SECRET SOCIETIES.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

ACME LODGE, NO. 19, K. OF P.—MEETS every Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, West Gate Hall, northwest corner Grand and Easton avenues. Members requested to attend regularly. Visitors cordially invited.
MATTHEW VONEY, C. C.
G. W. Clifton, K. of R. & S., 1463 St. Louis avenue.

CASTLE HALL, GOLDEN CROWN LODGE, No. 42, K. of P.—Regular convention every Friday night, 8 o'clock, Hall No. 2, tenth floor, Century building. Work at each convention. Every member come. Visitors invited.
F. W. KIRK, C. C.
H. C. Scott, K. of R. & S.

DAMON LODGE, NO. 28, K. OF P., MEETS every Wednesday evening at Odd Fellows' Hall, No. 2, seventh floor, Ninth and Olive streets Wednesday, May 25. Work in rank of Esquire. Members expected. Visitors invited.
F. S. STUMM, C. C.
Attest: H. R. Bernel, K. of R. & S., 2749 Franklin avenue.

FUTURE GREAT LODGE, NO. 178, K. OF P., Howard's Hall, Thirteen and Olive—Wednesday, May 25, work in the rank of Knight, amplified. Visitors welcome.
R. P. FRITSCHLE, C. C.
W. A. Roberts, K. of R. & S.

MISSOURI LODGE, NO. 2, K. OF P., Burlington Building, No. 319 Olive Street—This lodge will confer the first or initiatory rank of Page on Friday evening, May 20. Visitors always welcome.
T. C. MOORE, C. C.
Chas. C. Fink, K. of R. & S.

[illegible] LODGE, NO. [illegible], K. OF P., meets every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock at Archer Hall, southwest corner Jefferson and Park avenues. Take Compton Heights, Park or Jefferson avenue cars. Members are expected and visitors cordially invited to attend.
A. H. NORTHEN, C. C.
L. B. Case, K. of R. & S.

PYTHAGORAS LODGE, NO. 275, K. OF P., meets every Wednesday evening at castle hall, northwest corner Grand and Easton avenues, at 8 o'clock. Business meeting Wednesday, May 25. Members expected. Visiting brothers always welcome.
E. B. HOLLEY, C. C.
E. Ettinger, K. of R. & S., 3935 Easton avenue, Kinloch D 546.

PACIFIC LODGE, NO. 298, K. OF P., MEETS every Wednesday evening, Century building, Ninth and Olive streets, May 25, amplified rank of Knight. Cigars. Visitors invited.
E. N. ROBINSON, C. C.
W. A. Gray, K. of R. & S.

PREMIER LODGE, NO. 349, K. OF P., meets regularly every Monday evening in hall No. 3, seventh floor Odd Fellows' building. Visitors are cordially invited. Members are requested to attend.
JOSEPH O. MORE, C. C.
J. F. Witte, Jr., K. of R. & S., 3804A North Twenty-fifth street.

RED CROSS LODGE, K. OF P., MEETS AT 8 o'clock at Odd Fellows' Hall, Ninth and Olive streets, every Wednesday night. Wednesday, May 25, a social evening. Visitors always welcome.
J. B. HIGDON, C. C.
H. W. Belding, K. of R. & S.

ROYAL LODGE, NO. 233, K. OF P., meets regularly every Friday evening in Odd Fellows' building, Ninth and Olive streets, seventh floor, work in the ranks always on hand. Visitors are cordially invited. Members are requested to attend.
ARTHUR PFEIFFER, C. C.
C. S. Green, K. of R. & S.

WABASH LODGE, NO. 248, K. OF P., meets every Tuesday evening at castle hall, southwest corner Broadway and Benton. May 24, work in the rank of Knight, amplified form. Visitors welcome. Refreshments and cigars.
O. L. OSBORN, C. C.
M. C. Shulte, K. of R. & S.

WASHINGTON LODGE, NO. 123, K. OF P., Century Building, Ninth and Olive streets—Friday evening, May 20, rank of Knight.
A. J. TILDEN, C. C.
Jos. P. Dummich, K. of R. & S., Maplewood, Mo.

