BOB WHITE IN FORCE.

Immense Numbers of Quail in Western Pennsylvania.

PECULIAR HABITS OF THE BIRD.

Becoming Educated to Its Perilous Environments.

THE TACTICS OF THE POT HUNTER

[WRITTEN FOR THE DISPATCH.]

The thousands of sportsmen who read THE DISPATCH every day, will learn with pleasure that the prospects for plenty of game next season in Northwestern Pennsylvania are better than for many years past. It may be said without the least exaggeration that there are more quail this spring in Lawrence, Beaver and Mercer counties than have ever been observed in April and May before. All along the Beaver river and its tributaries large flocks have been reported on nearly every farm, and one can scarcely take a drive in the country in the morning or evening without seeing two or more coveys along the road. As the nesting season usually begins about May 1, the quail will now be found in pairs scattered about the farms, and the merry notes of the male bird —"Bob White, Bob White"—will be heard every day from now till the latter part of August, when the cool foggy nights will prevent any further increase of quail population, and Bob will abandon his favorite perch, and cease his whistling till the springtime comes again.

During favorable seasons three broods are occasionally raised by one pair of quail, and as from 18 to 20 young are usually brought forth from each nest, it will be seen that there are good reasons for predicting an enormous supply of birds for the coming

SHOOTING SEASON.

While it is too shamefully true that the many unhung pot hunters, who shoot out of season, will persist in knocking poor Bob off his perch with a charge of No. 4 shot fired from an old smoothbore or flintlock, still it will not be beyond reasonable probability to estimate the number of young quail that will be brought out between this and the middle of August, in the three counties named, even if it does appear like the proverbial folly of "counting chickens before they are hatched." From recent observations made while traveling through Mercer, Butler and Lawrence counties, I feel safe in computing—the number of old birds in the district at 90 to the square mile. This would give a total of 151,500 in the 1,850 square miles in the three counties. Estimating that these 151,500 old birds will increase the total number of quail in the district fourfold by next September, we would have a total at that time of 600,000 quail in the three counties, as these figures allow for every possible diminution through the various causes that combine to decimate the quail population. It can easily be seen from these figures what a plentiful supply of these fine game birds would exist always, if the law against hunting out of season was enforced and sportsmen would take measures to exterminate the hawks, owls and weasels, which, next to the pot-hunters, are the most destructive enemies that Bob White has to contend against.

EDUCATED QUAIL.

Of late years sportsmen have noticed that the quail is becoming more wary and cunning than formerly, and the wonderful sagacity they frequently manifest in their efforts to avoid the dog and gun, indicates a rapid development in their instinct of self-preservation, which appears to be a clear case of evolution resulting from their peculiarly dangerous environment. This bird education, as it may with propriety be called, makes it necessary for the sportsman to possess both skill and judgment, and have the best trained and most experienced of dogs, in order to bag his game. When a flock of quail that have been repeatedly shot at are flushed in a stubble field or corn field, they get up with a rush and whir of wings that will "rattle" anyone but an experienced shooter, and go off to some dense thicket like a flash. In fact so fast do they go that I have heard shooters, after firing both barrels at a vanishing bird without touching a feather, declare that it was a contest of speed between shot and bird, with the odds in favor of the latter.

Once in the thicket, the quail are almost perfectly safe from the gun, as they lie low and seem to have the power to withhold their scent so that the dogs cannot find them. In such places there is no use hunting them with a choke-bore gun, as when flushed they are out of sight before anything like an accurate aim can be taken. The method employed by the pot-hunter is to load up his rusty old muzzle-loader with a handful of shot or slugs—sometimes he prefers gravel—and sneak silently along some rail fence till he finds the whole flock huddled together under a clump of briers,

SUNNING THEMSELVES

if the day be bright, or if it be raining, gathered under a log or pile of brush for shelter. In this position the unhung villain finds the whole flock in a suitable way to insure him a dinner at one fell shot. Quickly the old fuse is raised and sighted—C-l-ang! and when the smoke and flying pieces of an old weekly paper, used for wadding, clears away, one-half the birds, or perhaps the whole flock, flutter in their death agony on the ground, and their cowardly murderer rushes forward to claim his ill-gotten booty.

No sportsman will ever be guilty of shooting quail on the ground when the whole flock is huddled together. Such conduct would ill become a man or boy who knows how to use the gun, and takes pride in killing his birds on the wing.

