A STREET NOVELTY.

An Empty Business House on Liberty Proves a Drawing Card.

POINTS ON THE WAGE AGITATION.

Pittsburg Steadily Forging Ahead in the Race for Material Supremacy.

A DROP IN OIL AND BOOM IN STOCKS

A "to let" posted on the door of a good business house on Liberty street, near the foot of Smithfield, yesterday attracted considerable attention on account of its rarity, such a thing being almost unknown in that locality. It is safe to say that it will not remain empty many hours. If there is anything more urgently needed in Pittsburg than another, it is business houses.

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The annual wage agitation of the iron workers has been put in motion, and is already proving a disturbing element in business. Taking this for a text, a prominent gentleman said yesterday: "This agitation is not only costly to the men, but harmful to the public. It keeps everything unsettled for two or three months every year, with nothing substantial to show for it. I don't blame the men for trying to get a fair compensation for their services, for their work is hard and exacting, but I think they could adopt a better plan than that upon which they are now acting to accomplish their end. In my opinion the sliding scale of wages is the best remedy yet suggested to regulate the wage question, but it should be made so broad and elastic in its provisions as to cover a series of years. It would render constant agitation unnecessary and secure satisfactory results to the workman, whose compensation would be based upon the market prices of the products of their toil. What could be fairer? Of course, this is not a new idea, but I think its importance has been overlooked. While always maintaining that labor, which is at the bottom of our prosperity, should be sufficiently protected and liberally compensated, I seriously doubt if the right steps are being taken to elevate it to the dignity and importance which justly attach to it. It should be taken out of the sphere of perennial agitation and placed upon a basis which would remove it from the vicissitudes and dangers of financial crisis and overproduction. I think the adoption of the sliding scale, under wise restrictions, and covering a series of years, would bring this about! There would then be no need for costly conventions every year and the mill owners would be shut out from using trumped up stories of depression of trade to intimidate their workmen."

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If anybody has a lot for sale, all he has to do to secure a customer for it is to let the fact be known. A week or two ago a gentleman who owned a few acres just above Edgewood, laid off a part of it in lots and advertised them for sale, through a well-known Fourth avenue agency. This brought forth a small army of purchasers and the prospects are that every lot will be taken before the end of the week. This is satisfactory evidence that there is no abatement in the demand for real estate.

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In addition to the large sums of money that are being disursed by the city banks in the way of loans, investments in mortgages, etc., it is stated that considerable has been borrowed in New York recently by local manufacturers at a low rate of interest. This money has gone, or will go, into businesses of various kinds. Indeed, some of the results of this movement are already visible in the well filled stores, the increased activity in nearly all branches of trade, the new buildings on almost every street, and the busy scenes everywhere that are the wonder of strangers—all of which goes to show that Pittsburg is holding its own, and more, in the struggle for material supremacy. To occupy a position above Baltimore, Cincinnati and New Orleans is something to be proud of, but we will soon do better, and take precedence of St. Louis and San Francisco. Pittsburg has just fairly started on her career of conquest.

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An old colored man who lives in an adjoining county has an eye to creature comforts as well as business. He recently obtained a pension for services in the Civil War, and considerable back pay—the whole amounting to several thousand dollars. He bought a house and lot and put the rest of his money, excepting about $10, in bank. He invested all of his reserve capital in whisky, took it home, locked his house and was not seen for several days. When he emerged from his retirement he was in a very dilapidated condition. Meeting a neighbor, he said: "I'll jis tell you all 'bout it, boss. You see I never had as much whisky as I could drink, and when I got dat money I jis 'cluded to have one big spree. I put down $10 worth of whisky fast as I could. It tasted better than honey. But I'se done now. I don't want no more. I'll never take another spree. I'se sworn off." He has kept his word so far.

STOCKS ON THE JUMP.

A Strong and Active Market, With Some Phenomenal Advances.

Yesterday was a bull day at the Stock Exchange, most of the favorites being active and higher. Philadelphia Gas was boomed by a big well in the Bellevernon district, selling up to 40¾ here and 41½ in New York, and closing firm at top prices. Chartiers Gas was another strong spot, scoring a sharp advance on favorable reports of the condition of the company. Electric was conspicuous for activity and strength, indicating a revival of the interest in the stock. Citizen's Traction was bid up to 72½, but there was no anxiety to unload it at that price. The other tractions were dull and firm: Pleasant Valley Passenger Railway stock made a phenomenal jump of $25 per share; it was offered at 160, but there was no pressure to sell. Switch and Signal and La Noria were dull and neglected.