ZULEMA LODGE, NO. 221, K. OF P., meets Monday evening, May 23, in hall No. 1, tenth floor Century building, at 8 o'clock. Work in rank of Knight; new amplified; electrical and calcium effects. Members expected and visitors cordially invited to attend.
FRANK J. VOLLMER, C. C.
Attest: O. M. Brooks, K. of R. & S.
P. O. Box 1662.

ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS.

AURORA LODGE, NO. 267, A. F. & A. M.—Special and regular meetings this (Friday) evening at 7 p. m. Benton and Broadway. Work on E. A. and F. C. degrees. Visitors invited.
JOHN KNAPP, W. M.
John L. Bowman, Secretary.

ERWIN LODGE, NO. 121, A. F. & A. M.—Special meeting Friday, May 20, 1904, at 7:30 p. m., Grand Avenue Masonic Temple, Grand and Finney avenues. Work E. A. degree. Members requested and visitors fraternally invited to attend.
AUG KAMP, W. M.
George J. Berne, Secretary.

GEORGE WASHINGTON LODGE, NO. 9, A. F. & A. M., will hold stated communication May 24, 7:30 p. m., at Masonic Temple, Grand and Finney avenues. Work in Fellow Craft degree. Visitors are assured a cordial welcome.
GEORGE W. JAMES, W. M.
W. L. Reynolds, Jr., Secretary.

MISSOURI LODGE, NO. 1, A. F. & A. M. ("Mother Lodge")—Called communication on Wednesday, May 25, at 7:30 p. m., Corinthian Hall, Grand Avenue Masonic Temple. F. C. degree. Members are requested and visiting brethren fraternally invited to attend.
J. W. KRUEGER, W. M.
John H. Deema, Secretary.

POLAR STAR LODGE, NO. 79, A. F. & A. M., will hold a stated communication in Doric Hall, Grand Avenue Masonic Temple, this Friday at 7:30 p. m. Work in F. C. degree.
WILLIAM I. CRAWFORD, W. M.
Edwin P. Ambler, Secretary.

ST. LOUIS ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER NO. 1.—Stated convocation, Grand Avenue Masonic Temple, this (Friday) at 8 p. m. Visiting companions fraternally invited.
W. L. WHIPPLE, E. H. P.
Moses Ely, Secretary.

INDEPENDENT ORDER ODD FELLOWS.

ANCHOR LODGE, NO. 322, I. O. O. F., meets every Monday evening at Schuette's Hall, Nineteenth and Wright streets. Work in the degrees. Visiting brothers welcome.
LEO LANGENBACHER, N. G.
David Petty, Secretary, 1826 O'Fallon street.

MECHANICS' LODGE, NO. 69, I. O. O. F., meets every Friday evening at 8 o'clock, at Frank P. Blair Post, G. A. R., Hall, 1708 Market street. Visiting brethren cordially invited to attend. Work in the degrees every meeting.
J. H. GRANADE, N. G., 1034 Rutger street.
J. F. Streeter, Secretary, 3619 Indiana ave.

MISSOURI LODGE, NO. 11, I. O. O. F., meets at Odd Fellows' Hall, Ninth and Olive streets, on Friday evening, May 20. Work in the Initiatory degree. New features in the music. Visiting brothers invited to attend.
HENRY KESSLER, N. G.
R. H. Morris, Recording Secretary.

ST. LOUIS LODGE, NO. 5, I. O. O. F., meets every Saturday evening at Odd Fellows' building, southeast corner Ninth and Olive streets, Hall No. 1, at 8 o'clock. Visitors welcome. Members expected to attend. Work in the Initiatory and Third degrees.
R. L. GERLIN, N. G.
Wallace McCargo, Secretary.

WILDEY LODGE, NO. 1, I. O. O. F., meets Tuesday evening of each week at hall No. 1, Odd Fellows' building, corner Ninth and Olive, at 8 o'clock. Visiting brothers invited to attend.
J. C. SHANER, N. G.
F. W. Riegel, Secretary.

ROYAL ARCANUM.

FELIX COUNCIL, NO. 1729, ROYAL ARCANUM, meets every first and third Friday at West Gate Hall, Grand and Easton avenues. Haymaker degree will be conferred on October 16.
W. L. STECKER, Regent.
J. H. W. Bockstette, Secretary.

GRAND COUNCIL MISSOURI, ROYAL Arcanum, 309-311 Holland Building—A cordial welcome to visitors, friends, brethren and members from abroad.
E. A. BARBOUR, G. R.
Jno. C. Killingsworth, Grand Secretary.

