle.

Halirona Balance & St. Louis, 2; Chicago, St. J. Minneapolis & Omaha, 9; Great Northerr Total, 20 cars.

Disposition of stock Friday, March 24: Firm— Cattle. Hogs.

238 2,033



CATTLE-Receipts light: strong prices for the day. Week's trade on good beef and butcher cat-tle and useful stockers and feeders has been active and strong. Everything else, with the one exception of veals, which are 15c to 25c lower, is selling at about the same prices as last week. The trade on common milch cows has been dull. Sales:

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Cutters and Canners—3, 866 lbs, \$2.50; 1, 1,000 lbs, \$2.50; 7, 701 lbs, \$2.25; 1, 1,300 lbs, \$2.25; 1, 1,210 lbs, \$2.25; 1, 1,300 lbs, \$2.25; 1, 1,210 lbs, \$2.25; 1, 1,200 lbs, \$2.65.
Butcher Bulls—2, 560 lbs, \$3; 1, 1,130 lbs, \$2.25; 1, 1,500 lbs, \$2.75; 1, 1,230 lbs, \$3.25; 2, 235-lbs, \$2.50; 4, 242 lbs, \$2.
Stock and Feeding Steers—13, 1,150 lbs, \$4: 2, 850 lbs, \$3.25; 2, 550 lbs, \$3.25; 3, 640 lbs, \$3.25; 2, 818 lbs, \$2.75; 4, 587 lbs, \$2.30; 2, 525 lbs, \$2.25; 1, 460 lbs, \$3.25; 2, 550 lbs, \$3.25; 3, 640 lbs, \$3.25; 3, 640 lbs, \$2.25; 1, 460 lbs, \$2.35; 2, 440 lbs, \$2.35; 2, 440 lbs, \$2.35; 1, 460 lbs, \$2.40; 2, 850 ks, \$2.55; 2, 440 lbs, \$2.25; 1, 460 lbs, \$2.40; 1, 550 ks, 400 lbs, \$2.35; 2, 440 lbs, \$2.35; 1, 460 lbs, \$2.40; 1, 550 ks, 400 lbs, \$2.35; 2, 440 lbs, \$2.40; 1, 550 ks, 400 lbs, \$ Stock and Feeding Bulls—1, L.160 bbs, \$2.46; 1, \$20 bbs, \$2.35; 1, 880 bbs, \$2.25; 1, 740 bbs, \$2.25; Milch Cows and Springers—2 cows, \$64; 1 cow, 1 calf, \$33; 1 cow, 2 calves, \$26.

SHEEP—Receipts consisted of only a few head. Market quoted steady with Friday. A few good lambs of local feeding sold at \$7. Sheep are selling at firm to strong prices, compared with last week's close, while lambs have shown an easier tendency for the week. Receipts have been made up largely of contract western stuff direct to local packers. Sales:

Killing Sheep and Lambs—21 western lambs, 62 bs, \$7; 3 lambs, 80 bbs, \$6.76; 1 ewe, 110 bbs, \$3.50; 13 cull western ewes, 90 bbs, \$3.

Among the shippers on the market were: E. Gardner, Hammond. Wis.; Jones & Co., Durand, Wis.; Newman & Co., Cokato: A. J. Scřilling, Delno; A. McKinnon, Pingree, N. D.; G. Christensen, Hazelrön; Shank Packing company, Shakopee; W. P. Williams, Minneota; R. H. Kempton, Thompson & Co., Morgan; J. J. Sturgeon, Marshall; J. J. Hughes, Lake Crystaj; D. H. Flynn & Co., West Brook; J. H. Person, Monevideo; Gaalson & Co., Milan; Melhouse & Co., Olivia.