The dealings amounted to 2,005 shares. Bids, offers and sales are appended:

Time.	Bid.	Ask.	Sales	Time.	Bid.	Ask.
	MORNING.			AFTERNOON.		
Pitts. Pet. S. & M. Ex..	80	....	....	....	90	90½
Bridgewater Gas.....	....	....	....	....	50	....
Chartiers Val. Gas Co.	53½	54	54	54½	....	....
People's Pipenge Gas..	16	....	....	16	....	....
Philadelphia Co.....	39	39½	40½	40½	....	....
Pine Run Gas.....	....	....	85	....	....	....
Wheeling Gas Co.....	29½	29½	29½	30	....	....
Central Traction.....	23½	24	23½	24	....	....
Citizens' Traction.....	72½	75	....	74	....	....
Pittsburg Traction.....	40½	....	....	....	....	....
Pitts. & Western R. R.	10	....	9½	....	....	....
P. & W. R. R. pref....	19½	19½	19½	....	....	....
Consignee Mining Co...	20½	....	20	21	....	....
La Noria Mining Co...	2	....	1½	2	....	....
Westinghouse Electric	60½	61½	61	61½	....	....
U. Switch & Signal Co.	23½	26	25½	25½	....	....
Westing'se Air B. Co..	112½	120½	....	....	....	....
Westing'se B. Co. lim.	....	....	64	64½	....	....
Pittsburg Plate Glass..	160	....	....	....	....	....

Sales at the first call were 100 shares Philadelphia Gas at 39, 100 at 39½, 50 at 39¾, 50 Chartiers at 53¾, 100 Switch and Signal at 25½, 25 Pittsburg and Western preferred at 19, 200 at 19¼ and 80 Electric at 60.

In the afternoon 314 shares Philadelphia Gas sold at 40¼, 410 at 40½, 25 at 40¾, 50 Pittsburg and Western preferred at 19½, 200 Consignee at 21 cents, 31 Switch and Signal at 25½, 150 Electric at 61, and 50 Central Traction at 24.

The total sales of stocks at New York yesterday were 220,427 shares, including: Atchison, 24,435; Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, 6,700; Nashville, 3,715; Oregon Transcontinental, 13,605; Reading, 8,800; St. Paul, 11,675; Union Pacific, 4,400.

A STEADY GROWTH.

The Local Money Market Out of the Rut for the Season.

That there is an active movement in the local money market is proved by the large Clearing House reports of the past few days. Yesterday the exchanges were $2,433,882 21 and the balances $763,147 74. This indicates a greater revival of business than the city gets credit for. There was a fair amount of paper offered for discount, and the counter business was above the average. Bankers expressed confidence that they had seen the last of dull times for this season.

Money on call at New York yesterday was easy at 2½ to 3 per cent; last loan 2½, closed offered at 3%. Prime mercantile paper, 4½@6. Sterling exchange dull but steady at $4 86¾ for 60-day bills, and $4 88¾ for demand.

Government Bonds.

Closing quotations in New York furnished THE DISPATCH by Robinson Bros., Wood street. Local dealers charge a commission of an eighth on small lots:

U. S. 4½s, reg	107⅝@108
U. S. 4½s, coups.....	107⅝@108
U. S. 4s, reg.....	122 @122¼
U. S. 4s, coups.....	122 @122¼
	Bid.
Currency, 6 per cent, 1896 reg.....	130
Currency, 6 per cent, 1897 reg.....	126
Currency, 6 per cent, 1898 reg.....	129
Currency, 6 per cent, 1899 reg.....	131

Sales of $6,000 Coupon 4s and $2,000 Registered 4s at 129.

NEW YORK—Clearings, $159,802,751; balances, $7,378,936.

BOSTON—Clearings, $17,017,063; balances, $1,654,523; money, ¾ per cent.

BALTIMORE—Clearings, $2,080,378; balances, $318,997.

PHILADELPHIA—Clearings, $14,222,323; balances, $1,694,121.

CHICAGO—Money firm and unchanged. Bank clearings, $10,420,000.

ST. LOUIS—Clearings, $3,164,156; balances, $656,059.

LONDON—Bar silver, 42 3-16d per ounce.

PARIS—Rentes, 86f 92½c for the account.

A CHANGE AT LAST.

Oil Takes a Tumble and Opens Up New Possibilities.