REVIEW OF THE IRON TRADE.

About 10,500,000 Tons of Ore Now Available.

Cleveland, O., May 19.—The Iron Trade Review says:

While the iron trade drifts, with pig iron declining, the developments in respect to ore traffic on the lakes have reached a point from which they may soon pass to a position of free importance. The masters and pilots have taken a stand that now threatens a labor strike, and this makes the question of ore supply of immediate interest. In addition to the 4,500,000 tons of ore officially reported as on dock at Lake Erie ports on May 1, careful estimates (but not based on official figures) put the amount of Lake Superior ores in furnace yards on that date at close to 7,000,000 tons. The reduction in the last two weeks makes the amount of such ore now available about 10,500,000 tons, or somewhat less than a five months' supply at the present rate of consumption.

Some merchant furnaces in the Central West are preparing to blow out in the next few weeks, so that ore consumption will be reduced to that extent. While the above 10,500,000 tons of ore will run the furnaces into October, if evenly proportioned, there are interests whose furnaces would be forced to stop much before that for lack of ore. In addition to the demand that wages in many cases be raised on a declining market, the issues between the masters' and pilots' union and the lake carriers involve the principle of pay according to service, and the owners are taking a very firm stand. It is a struggle that may easily grow to national importance. Meantime the ore market is as dull as it could well be. Furnaces want to see what level prices will go. The United States Steel Corporation, while free to sell or exchange ore, is not likely to find any inducement to become a seller on such a level as this year.

Pig iron centers report lower prices and little inclination by consumers to consider purchases for the third quarter. The statistical showing for May 1 was unexpectedly good—an increase in production in April 106,000 tons from that of March, accompanied by a decrease in stock of 14,000 tons. On May 1 the production of coke and anthracite iron was at the rate of 19,000,000 tons a year, and all apparently going into consumption, though there is, of course, the undetermined factor of stocks in consumers' hands. Southern iron is freely offered at $9.50 for No. 2 foundry; Birmingham and sales on subjects have been at the equivalent of $9.25.

LOCAL SECURITIES STEADY, WITH SCATTERED TRADING.

BANKING ISSUES IN BEST DEMAND.

Though Outside Interest Is Light Offerings of Small Lots Are Well Taken.

In yesterday's market for local securities the volume of trading was small, but there was a continued good demand for banking issues. Tractions had little support and the only sale in this group at the morning session was that of a small lot of United Railways preferred at 38.

Missouri Trust was well taken at $115.50, with more wanted at that, and Mercantile Trust was strong at $345. Commonwealth Trust was about steady at $300.50 and $250. Mechanics' National Bank was fairly strong at $271.75.

At the afternoon session Transit was taken at $13.75 and $13.85½ and National Enameling preferred at $81.

YESTERDAY'S MARKET.

Closing quotations:

	Bid.	Asked.
St. Louis Transit	13.75	13.85
United Railways, pfd.	37 37½	38.00
Do. 4s	81.00	81.75
Missouri Trust	114.50	115.00
Mercantile Trust	345.00	350.00
Commonwealth Trust	300.00	280.87½
Lincoln Trust	190.00	
Title Guaranty	49.00	50.00
Mississippi Valley		302.00
Bankers' Bank	210.00	
International Bank	300.00	
Bank of Commerce		300.00
Mechanics' National	271.00	272.00
Third National		190.00
State National		190.00
American Central Insurance		200.00
National Enameling, com		29.00
Laclede Gas, com		100.00
Alton Bridge 4s		92.00
Stoveco 4s	86.00	86.50
Central Coal and Coke, com		37.87½
Granite-Bi-Metallic	35	
American Gold Mining	.20	.29

Sales:

25 St. Louis Transit at	$13.75
25 St. Louis Transit at	13.82½
10 United Railways, pfd. at	38.00
60 Missouri Trust at	114.50
10 Mercantile Trust at	345.00
10 Commonwealth Trust at	300.50
15 Commonwealth Trust at	300.00
10 Mechanics' National at	271.75
25 National Enameling, pfd. at	81.00

Bond Quotations at New York.