BOSTON MINING STOCKS, March 25.—Closing prices, yesterday's market: Adventure, 5%, 66: Allouez. 22½ @22½; Arcadlan, 1½@13½; Atlantic, 16½@16½; Bingham, 30@30½; British Columbia, 6%, 66%; Calumet & Hecla, 665@670; Centennial, 17½@18; Consolidated, 76½@76½; Daly West, 15@15½; Dominion Coal, 80½ asked: Dominion Steel. 23½@23¾; Elm River, 2½@2¾; Franklin, 10@10½; Granby, 5½@6; Guanajuato, 4½@4¾; Greene Consolidated, 28@28½; Isle Royale, 2½@25; Mass, 11½@11½; Mayflower, 1 asked; Michigan, 13½@14; Mohawk, 53%, @54; Old Colony, 1@11½; Old Dominion, 26½@27; Oseeola, 99½@100; Parrott, 27½@28½; Phoenix, 1½@2; Quincy, 106@108; Rhode Island, 1½@2; Consolidated, 27½@28½; Phoenix, 1½@2; Ganta Fe, 2½@2½; Shaunon Copper Company, 7½@8; Swift & Co., 108½@109½; Tamarack, 130%, 135; Tecumseh, 2½@3; Trinity, 10½@10½; United States Mining, 24½@25; United States oil, 9½@9¾; Ulath, 41½@42; Victoria, 4½@5; Winona, 12%@3%; Wolverine, 111@112; Wyandot, 2@2½.

BEEF RUNS HEAVIER ANOTHER GATES THAN LAST WEEK

CITY YARDS.

A Scarcity of Choice Cattle and More Killers of Quality Could Be Used-Steers Sold Off Early, but as the Week Closes Are Looking a Little Better-Hogs Not Very Plentiful and Prices Stronger and About a Nickel Higher in Consequence.

was a good, active trade and dealers found an outlet for about all the cattle they had on hand. On Wednesday the country demand fell off and consequently dealers demanded concessions, which sellers were forced to grant, and all grades of stockers later ruled 10@15c grades of stockers later ruled 10(@1oc lower. A good cleanup was made, however, in the dealers' division, and the prospects are bright the coming week for cattle having desirable quality, but the common to fair grades will not possibly sell any better. Yearling weights of steers comprised the bulk of the week's marketing, and cattle of good quality averaging 500 to 700 lbs sold

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OMAHA LIVESTOCK, March 25.-Cattle-Re- INCREASES NOTED IN MANY LINES OF

\$3.75@5.63; cows and helfers, \$3@4.35; calves, \$2.75@5.75.
Hogs—Receipts, 6,000; market 5c higher; light, \$5@5.15; pigs, \$4.50@5; bulk of sales, \$5.10@5.15.
Sheep—Receipts, 1.000; market steady; wethers, \$5.25@5.70; lambs, \$6.75@7.50.

HIDES, FURS, PELTS, WOOL

REVIEW OF THE MARKET BY THE NORTH-WESTERN HIDE & FUR COMPANY.

Altho hides are now the poorest of the whole season, the demand is strong, showing that there is a shortage in the world's supply. No doubt this is largely caused by the drain on this country for leather shipments to Japan and Russia. It may be that if peace is declared it will affect the market unfavorably, but all grades are in demand now. Prices are advanced \(\frac{1}{2} \) for on all grades. Shippers are urged to salt hides carefully before shipping, or they will grade No. 2 or glue.

Furse—The receipts continue large. Those recently caught are faded or sheddling, except for water animals. Trappers should cease trapping, let them live and multiply; one mother killed now means seven to nine less next winter.

No changes to report on gluseng, seneca, feathers, beeswax, wool or pelts. All are in fair request.

G. S. cured steer hides, over 60 lbs ... 104
G. S. heavy cow hides, over 60 lbs ... 94
G. S. light hides, under 60 lbs ... 94
G. S. bulls, stags, oxen and work
steers ... 7½
G. S. Ichg-haired kip, 8 to 25 lbs ... 94
Veal kip, 15 to 25 lbs ... 104
Veal calves, 8 to 15 lbs, each ... 12
Deacons, under 8 lbs, each ... 13
Deacons, under 8 lbs, each ... 60
Green or frozen, 1c less than G. S, cured.