The break in the oil market yesterday of 1¾ cents was no surprise, as it had been looked for for some time. There was nothing to hold it up; therefore the only thing for it to do was to move down. It opened at 89½c and held around that point for several hours, selling at 90c several times. During the first part of the last hour there were a few sales at 88½c. In the last 20 minutes the market began to weaken and broke near the close with sales at 88c, closing with a few small transactions at 88¼c amid a babel of noises in strange contrast to the usual quiet of the room.

Commenting on the situation a broker said: "At last the break anticipated for some time has come, and is likely to carry prices around 85c, near which point I look for the market to hold for some time, with oil plenty and rates for carrying advanced, which will induce those who have carried their oil down to unload and increase the short interest, putting things in shape for an improvement in the market later on."

On the other hand, the bull element did not take the drop very much to heart, holding that the slump was necessarily of an ephemeral character, and that any sort of a buying movement would result in regaining lost ground, and perhaps more. All seemed glad of the change, as, however it may turn out, it will bring about a new deal.

A. B. McGrew & Co. quote: Puts, 86⅞c; calls, 88⅞@89c.

The following table, corrected by De Witt Dilworth, broker in petroleum, etc., corner Fifth avenue and Wood street, Pittsburg, shows the order of fluctuations, etc.:

Time.	Bid.	Ask.	Time.	Bid.	Ask.
Opened	89⅞	Sales	12:45 P. M....	90	90⅛
10:15 A. M....	89⅞	90	1:00 P. M....	90	90⅛
10:30 A. M....	89⅞	90	1:15 P. M....	89⅞	90
10:45 A. M....	89⅞	90	1:30 P. M....	89⅞	90
11:00 A. M....	89⅞	90	1:45 P. M....	89⅞	90
11:15 A. M....	89⅞	90	2:00 P. M....	89⅞	90
11:30 A. M....	89⅞	90	2:15 P. M....	89⅞	90
11:45 A. M....	90	90⅛	2:30 P. M....	89⅞	89⅞
12:00 M....	90	90⅛	2:45 P. M....	89⅞	89⅞
12:15 P. M....	90	90⅛	Closed	88⅞	....
12:30 P. M....	90	90⅛			

Opened, 89⅞c; highest, 90c; lowest, 88c; closed, 88⅞c.

	Barrels.
Daily runs.....	66,800
Average runs.....	44,942
Daily shipments.....	98,777
Average shipments.....	70,235
Daily charters.....	4,444
Average charters.....	30,188
Clearances	555,000

New York closed at 88½c.
Oil City closed at 88c.
Bradford closed at 88½c.
New York refined, 7c.
London, refined, 5¾d.
Antwerp, refined, 16¾f.

Other Oil Markets.

NEW YORK, April 16.—Petroleum opened steady at 90c. It became dull and remained near that figure until the last hour, when reports of new production caused a sharp decline to 88¼c, and the market closed weak at 88¼c. Sales, 602,000 barrels.

OIL CITY, April 16.—National transit certificates opened at 90c; highest, 90½c; lowest, 87¾c; closed, 88c.

BRADFORD, April 16.—National transit certificates opened at 90c; closed at 88½c; highest, 90c; lowest, 87¾c.

TITUSVILLE, April 16.—National transit certificates opened at 90c; highest, 90½c; lowest, 87¾c; closed 87¾c.

DICKERS GO ON.

The Latest Transactions in Real Estate—A Very Strong Market.

W. C. Stewart, 114 Fourth avenue, sold for A. N. Martin to John T. Fox, a brick house of seven rooms, with lot 20x100 feet, located on Davis street, Thirteenth ward, for $3,000 cash, and placed a mortgage of $2,500 on Minersville property for five years at 6 per cent; also one on unimproved property in Shadyside of $12,000 for three years at 5 per cent.

Black & Baird, No. 95 Fourth avenue, sold to James A. Holman the property No. 106 Fayette street, Allegheny City, being lot 20x60 feet, with a two story frame dwelling house thereon, for $1,650. They also sold to Joseph Holland for the People's Saving Bank, lot No. 179, in the Bank's plan, on Vine street, Southside, for $250.

Reed B. Coyle & Co., 131 Fourth avenue, sold for the Freehold Bank to H. A. O. Nichols, four lots at Homewood station, Pennsylvania railroad, size of each, 25x135, for a price approximating $2,000.

W. A. Herron & Sons sold a lot on the north side of Howard street, Shadyside, size 54x157 feet, for $2,500 cash; also lot No. 14, in Anna G. Adams' plan, Breckenridge avenue, Thirteenth ward, for $175.