New York, May 19.—Closing quotations to-day for bonds on the Stock Exchange were:

United States refunding 2s, registered	104½
United States refunding 2s, coupon	104½
United States 3s, registered	109½
United States 3s, coupon	109½
United States new 4s, registered	132½
United States new 4s, coupon	132½
United States old 4s, registered	112½
United States old 4s, coupon	112½
Atchison general 4s	100½
Atchison adjustment 4s	91½
Atlantic Coast Line 4s	100
Baltimore and Ohio 4s	98
Baltimore and Ohio 3½s	92½
Central of Georgia 5s	106½
Central of Georgia 1st inc	73
Chesapeake and Ohio 4½s	102½
Chicago and Alton 3½s	73
C., B. & Q. new 4s	94
Chicago, M. & St. P. general 4s	109½
Chicago and Northwestern consol. 7s	138
Chicago, R. I. & P. R. R. 4s	93½
Chicago, R. I. & P. R. R. col. 5s	79½
C., C., C. & St. L. general 4s	101
Chicago Terminal 4s	76½
Consolidated Tobacco 4s	60
Colorado and Southern 4s	—
Denver and Rio Grande 4s	96½
Erie prior lien 4s	96½
Erie general 4s	85½
Fort Worth and Denver City 1st	106½
*Hocking Valley 4½s	107½
Louisville and Nashville unified 4s	102½
Manhattan consol. gold 4s	103
Mexican Central 4s	68½
Mexican Central 1st inc	18
Minneapolis and St. Louis 4s	96
Missouri, Kansas and Texas 4s	100
Missouri, Kansas and Texas 2ds	77½
National R. R. of Mexico consol. 4s	74½
New York Central general 3½s	98½
New Jersey Central general 5s	114½
Northern Pacific 4s	104½
Northern Pacific 3s	72½
Norfolk and Western consol. 4s	98½
Oregon Short Line 4s and partic	94½
Pennsylvania conv. 3½s	94½
Reading general 4s	96
St. Louis and Iron Mountain consol. 5s	114
St. Louis and San Francisco funding 4s	97½
St. Louis Southwestern 1st 4s	94½
Seaboard Air Line 4s	91½
Southern Pacific 4s	97½
Southern Railway 5s	115½
Texas and Pacific 1sts	118½
Toledo, St. Louis and Western 4s	70
Union Pacific 4s	104½
Union Pacific conv. 4s	104½
United States Steel 2d 5s	72½
Wabash 1sts	112½
Wabash deb. B	37½
Wheeling and Lake Erie 4s	87½
Wisconsin Central 4s	94½
*Colorado Fuel 5s	90½

*Offered.

New York Curb Stocks.

Reported by G. H. Walker & Co., No. 307 North Fourth street:

Close:	Bid.	Asked.
American Tin Can, com	3½	4½
Do. pfd	34½	35
American Light and Traction, com	48	50
Do. pfd	91	93
American Writing Paper, com	3½	3½
Do. pfd	12½	14½
Bay State Gas	3½	4
Borden's Condensed Milk, com	117	120
Do. pfd	109	112
British Columbia Copper	1½	2
Consolidated Refrig. and Ltg. Co.	3½	4
Electric Boat, com	28	32
Do. pfd	60	67
Electric Vehicle, com	5½	6½
Do. pfd	19½	20
Greene Consolidated Copper	13	13½
Havana Commercial Co. com	37	39
Do. pfd	37	39
Inter. Mercantile Marine, com	3	3½
Do. pfd	10	12
Metropolitan Transit	1½	1½
Montreal and Boston Copper	¾	1
New Amsterdam Gas 1st 5s, J. & J. 1948	104	106½
New York Elec. Vehicle Trans.	4½	5½
Northern Securities	97½	97½
Otis Elevator, com	28	29
Do. pfd	82	86
Royal Baking Powder, pfd	101	103
Seaboard Air Line, com	4	4½
Do. pfd	16½	17½
Standard Oil of New Jersey	625	630
St. Louis Transit Co. com	13	14½
United Street Rys. of St. L. pfd.	37	39
Tennessee Copper	30	32
Union Copper	¾	¾
U. S. of Mexico 5s	100½	101½
White Knob Copper	6½	7
Jap 6s	94½	94½

Chicago Stock Market.