Montana butcher hides, short trim, light ... 15
Montana butcher hides, long trim, heavy ... 16½
Montana butcher hides, long trim, light ... 15
Indian stretched ... 13
Montana calf, under 5 lbs ... 19
Montana calf, under 5 lbs ... 16
Iowa Minnesota Dakota and Wisconsin hides ... 13
Dry bull hides ... 12
Dakota and Wisconsin calf, under 5 lbs ... 17
Kips, 6 to 12 lbs ... 14
Dry salted hides, all weights ... 12

Wcol—
Unwrshed, fine medium 17 @19
Unwashed, fine medium 17 @19
Unwashed, medium % to %-blood 19 @21
Unwashed, coarse 18 @20
Unwashed, burry, seedy, chaffy, medium or coarse 16 @17
Unwashed, broken lots, medium and coarse 16 @17

NEW YORK SUGAR AND COFFEE. NEW YORK SUGAR AND COFFEE, March 25,—Sugar, raw, nominal; fair refining, 4½c; centrifugal 96 test, 4¾c; molasses sugar, 4c; refined, dull; crushed, 6.75c; powdered, 6.15c; granulated, 6.05c. Coffee, steady; No, 7 Rio, 7½c. Molasses, steady; New Orleans, 29@35c.

WHEAT CORNER

BEFORE THE TURN.

But Will Only Put It to \$1.30 This Time-Light Contract Stocks Will Make It Work All Right, According Chicago Alone.

Sioux City Stock Yards, Sioux City, Iowa, March 25.—The run of cattle this week, while moderate, shows a gain of 1,800 head over last week. The increased marketing has been due to the liberal run of stocker cattle early in the week. The stocker trade has been in a very satisfactory condition, and on the opening days values ruled 15@25c higher. At this advance there was a good, active trade and dealers found an outlet for about all the cattle thay had on head. On Wodnedday they was dealed that the bull clique is to buy May wheat on all the declines and sell on the advances, thus scalping the market quietly until May 1 approaches, when it is planned to force the price to \$1.30.

Gates, who is long 20,000,000 bu at present in Chicago alone, and has also long lines at Minneapolis and New York, intends to sit down and make the shorts settle. make the shorts settle. May wheat sold yesterday at \$1.12%, down to \$1.11%, but reacted to and closed at \$1.12%, this recovery being on the talk of John W. Gates and his bull following renewing the bull campaign.

FINANCIAL GOSSIP

SPRING OPENS WELL

INCREASES NOTED IN MANY LINES OF TRADE.

New York, March 25.—Bradstreet's today says: While reflecting Irregularities, due to rainy weather at the east and south, high water in central western rivers, and poor conditions of country roads generally, the volume of distributive trade and the movement of industry hold the increase recorded last week. From the south on the face, the tenor of advices is even better.

Retail trade at the large cities is livening up as spring advances. Crop reports, especially from winter wheat, are increasingly favorable, notably in the southwest. Railway earnings reflect a heavy grain movement, a large movement of iron and allied products, and heavy merchandise shipments, in an increase of 9 per cent for the first half of March.

Money has hardened at a number of cities, but collections still lag.

Especially active lines of trade are dry goods, shoes and clothing, notably at the west. Lumber, hardware, paints and oils reflect in a country-wide demand the approach of an active building season, and hides and leather are active and firmer at leading western and eastern markets. Farm machinery and implement dealers report demand active in the northwest.

The really remarkable feature in current industry is, however, the continuance of the here-tofore heavy inquiry for all kinds of iron and steel, crude and finished. Light on this matter is furr/shed by reports that railroad building this year will be the heaviest for years.

Business failures in the United States for the week erding March 23, number 204, against 186 last week, 215 in the like week in 1904, 175 in 1903, 183 in 1902, and 189 in 1901. In Canada, failures for the week number 18, as against 22 last week and 18 in this week a year ago.

Wheat (including flour) exports for the week ending March 23 are 1,044,595 bu, against 194, 742,294 last year, 120,841,515 in 1903, and 189, 873,615 in 1902.

Corn exports for the week are 2,076,836 bu, against 134, 742,294 last year, 120,841,515 in 1903, and 189, 873,615 in 1902.