Samuel W. Black & Co., 99 Fourth avenue, sold to B. Alcarn, for $3,300, a lot 110x116 feet on the west side of Iowa street, Thirteenth ward, Pittsburg. A fine residence will be erected on it in the near future.

James W. Drape & Co. closed a negotiation for an interest in a manufacturing plant in the city for $15,000, and placed two mortgages on property near Etna, of $7,000 at 6 per cent.

LOST THEIR GRIP.

Stock Values Decline as the Holidays Approach—A Tame Market, With Narrow Fluctuations—Strong and Weak Spots—Bonds Dull.

NEW YORK, April 16.—The stock market today was excessively dull, and the fluctuations in the general list were made within the narrowest limits, reflecting only the humor of the moment of the trading element in whose hands the business done was concentrated. The holidays are for the most part responsible for the growing dullness in the market, as to-day was an off day for the Jewish element, while Friday will be a full holiday here and in London, and the latter Exchange will also close on Monday and Saturday. Under these circumstances no one feels like entering into any extended ventures in stocks.

The traders of a bearish turn of mind had out small lines of stocks in the early dealings, but the market afterward took on a firm tone, and, while London had a few buying orders, there was no disposition to trade upon that fact, and, outside of a few shares which were subject to special influences and made wide fluctuations, there was no feature of any kind to the market in any part of the day.

There were some exaggerated rumors in regard to the trouble between the Union and Northern Pacifics over the Oregon business, and it was said that the Union Pacific had notified the Navigation Company that it would abandon the lease if a small line of 150 miles were not turned over. The bears upon this hammered the stock, and it yielded about four points, though upon a denial of the rumor a portion of the loss was recovered. Short Line was afterward attacked and lost a point or more. On the other hand, Milwaukee, Lake Shore and Western, both common and preferred, rose sharply on the report of a large increase in the earnings and that the next dividend upon the preferred would be at an increased rate. Philadelphia Gas also showed marked strength and rose about 6 per cent.

First prices were generally lower, the declines from last evening's prices extending to ⅝ per cent, and under the pressure of the traders further slight losses extending to ½ per cent were sustained. A marked recovery accompanied by more animation was soon brought about, however, and the market then became intensely dull and the firm tone still prevailed while the Milwaukee, Lake Shore and Western stocks made rapid advances. In the afternoon the Oregon stocks became weak and the general list sympathized somewhat, but there was no other movement until the last hour, when Philadelphia Gas came to the front. The market closed very dull and steady at insignificant and irregular changes for the day. The advances were: Philadelphia Gas 6, Milwaukee, Lake Shore and Western common 2½, and the preferred 1⅝, but the losses includ'd Navigation 2 and Short Line 1½.

Railroad bonds were very dull, the sales of all issues aggregating only $1,048,000, although there were dealings in an unusually large number of issues. The changes were upon the same limited scale, though the market was firm, and most issues are small fractions higher. Northwestern debenture 5s rose 2½ to 112⅝.

The following table shows the prices of active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, Corrected daily for THE DISPATCH by Whitney & Stephenson, members of New York Stock Exchange, 57 Fourth avenue:

	Open-ing.	High-est.	Low-est.	Close-ing Bids.
Am. Cotton Oil.....	36½	....	....	36½
Atch., Top. & S. F....	41	41⅝	40⅞	41⅛
Canadian Pacific.....	....	....	....	80
Canada Southern.....	52¼	52¼	52¼	52¼
Central of New Jersey.	....	....	....	66
Central Pacific.....	....	....	....	34⅝
Chesapeake & Ohio....	17½	17	17	17
C., Bur. & Quincy....	94	94¼	93¾	94
C., Mil. & St. Paul....	65¼	65½	64⅞	64⅞
C., Mil. & St. P., pf....	104½	105	104½	104½
C., Rock I. & Pitts.....	92½	92¾	92½	92¾
C., St. L. & Pitts.....	....	....	....	16
C., St. L. & Pitts. pf..	87	87	87	87
C., St. P., M. & O.....	83¾	83¾	83¼	83¼
C., St. P., M. & O., pf.	....	....	....	92
C. & Northwestern....	105⅛	105⅝	105⅛	105⅝
C. & Northwestern, pf.	....	....	....	138
C., C., C. & I.....	69¼	69¼	69¼	69
Col. Coal & Iron.....	24	24	22½	22
Col. & Hocking Val	....	....	....	21¼
Del., L. & W.....	137	137	136½	136½
Del. & Hudson.....	....	....	....	133⅝
E. T., Va. & Ga.....	....	....	....	9
E. T., Va. & Ga., 1st pf	....	....	....	69
E. T., Va. & Ga., 2d pf.	....	....	....	21¼
Illinois Central.....	....	....	....	112
Lake Erie & Western..	....	....	....	18¼
Lake Erie & West. pf..	88¼	88¼	88	87½
Lake Shore & M. S....	103	103	103	102⅞
Louisville & Nashville.	64½	64¾	64⅛	64⅝
Michigan Central.....	87¼	....	....	88
Mobile & Ohio.....	....	....	....	9½
Mo., K. & Texas.....	....	....	....	12⅝
Missouri Pacific.....	69¾	70⅛	69¾	69¾
New York Central.....	....	....	....	107⅝
N. Y., L. E. & W.....	28	28	28	28
N. Y., C. & St. L.....	....	....	....	17¼
N. Y., C. & St. L. pf..	....	....	....	70
N. Y., C. & St. L., 2d pf	....	....	....	40
N. Y. & N. E.....	42⅝	42¾	42¼	42½
N. Y., O. & W.....	....	....	....	16⅝
Norfolk & Western.....	....	....	....	15⅝
Norfolk & Western, pf..	....	....	....	49⅝
Northern Pacific.....	25⅝	25⅝	25⅝	23½
Northern Pacific pref.	61	61	60⅝	60⅝
Ohio & Mississippi....	22¼	22¼	22¼	22¼
Oregon Improvement.	46	46	46	43
Oregon Transcon.....	31⅛	31⅝	30⅛	30⅝
Pacific Mail.....	....	....	....	35⅝
Peo. Dec. & Evans.....	....	....	....	29½
Philadel. & Reading..	45⅝	45⅝	45¼	45¼
Pullman Palace Car...	182⅝	182⅝	182⅝	182⅝
Richmond & W. P. T..	26	26½	23⅝	23⅝
Richmond & W.P.T.pf	....	....	....	79
St. Paul & Duluth pf..	....	....	....	86
St. P., Minn. & Man...	93½	93½	93½	93
St. L. & San Fran....	23	23	23⅝	23
St. L. & San Fran pf..	59⅝	59⅝	59⅝	59⅝
St. L. & San F. 1st pf..	....	....	....	110
Texas Pacific.....	20	20	20	19⅝
Union Pacific.....	61	61⅛	60⅞	60⅝
Wabash.....	....	....	....	13
Wabash preferred.....	....	....	....	26
Western Union.....	85	85	84½	84⅝
Wheeling & L. E.....	66⅝	66⅝	66⅛	66⅛

BOSTON STOCKS.

Atchison Strong Enough to Hold Up the Rest of the Market.

BOSTON, April 16.—The transactions on the stock market have been on a limited basis, but there has been an undertone of strength in Atchison, which held up the rest of the market, and the tone throughout was quite strong. Bonds also have been strong. Closing prices were:

Atch. & Top., 1st Pa.	116		Old Colony.....	172¾
Atch. & Top. & S. F.	41¼		Rutland preferred..	87
Boston & Albany.....	214		Wis. Central, com..	16
Boston & Maine.....	178		Wis. Central pf....	34
C., B. & Q.....	91⅝		Calumet & Hecla....	205
Chic. San. & Cleve.	24		Franklin.....	9½
Eastern R. R.....	81		Osceola.....	9⅝
Eastern R. R. 8s.....	125		Pewabic (new)	3¼
Flint & Pere M. pfd.	86		Quincy	49
Little R. & Ft. S. 7s.	104		Bell Telephone.....	231
Mexican Cen. com..	12⅞		Boston Land.....	8⅝
M. C., 1st Mort. bds.	69⅞		Tamarack.....	108
N. Y. & New Eng....	47⅝		San Diego.....	22½
N. Y. & N. E. 7s....	136½			

Philadelphia Stocks.

Closing quotations of Philadelphia stocks, furnished by Whitney & Stephenson, brokers, 57 Fourth avenue. Members New York Stock Exchange.