Reported by G. H. Walker & Co., No. 307 North Fourth street:

Biscuit, com	44	44½
Do. pfd	106	106½
Chic. Junction, com	4½	4½
Do. pfd	36	36½
Box, com	17½	18
Do. pfd	12	12½

New York Curb Market.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, May 19.—Curb securities were dull to-day. The market was listless in sympathy with the movement on the exchange. Prices were irregular, but little significance attached to the dealings. Japanese 4 per cent bonds were variously changed, between 94½ and 94¾. They closed at 94¾, or ¼ under yesterday's final figures. Upwards of $400,000 par value changed hands. Northern Securities improved from 97 to 97½. Greene Consolidated Copper declined from 13¼ to 12. Interborough Rapid Transit declined from 112 to 111½. General Electric "rights" closed unchanged at 4¾. Seaboard Air Line common eased off form ⅛ to ⅛. Standard Oil stock was heavy, declining from $25 to $20 and closing at $22.

New York Money Market.

New York, May 19.—Money on call easy, 1¼@2 per cent; closing bid 1¾; offered at 2. Time loans firm; 60 and 90 days 3 per cent; six months 3½. Prime mercantile paper 3½@4½. Sterling exchange easier, with actual business in bankers' bills at 4.8690 for demand, and at 4.8490@4.8495 for 60-day bills; posted rates 4.85@4.84½ and 4.87@4.88. Commercial bills 4.8475. Mexican dollars 44½c. Government bonds steady; railroad bonds heavy.

Treasury Statement.

Washington, May 19.—Available cash balance $173,959,597; gold $75,165,139.

Bar Silver.

New York, May 19.—Bar silver, 55¼c.
At London, 25 9-16d.

Wool.

London, May 19.—The third series of wool auction sales closed to-day. The offerings numbered 9,065. There was a good attendance and the demand was brisk owing to American competition for merinos. Following are the sales in detail: New South Wales 2,250 bales; scoured 1s 3½@6½d; 7d; greasy 5½@6d. Queensland 11,600 bales; scoured 11½d@1s 8½d; greasy 5½@11d. Victoria 700 bales; scoured 1s 1d@1s 8½d; greasy 4½@11½d. South Australia 1,000 bales; scoured 1s 6½d; greasy 6@11½d. West Australia 500 bales; greasy 8d@10½d. Tasmania 250 bales; greasy 8@11½d. New Zealand 2,900 bales; scoured 1s 1d; greasy 6@11d. Cape of Good Hope and Natal 800 bales; scoured 8½d@1s 3d; greasy 6@8½d. When the series opened merinos were practically unchanged, but prices gradually improved and they closed to-day 5 per cent higher than the March series. The advance was most pronounced on fine scoured and greasies. In heavy greasies the improvement was less pronounced. Cross-breds ruled 5 per cent higher when the series opened. Medium cross-breds, although in demand, were not appreciably dearer. Coarse advanced 9 per cent at the outset; shabby, cotted parcels being in keen demand. Later the better grades improved and final rates showed an advance of 7½ per cent above the March sales. Slipes were 5@7 per cent dearer. Cape of Good Hope and Natal snow-whites and fair condition greasies improved 2½@5 per cent. Heavy and wasting greasies were neglected and difficult to sell at 5 per cent decline until the close, when competition became keen and they closed unchanged. Punta Arenas and Falkland opened unchanged. Americans opened freely and the competition for Geelong greasies and good medium coarse cross-breds was a feature of the sales. During the series 85,000 bales were taken by the home trade, 74,000 by Continental buyers, 12,000 by Americans, and 9,000 were held over for the fourth series.

SCRAMBLE SENDS WHEAT TO THE DOLLAR MARK.

MAY OPTION SHOWS ADVANCE OF 3 1-4C.

Corn Is Unchanged to 1-4c Higher; Oats Are Up 1-8c to 5-8c; Provisions 10c to 15c Off.

Chicago, May 19.—A scramble by short sellers sent the price of May wheat to the dollar mark, an advance of 3¼c. The closing price for May was 98c. July wheat closed ⅝@⅞c up and Sept. ½c higher. Corn is unchanged to ¼@¼c higher. Oats are up ⅛c to ¼@⅝c. Provisions closed 10c to 15c off.

WHEAT.

The rapid disappearance of cash wheat in local elevators and the near approach of the final delivery day served to start a general demand for May. With the rush for that option stiffened, the ideas of holders of July and Sept. stiffened accordingly. Starting with a gain of ⅛c to ¼@⅜c at 87⅝c, July advanced steadily to 88½c, with but one setback of sufficient weight to carry the price under the opening.