CROP YEAR LIKE 1889

The present crop year in the northwest is similar in many respects to that of 1889, says the Minneapolis Market Record. In that year the crop was short and prices so much above an export basis that very little flour or wheat was sent abroad. In that year the government report estimated for Dakota 25 per cent of the crop on hand March 1, which amounted to something over 10,000,000 bu. This year from a much larger crop in the Dakotas the government gives 26 per cent for South Dakota and 18 per cent for North Dakota, or a total of 18,440,000 hu. Opinions vary now as then as to how near this estimate are the facts. Minnesota bad 7,249,000 bu on hand March 1, 1889, according to the government report, and the present year this state is given 16,402,000 bu, about the same percentage, but the crop was larger the past season. In 1889 estimates placed the amount of wheat in country elevators and mills at 6,450,000 for Minnesota and Dakota, and the past month from reports received by the Market Record there is in country elevators and mills a little over 10,000,000 bu on March 1.

The second week in April, 1889, saw the collapse of wheat prices on an exportable basis. The reason of the collapse was the fine rains over the winter wheat country, with the generally good condition of the winter wheat plant and the exhaustion of stocks in the northwest, while still believed in, the fact entirely disappeared from view in the large movement of wheat to Minneapolis. The present season the wheat receipts at this point have continued on a much from view in the large movement of wheat to Minneapolis received 380,000 bu more wheat than came here in the crop year of the previous season.

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Adams Consolidated, 25; Alice, 90; Breece, 25;
Brunswick Consolidated, 6; Comstock Tunnel, 8;
Consolidated California & Virginia, 145; Horn
Silver, 170; Iron Silver, 300; Leadville Consolidated, 5; Little Chief, 6; Ontario, 325; Ophir, 65;
Phoenix, 6; Potosi, 10; Savage, 13; Sierra Nevada, 33; Small Hopes, 25; Standard, 185. MISLED.

HOUSTON Post.

"So you consider him misleading and disappointing? Why?"

"Well, he had me on the qui vive last night in the expectation that he was going to ask me to go to the theater."

"And he didn't?"

"No; he only asked me to marry him."

FEMININE VIEW.

Detroit Tribune.

He—Don't you think Miss Uppson carries her head rather high?

She—Yes, poor girl. I can't help feeling sorry for her.

THE LATEST HABBY CALL THE LONDON Globe.

It is certainly high time that tree-planting in Ireland was undertaken on a large scale. "Some parts of the country," remarked a guardian of the North Dublin Union, "are so bare that there have chance of shooting a landlord at all."

HEAVY ACREAGE

FARMERS IN THE FIELDS IN MANY DISTRICTS.

Chamber of Commerce Reports Indicate That More Wheat Will Be Put In This Season Than Last-Railroads Gathering Information-Season, So Far, Has Been Favorable.

All reports today as to the progress of farm work were highly favorable, and everything indicates a big wheat acreage. In a week or two more definite information will come. In addition to the state of to Chicago Report—Gates Reported
Long 20,000,000 Bushels Wheat in
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Were telegraphic advices of farmers in the fields from Fargo, Grand Forks, Crookston and Hillsboro. Some are al-

ready seeding.
At the Chamber letters and telegrams At the Chamber letters and telegrams from southern Minnesota indicate that more wheat will be put in this season than last in localities that have been planting more corn and barley of late years. The Omaha road says the farmers are busy all along the line, and the Milwaukee and Minneapolis & St. Louis roads make similar reports. The Great Western station agents say the outlook for early seeding and for a large acreage of wheat was never so good.

Last year at this date, and for tendays following, the northwest was drenched by continued rains, and seeding was delayed three weeks in some localities. This was a primary cause of the short wheat crop, rust coming in later and finishing it. This spring there is no excess moisture, and if the present weather holds seeding should be general in ten days.