	Bid.	Asked.
Pennsylvania Railroad.....	54⅝	54⅞
Reading Railroad.....	22 1-16	22⅛
Buffalo, Pittsburg and Western.....	11⅝	12⅛
Lehigh Valley.....	56¼	56½
Lehigh Navigation.....	51¼	....
Central Transportation Co.....	17	....
Allegheny Valley bonds.....	111½	....
Northern Pacific, common.....	23⅝	23⅞
Northern Pacific preferred.....	60⅝	60⅞

Mining Stocks.

NEW YORK, April 16.—Mining quotations: Amador, 100: Aspen, 1,000; Caledonia, B. H., 290; Consolidated California and Virginia, 775; Commonwealth, 525; Deadwood, T., 100; El Cristo, 160; Gould & Curry, 210; Hale & Norcross, 465; Homestake, 775; Horn Silver, 130; Iron Silver 300; Mexican, 440; Mono, 110; Mutual, 120; Ontario, 3,850; Ophir, 512; Savage, 245; Sierra Nevada, 315; Standard, 125; Sullivan, 130; Union Consolidated, 410; Yellow Jacket, 350.

Business Notes.

THE real estate market continues strong and active. There is considerable complaint of the scarcity of business houses.

THE Pittsburg Plate Glass Company is reported to have purchased the Ford City Plate Glass Works, paying therefor somewhere in the neighborhood of $1,000,000.

THE Finance and Executive Committees of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company at their meeting yesterday decided that no dividend would be declared at the meeting of the directors to-day.

AS a result of the opening of the Oklahoma Territory, one of the largest parties of capitalists that ever left Boston in a body started yesterday afternoon on a special train of five sleeping coaches and a dining car. Their destination is Denison, Tex., where the party, which numbers 125, propose to invest largely in real estate, on the assumption that Denison will become the Kansas City of the Southwest State.

TRADING in stocks was lively outside as well as inside the Exchange yesterday. Rea Bros. Company sold 25 shares Westinghouse Electric at 58¼, 100 shares Philadelphia Company at 38¾ and 100 shares Pittsburg and Western preferred at 18¾. John T. Patterson sold 200 shares Citizens' Traction at 71, 100 shares Westinghouse Electric at 58¼ and 100 shares do. at 58¾. Robinson Bros. sold $16,000 McKeesport and Bellevernon first mortgage 6s at 105 and interest. Whitney & Stephenson bought 100 shares Westinghouse Electric at 59¼ and 100 shares Pittsburg and Western preferred at 19. Sproul & Lawrence bought 10 shares Switch and Signal at 24¾ and 100 shares Philadelphia Company at 38¾. C. L. McCutcheon sold 400 shares Electric at 58¾ and 50 shares do. at 59¼.

Wool Markets.

PHILADELPHIA—Wool quiet and prices unchanged.

NEW YORK.—Wool quiet and easy. Domestic fleece, 32@38c; pulled, 23@39c: Texas, 15@27c.

Metal Market.

NEW YORK—Pig iron steady. Copper heavy and nominal; lake, April, $13 75. Lead easier; domestic, $3 65. Tin stronger, but dull; Straits, $20 60.

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DOMESTIC MARKETS.

Expected Easter Advance in Eggs Fails to Materialize.

TROPICAL FRUIT IN GOOD DEMAND.

Oats Weaker, Corn Firmer, Flour Down at Source of Supply.

SUGAR CONTINUES DRIFTING UP

OFFICE OF PITTSBURG DISPATCH, TUESDAY, April 16, 1889.

Country Produce—Jobbing Prices.

There was an improvement in trade all along country produce lines to-day over anything for a week or two past. Apples and potatoes are moving out freely, dealers being determined to close out old stock at some price. There is a disposition to clean up old stuff and prepare for the new. The hoped-for Easter boom in eggs comes not. Prices have been low so long that dealers are well supplied, and a rise is no longer expected preparatory to Easter. There is an active demand for tropical fruits. Oranges and lemons have advanced in the East within a day or two. The rise is due here now and all signs point to higher prices. There is no let-up, as yet, to the active movement in butter. This activity, however, cannot last much longer as cows will soon be living in clover.

BUTTER—Creamery, Elgin, 28@29c; Ohio do, 25@26c; fresh dairy packed, 20@21c; country rolls, 20@23c; Chartiers Creamery Co. butter, 28@29c.

BEANS—Choice medium, $1 90; choice peas, $2 05@2 15.

BEESWAX—28@30c ℔ ℔ for choice; low grade, 18@20c.

CIDER—Sand refined, $6 50@7 50; common, $3 50@4 00; crab cider, $8 00@8 50 ℔ barrel; cider vinegar, 10@12c ℔ gallon.