A disposition on the part of the pit traders to play for a break after the early advance carried July back to 87⅝c and Sept. to 89½c. The large owners of the deferred options, however, held aloof, and the clamor for May showed the popular views as to the present scarcity and prospective supply of the grain.

The net result was a gain of ¼c to ⅜c in July at 88⅝@88⅞c and of ⅜@½c in Sept. at 89c, the latter having sold up to 89⅝c at its best.

Outside of a better crop outlook and a decline in some of the foreign markets, the bulk of the business was bullish. A decrease of 2,000,000 bu. in the visible supply was predicted and primary receipts were light, being only 112,885 bu., against 226,316 bu. a year ago.

Minneapolis and Duluth reported only 24 cars, which, with 2 cars here, neither grading, made 56 for the 2 points, compared with 79 cars last week and 139 a year ago.

CORN.

Corn shorts were disposed to cover, although business was not on a large scale. The firmness in wheat kept buying in favor, notwithstanding comparatively large stocks and the market ruled steady. The weather helped the tone, frequent rains having delayed planting operations. Final trades showed a gain of ⅛@¼c in July at 48⅛@48¼c after a range of 47⅞c to 48½c. Sept. touched 47¾c and closed unchanged at 47⅝c, a shade above the bottom. Local receipts were 46 cars.

OATS.

Oats were strong, July and Sept being helped by May, which was very much in demand by numerous shorts, who looked fearfully upon the decreasing contract stocks and the small movement. July closed ½@⅝c higher at 35⅝c@35¾c, having sold as high as 36c. Sept. was ⅛c higher at 30¼c, ⅛c under the top. Local receipts were 88 cars.

RANGE OF FUTURES.

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Wheat—				
May	97	1.00	96⅝	98
July*	87⅝@88	89½	87⅝	88⅞
July†	88⅝@88⅞	89½	88½	87⅝
Sept.*	89@89⅛	89⅝	89	89⅛@89⅜
Sept.†	89@89⅛	89½	89⅛	89⅛@89⅜
Corn—				
May	47½	48	47⅝	48
July	48 @48⅛	48½	47⅞	48⅛@48⅛
Sept.	47⅝@47⅞	47⅞	47⅝@47⅝	47⅝
Oats—				
May	42	42	42	42⅛
July	35⅛@35⅜	36⅛@36	35½	35⅝@35⅞
Sept.	30⅛	30⅛	30⅛	30⅛
Mess Pork—				
July	11.25	11.37½	11.10	11.15
Sept.	11.42½	11.47½	11.22½	11.25
Lard—				
July	6.47½	6.50	6.35	6.35
Sept.	6.62½	6.65	6.52½	6.52½
Short Ribs—				
July	6.50	6.50	6.37½	6.42½
Sept.	6.65	6.65	6.52½	6.57½

*Old. †New.

RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.

	Rec.	Ship.
Flour, bbls	41,700	35,500
Wheat, bu	6,000	54,900
Corn, bu	84,600	252,700
Oats, bu	124,800	95,000
Rye, bu	4,000	3,400
Barley, bu	10,000	7,900

PROVISIONS.

The big speculative short lines in provisions, which have been the support of values for weeks, were not in evidence today and prices suffered. There was liberal selling credited to packers, but trade on the whole was light, with only little outside interest in the market apparent. July and Sept. pork were down 20@22½c at $11.15 and $11.35, with July lard off 12½@15c at $6.35, Sept. showing but a shade less loss at $6.52½. July ribs closed 10c lower at $6.40@6.42½, and Sept. 12½c lower at $6.57½.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