Everyone in the Minneapolis grain

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Everyone in the Minneapolis grain trade is praying for a good wheat crop this year, and if there is anything in the law of averages the northwest should get it, for there has not been a "thumper" trop for several years. 'bumper'' crop for several years. Seeding operations began in Manioba this week and much has been done in the northwest territories, particularly in the Rosthern and Prince Albert

districts. The soil is in prime condi-

MORE CORN PLANTING

Wheat Acreage Will Be Cut in Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota. cial to The Journal.

Sioux City, Iowa, March 25 .- More

corn and oats and less wheat in Iowa; 20 per cent more corn in Nebraska and less wheat, and about 30 to 35 per cent more corn in South Dakota, is, in brief, the report of railroad traffic men and general agents about the crop prospect

The campaign for good corn by Pro-fessor Holden and his assistants will have an effect on the output and may influence the acreage somewhat. Farm-

that more money can be made raising corn under Holden methods.

Nebraska never received a better price for its oats and corn in propor-tion to the yield than the past year, and farmers are encouraged to plant

more corn and oats. In South Dakota it is estimated that an South Dakota it is estimated that 331-3 per cent more land will be cultivated. The corn acreage will be nearly doubled. Many new fields will be planted in oats.

Yankton, S. D., March 25.—Spring seeding has commenced. The upland is dry enough to tempt many farmers into their fields, but in the lower portions the ground is still wet.

The decrease in the acreage of small

A HABIT OF HIS,

New Orleans Times-Democrat.

"Isaacs got nearly strangled to death by a thug the other night at the corner of Eleventh street and 'Steenth avenue."

"I'm not surprised. Isaacs always would have his leed'l choke."

THE DIFFICULTY.
Sloux City Journal.
Probably the difficulty in getting at the rights of the Cobrado situation is accounted for by the fact that there aren't any.

ECONOMY.

New York Telegram.

Husband—If I stay downtown late this evening I'll send you a message.

Wife—Never mind. I have it already. I found it while cleaning your clothes.

SUNDAY PASTIME OUT IN KANSAS.

Springfield (Mass.) Republican.

The latest pastime in Kansas is to go to church on Sunday when there is no dog fight on and count the number of times the people in the congregation cough. Two people play the game, each going to a different church. The one with the highest score at the end of the sermon has to take the other over to the drug store.

THE COMMERCIAL COURSE IN HIGH SCHOOLS

A Test of Practical Knowledge-Designing and Lettering for Business Purposes.

This is the first year of the commer-the Central high is also entitled to cial course in the Minneapolis high schools. The course is proving very attractive, especially to the boys, and is counted upon to bring more boys into the high school from the grades than have heretofore continued their studies in the high school

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This business course has many practical features, one of which is instruction given in designing and lettering. In the high school.

Teduced with good results. This point seemed to have been studied to better effect by Earle Gilkerson than by any tother designer. At the same time, the



QUEENSTOWN

LIVERPOOL THE AMERICAN LINE.

This work is under the direction of arrangement, the wording and the gen-Miss Roberts, supervisor of drawing, eral effectiveness of the advertisement At her suggestion the children in the submitted by him seemed to have sucommercial course in the several high schools have recently completed a com-

play advertisement.

submitted by him seemed to have su perior merit.

commercial course in the several high schools have recently completed a competition in four lines of practical work. To one school was assigned the task of designing a billhead, the lettering of course to be done by hand and the arrangement and shape of the design to be original with the pupil; to another high school was assigned the work of preparing a letterhead; to another a business card; and to the fourth a display advertisement. George D. Day-George D. Day- the new commercial course. When high



WE SET THE PACE. -By Earle Gilkerson, Central High School

ton, Mr. Graves of the Northwestern school boys and girls are able to do Miller and the editor of The Journal were asked to examine these designs and indicate which ones seemed to which is of immediate commercial value. which is of immediate commercial value. Their services will command money. The services will command money. The services will command money. The ability to do work of this kind is competition, deciding that the best bill-head was designed by Warren A. Amy of the East-high school; the best letterhead by Esther Fern of the North high school; the best business card by Albert Mangney of the South high school, and the best display advertisement for poster, magazine or newspaper print by Earle Gilkerson of the Central high. Florence Lauber of