CHEESE—Ohio cheese, fall make, 12@12½c; New York, fall make, 12@12½c; Limburger, 11c; domestic Sweitzer cheese, 11½@12½c.

DRIED PEAS—$1 25@1 35 ℔ bushel; split do, 2½@3¼c ℔ ℔.

EGGS—11@11½c ℔ dozen for strictly fresh.

FRUITS—Apples, $1 50@2 00 ℔ barrel; evaporated raspberries, 25c ℔ ℔; cranberries, $8 00 ℔ barrel, $2 40@2 50 per bushel; strawberries, 30c a quart.

FEATHERS—Extra live geese, 50@60c; No. 1 do., 40@45c; mixed lots, 30@35c ℔ ℔.

HONEY—New crop, 16@17c; buckwheat, 13 @15c.

HOMINY—$2 65@2 75 ℔ barrel.

POTATOES—Potatoes, 30@35c ℔ bushel; $2 50 @2 75 for Southern sweets; $3 25@3 50 for Jersey sweets.

POULTRY—Live chickens, 75@80c ℔ pair; dressed chickens, 13@15c ℔ ℔; turkeys, 18@20c dressed, ℔ ℔; ducks, live, 80@85c ℔ pair; dressed, 13@14c ℔ ℔; geese, 10@15c ℔ ℔.

SEEDS—Clover, choice, 62 ℔s to bushel, $6 ℔ bushel; clover, large English, 62 ℔s, $6 25; clover, Alsike, $8 50; clover, white, $9 00; timothy, choice, 45 ℔s, $2 65; blue grass, extra clean, 14 ℔s, $1 00; blue grass, fancy, 14 ℔s, $1 20; orchard grass, 14 ℔s, $2 00; red top, 14 ℔s, $1 00; millet, 50 ℔s, $1 25; German millet, 50 ℔s, $2 00; Hungarian grass, 48 ℔s, $2 00; lawn grass, mixture of fine grasses, 25c per ℔.

TALLOW—Country, 4½@5c; city rendered, 5@5½c.

TROPICAL FRUITS—Lemons, fancy, $3 50@ 4 00 ℔ box; common lemons, $2 75 ℔ box: Messina oranges, $3 00@4 00 ℔ box: Florida oranges, $4 50@5 00 ℔ box; Valencia oranges, fancy, $5 50 @7 00 ℔ case: bananas, $2 50, firsts; $1 50, good seconds, ℔ bunch; cocoanuts, $4 00@4 50 ℔ hundred; new figs, 9@10c ℔ pound: dates, 5½ @6¼c ℔ pound.

VEGETABLES—Celery, 40@50c doz. bunches; cabbages, $1 50@2 00 ℔ hundred; new cabbage, $2 00@2 50 ℔ crate; onions, 50@75c ℔ barrel; onion sets, fancy Eries, $3 25@3 50; Jerseys, $2 75@3 00; Western, $2 50@2 75; turnips, 25@ 30c ℔ bushel.

Groceries.

Sugars have again advanced and the end is not yet. The expected rise in package coffee has not arrived, but cannot be delayed much longer in view of the green article and the firmness of markets.

GREEN COFFEE—Fancy Rio, 22@23c; choice Rio, 20@21c; prime Rio, 20c; fair Rio, 18½@19c; old Government Java, 27c, Maracaibo, 22@23c; Mocha, 30½@31½c; Santos, 19@22½c; Caracas coffee, 20½@22c; peaberry, Rio, 21@23c; Laguayra, 21@22c.

ROASTED (in papers)—Standard brands, 24c; high grades, 26@28c; old Government Java, bulk, 32½@33½c; Maracaibo, 27½@28½c, Santos, 29@24c; peaberry, 27c; peaberry Santos, 22@24c; choice Rio, 25½c; prime Rio, 23c; good Rio, 22½c; ordinary, 21½c.

SPICES (whole)—Cloves, 21@25c; allspice, 9c; cassia, 8@9c; pepper, 18c; nutmegs, 70@90c.

PETROLEUM (jobbers' prices)—110° test, 7c; Ohio, 120°, 8½c; headlight, 150°, 8½c: water white, 10½c; globe, 12c; elaine, 15c; carnadine, 11½c; royaline, 14c.

SYRUPS—Corn syrups, 26@29c; choice sugar syrup, 33@38c; prime sugar syrup, 30@33c; strictly prime, 35@35c; new maple syrup, 90c.