New York, May 19.—Flour—Receipts 5,667; exports 883; firm and held higher by the mills; Minnesota patent $5.10@5.35; winter patents $5.10@5.45; winter straights $4.90@5.20. Rye flour steady. Cornmeal steady. Rye dull. Barley quiet. Wheat—Receipts 24,000; spot strong; No. 2 red nominal elevator, No. 1 red nominal f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 Northern Duluth $1.02½ f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 hard Manitoba nominal f. o. b. afloat. Options—There was another shake-up among wheat shorts to-day, resulting in material advances in May and July. Light contract stocks everywhere proved the chief bull motive, supplemented by a prospective bullish visible supply statement on Monday and smaller estimates for Argentine shipments. After a final setback under realizing the market closed irregular at ¼@¾c net advance; May 97½@99c, closed 99c; July 91 12-16@92c, closed 92⅝c; Sept. 94⅝@94 11-16c, closed 94¾c; Dec. 94½@95c, closed 94¾c. Corn—Receipts 4,700; sales 30,000 futures. Spot firm; No. 2 nominal elevator and 57c f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 yellow 60c; No. 2 white 57c. Options continued strong with upward movement on covering of shorts, impelled by light supplies and the wheat strength, closing ⅛@¾c net higher. May closed 49⅝c; July 54⅛@54½c, closed 54⅝c; Sept. 53⅝c, closed 53½c. Oats—Receipts 84,300. Spot steady; mixed oats, 28 to 32 lbs., 42c; natural white, 30 to 32 lbs., 43@45c; clipped white, 36 to 40 lbs., 50@52½c. Hay steady. Hops steady. Hides steady. Leather quiet. Wool steady. Coal nominal. Beef quiet. Cut meats dull. Lard dull. Western steamed $6.45, refined hard steady; Continent $6.80. Pork dull. Tallow quiet. Cotton-seed oil steady, prime yellow 37 @38c. Petroleum easy. Rosin firm. Turpentine quiet. Rice quiet. Molasses firm.

Milwaukee, May 19.—Wheat lower to higher; No. 1 Northern $1.01@1.03½, No. 2 Northern 98@99c, old July 88⅝@88½c. Rye lower to higher; No. 1 79½c. Barley steady; No. 2 63c; sample 53@60c. Corn firm; No. 2 51@52c; July 48½c bid. Receipts—Flour, 2,000 bbls. Shipments—Wheat, 2,000 bu. Corn, 24,200 bu. Oats, 2,000 bu.

Chicago, May 19.—Cash quotations were as follows: Flour dull and easy. Wheat—No. 2 spring 92@98c, No. 3 90@96c, No. 2 red $1.06@1.08. Corn—No. 2 49½c, No. 2 yellow 52½@52¾c. Oats—No. 2 41½c, No. 2 white 42@44½c. Rye—No. 2 76c. Barley—Good feeding 52@56c; fair to choice malting 56@66c. Seeds—Prime timothy $3.65; closer, contract grade $10.75. Provisions—Mess pork, per bbl, $11.05@11.35. Lard, per 100 lbs, $6.20@6.25; short ribs sides (loose) $6.25@6.30; dry salted shoulders (box) $6.25@6.50. Whisky—Basis of highwines $1.28.

Peoria, May 19.—Corn steady; No. 3 56c; No. 4 48c. Whisky on the basis of $1.28 for finished goods.

Cincinnati, O., May 19.—Whisky—Distillers' finished goods quiet on basis of $1.28.

Toledo, O., May 19.—Cloverseed—Cash $6.35; Oct. $5.75 bid; prime alsike $6.15; Aug. 6.25 bid; prime timothy $1.40.

LIVE-STOCK MARKET.

Native Supply Small—Beef Cattle Higher—Sheep Hold Steady.

NATIVE CATTLE—Beef Steers—Very light receipts developed Thursday, the total being hardly around 2,000 head, or practically the same as a week ago. Around 1,000 natives were looked for during the day, but indications pointed very strongly that there would be less than this number received. Four days' receipts on this scale this week, total 8,000 head, against 8,800 last week and 6,700 the corresponding period last year.

The receipts did not include much in the steer line, and rather a small assortment. All that were offered were less than a dozen loads, practically all of which were medium to pretty good grades. A few common cattle were included, but nothing very good. The market as a whole was in pretty fair shape, buyers needed a few cattle, and, with only a limited number offered, trade had a pretty good tone.

Several lots of steers of fair to pretty good quality and flesh weighing 1,350@1,418 lbs. sold at $4.90@5.10, with several lots of good-quality medium-flesh steers at $4.50@4.64, while fair kinds went at $4.35 and common grades around $4@4.30. Inferior lots as low as $3.85.