N. O. MOLASSES—Fancy, 48c; choice, 46c; medium, 43c; mixed, 40@42c.

SODA—Bi-carb in kegs, 3½@4c; bi-carb in ¼s, 5½c; bi-carb, assorted packages, 5½@6c; sal-soda in kegs, 1½c; do granulated, 2c.

CANDLES—Star, full weight, 9c; stearine, per set, 8½c; paraffine, 11@12c.

RICE—Head, Carolina, 7@7½c; choice, 6¼@ 7c; prime, 5¾@6¼c; Louisiana, 5@6¼c.

STARCH—Pearl, 3c; cornstarch, 5½@7c; gloss starch, 5½@7c.

FOREIGN FRUITS—Layer raisins, $2 65; London layers, $3 10; California London layers, $2 50; Muscatels, $2 25; California Muscatels, $1 85; Valencia, new, 6@7c; Ondara Valencia, 7½@8c; sultana, 8½c; currants, new, 4¼@5c; Turkey prunes, new, 4¾@5c; French prunes, 8½@13c; Salonica prunes, in 2-lb packages, 8c; cocoanuts, per 100, $6 00; almonds, Lan., per ℔, 20c do Ivica, 19c; do shelled, 40c; walnuts, nap., 17½@18c; Sicily filberts, 12c; Smyrna figs, 12½ @16c; new dates, 5¾@6c; Brazil nuts, 10c; pecans, 11@15c; citron, per ℔, 21@22c; lemon peel, per ℔, 12@14c; orange peel, 12½c.

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, sliced, per ℔, 6c; apples, evaporated, 6¼@6½c; apricots, California, evaporated, 15@18c; peaches, evaporated, pared, 22@23c; peaches, California, evaporated, unpared, 10@12½c; cherries, pitted, 21@22c; cherries, unpitted, 56@6c; raspberries, evaporated, 24@24½c; blackberries, 7½@8c; huckleberries, 10@12c.

SUGARS—Cubes, 9¼@9½c; powdered, 9¼@ 9½c; granulated 8¾c; confectioners' A. 8¾@8½c; standard A, 8⅜c; soft whites, 8@8½c; yellow, choice, 7⅞@7½c; yellow, good, 7¼@7⅜c; yellow, fair, 7¼c; yellow, dark, 7c.

PICKLES—Medium, bbls. (1,200), $4 50; mediums, half bbls. (600), $2 75.

SALT—No. 1 ℔ bbl, 85c; No. 1 ex, ℔ bbl, $1 05; dairy, ℔ bbl, $1 20; coarse crystal, ℔ bbl, $1 20; Higgin's Eureka, 4 bu sacks, $2 80, Higgin's Eureka, 16-14 ℔ packets, $3 00.

CANNED GOODS—Standard peaches, $1 30@ 1 90; 2ds, $1 30@1 85; extra peaches, $1 50@1 90; pie peaches, 90c; finest corn, $1 00@1 50; Hfd. Co. corn, 70@90c; red cherries, 90c@$1 00; Lima beans, $1 10; soaked do, 85c; string do do, 75@ 85c; marrowfat peas, $1 10@1 15; soaked peas, 70@75c; pineapples, $1 40@1 50; Bahama do, $2 75; damson plums, 95c; greengages, $1 25; egg plums, $2 00; California pears, $2 50; do greengages, $2 00; do egg plums, $2 00; extra white cherries, $2 00; red cherries, 2 ℔s, 90c; raspberries, $1 40@1 50; strawberries, $1 10; gooseberries, $1 20@1 30; tomatoes; 82½@92c; salmon, 1-℔s, $1 75@2 10; blackberries, 80c; succotash, 2-℔ cans, soaked, 99c; do green, 2℔s, $1 25@1 50; corn beef, 2-℔ cans, $1 75; 14-℔ cans, $13 50; baked beans, $1 40@1 45; lobster, 1 ℔, $1 75@1 80; mackerel, 1-℔ cans, broiled, $1 50; sardines, domestic, ¼s, $4 15@4 50; sardines, domestic, ½s, $8 25@8 50; sardines, imported, ¼s, $11 50@12 50; sardines, imported, ½s, $18 00; sardines, mustard, $4 00. sardines, spiced, $4 25.

FISH—Extra No. 1 bloater mackerel, $36 ℔ bbl.; extra No. 1 do, mess, $40; extra No. 1 mackerel, shore, $32; extra No. 1 do, messed, $36