BEEF AND BUTCHER STEERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
17	1418	$5.10	14	1321	$4.90	19	1262	$4.60
20	1348	4.90	15	1299	4.90	5	1234	4.80
5	1230	4.80	1	1240	4.75	17	1234	4.80
29	1191	4.65	34	1141	4.70	6	941	4.50
1	820	4.65	23	891	4.50	2	985	4.50
22	931	4.50	19	942	4.35	6	825	4.60
6	946	4.10	4	745	3.85	4	850	4.00

Butcher Cattle—The nicely finished heifers sold readily and brought firm prices, while the medium grades moved a little slowly, but were steady. Several lots of good 798 to 894 lb. heifers went at $4.85. There were not many available outside of these.

The cow trade was no different. Supplies ruled light, with the demand rather slim. The very best heavy cows sold at $4@4.10, with good fat grades at $3.60@3.75, and a few medium fat grades at $2.50@3.25. Sales represented very few canners.

HEIFERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
24	894	$4.90	24	894	4.35	12	917	$4.10
1	790	4.25						

Steers and heifers:

16	798	4.50	2	450	4.00			

COWS.

3	1244	4.10	3	1303	4.00	3	1150	3.75
1	1290	3.70	3	1166	3.45	3	930	3.40
1	920	3.40	1	970	3.40	1	900	3.25
1	1140	3.25	2	975	3.00	1	1000	2.75
1	960	2.75	2	1024	2.75			

BULLS.

1	1320	3.40	1	1310	3.25	1	760	3.25
1	1060	3.15	2	1245	3.10	1	1240	3.10
1	420	3.00	1	1900	2.90	1	810	2.90

STAGS.

1	1360	4.00	1	1420	4.10

VEAL CALVES.

19	157	4.00	19	159	4.00	3	131	4.00
2	170	4.00	12	122	4.00	1	150	4.00
1	220	3.75	3	153	3.75	8	151	3.50
8	152	3.25	16	127	3.25	1	90	3.00
1	290	3.00	1	190	3.00	1	190	4.00

YEARLINGS AND HEIFERS.

4	530	3.40						

SOUTHERN CATTLE—The following quotations represent the condition of the market on various classes of quarantine cattle based on sales during the week:

Strictly choice steers	$4.60@4.80
Choice fed steers	4.40@4.60
Good fed steers	4.20@4.40
Medium steers	3.75@4.15
Common to fair steers	3.25@3.75
Good to choice heifers	3.75@4.15
Fair to good heifers	3.25@3.75
Common to fair heifers	2.60@3.10
Good to choice cows	2.75@3.00
Fair to good cows	2.25@2.60
Fair canners	2.00@2.15
Common canners	1.60@1.90
Choice bulls	2.60@2.75
Fair to good bulls	2.25@2.50
Common bulls	1.90@2.15

TEXAS AND INDIAN STEERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
30	966	$4.20	100	1000	$4.15	15	1064	$4.15
104	907	3.90	22	837	3.85	13	891	3.75
45	1003	4.20	3	1083	4.15	21	1044	3.85
129	944	3.80	75	876	3.65	1	790	3.25

HEIFERS.

30	734	3.25			

COWS.

40	708	2.75			

BULLS.

18	1244	3.40	22	1044	3.30	1	1020	2.75
16	1211	3.00	1	1020	2.50			

SHEEP—Only a moderate run of sheep arrived, the bulk being mixed lots of Southern and Western sheep, with a few loads of Texas of pretty good quality. Good spring lambs were rather scarce and but many good native sheep were available. There was no material change to the market on any grade of stock, but the Texans sold 10c higher than on Wednesday. It was a good active market and the supply soon exhausted.

HOGS—A good liberal run of hogs arrived on Thursday, the receipts amounting to around 8,000 head before the day was over. As a rule the arrivals averaged pretty good in quality. Some pigs and lights were on sale, but not as many as usual.

The market again opened on a lower basis, all buyers especially for packers, being very bearish, and would not even bid on hogs where steady prices were asked. But little business was done the first hour, until a basis had once been established, which was about 5c lower than the general trade on Wednesday. The best medium and heavy hogs were the best sellers, plain packers, including rough sows and light mixed lots being the slowest sale, and they also sold at the greatest decline. The best lights were wanted for Eastern shipment and sold quite well, but those on the common and inferior order were extremely hard to get rid of at any price. There was very little change throughout the day, and the close was steady and the clearance good.

Good butcher and heav