The writer, who has hunted quail regularly for 12 years, was once tempted to kill a number of quail on the ground, but under what might be called extenuating circumstances. I was out with a man whom we shall call "Mack," who was always boasting of his prowess with the gun, and was never so well pleased as when he was killing all the birds and his partner none. "Mack" was using a cylinder bore that would have covered a target 8x10 feet at 15 yards, and when a bird got up and went north he had only to point the old cylinder bore in the same direction and fire quickly, and the bird was sure to fall. I was using a 12-gauge Ithaca gun, full choked, and one of the closest and hardest hitting guns I have ever handled, and of course with such a gun I had no show shooting alongside of "Mack," who knocked down every bird before it got fairly started on the wing.

SLAUGHTERING BIRDS.

I managed, however, to shred a few birds at 40 yards that he missed at 20, but having only three to his 12, I found his boasting quite intolerable, and took to the right of a cornfield toward a patch of timber, intending to hunt awhile by myself. Along a fence my dog made three points in succession and I made one double and two singles, making me only five birds behind "Mack," who seemed to have lost all his luck at finding birds after I left him. I continued on down to the edge of the timber, when, just as I got within 30 yards of the fence, a covey of about 30 birds came running out from a corn shock. I perceived a chance to get even on "Mack," and before the birds got into the thicket my right barrel was discharged into their midst, and the result was nine birds slaughtered. I was four ahead of Mack, and once in the thicket, I sent four loads into the root of a dead oak, the reports of which brought my boasting partner down to the edge of the woods to see what was up. Coming out to the fence, I pretended to be arranging my cartridge belt, and in order to take off my coat, I took out my game—16 quail—and laid them on the grass, much to the disgust of the boastful "Mack," who realized that I was ahead, and said no more that day about his prowess as a quail shooter.

Besides an immense number of quail, there will be plenty of rabbits and woodcock, and a fair supply of ruffed grouse for next season. In fact the indications for an abundant supply of game were never much better than at present, and the owner of a good dog and gun will have ample opportunity to enjoy the most fascinating of all outdoor sports when the cool October mornings come again.

T. E. MALONE.

SIFTINGS FROM JUSTICE.

Suits, Petitions and Sentences Noticed on the Last Day of the Week.

DECREES in divorce were granted in the cases of John Menzemen against Nettie B. Menzemen; Rose C. Schmidt against Joseph Schmidt, and Joseph B. Moore against Ellie N. Moore.

IN Criminal Court yesterday Judge Magee fined Wm. Galway, the Citizens' Traction conductor, 6¾ cents and costs for assault and battery. Carrie Rudolph, for selling liquor without license, was fined $550 and sent to the workhouse for four months.

RACHEL HURLEY yesterday entered suit against the Pittsburg Traction Company for $5,000 damages. She states that, on January 14, as she was getting off a car at Pride street the conductor rang the bell and the car started before she had left the step. She was dragged nearly a square and severely injured.

JUDGE EWING yesterday confirmed the finding of the jury in the Daisy Hutchinson lunacy proceedings, wherein she was declared sane. The question of the costs having been arranged between the parties, the bill was approved. In the habeas corpus case her release from the St. Francis Hospital was ordered, the inquisition having decided that matter.

MRS. MARY B. LYNCH yesterday sued for divorce from John Lynch. She claims that they were married in 1875 and that he left her the day after the wedding and has never lived with or supported her since. Mrs. Anna Homolya sued for a divorce from Mike Homolya. The couple were married in 1887 in Luzerne county. She claims that he beat her and threatened to kill her and she was compelled to leave him.

JUDGE EWING yesterday was asked to admit to bail George Hawkins and Charles Raumiller, two strikers at Duquesne, who were arrested for breach of the peace. The Judge said that they were guilty of disobeying an injunction order of court, and, as they were guilty of contempt, they would have to purge themselves of that charge. A hearing was fixed for 3 o'clock Monday afternoon.

THE habeas corpus case of Mrs. Josephine Burke, to gain possession of her three children, was heard yesterday before Judge Stowe. It was alleged that her husbund, J. J. Burke, had deserted her, taking the three children, and was keeping them hidden away from her. The developments were that the couple had separated and the father had placed the children in different institutions. Judge Stowe decided that the children were better off where they are.

JUDGE EWING yesterday refused to grant a charter to the County Democracy on the grounds that the application was too indefinite. He said: "The first section gives the name of the proposed corporation, the second gives the purpose of maintaining a club for 'social enjoyment,' and the third gives Pittsburg as the place of business. This is entirely too indefinate and I am unable to make the certificate as required by the act of Assembly, authorizing the granting of a charter, without any further information. For all that appears it may be for a social gambling club, or a mere drinking club, or any of the many purposes for which a charter cannot be granted."

Monday's Trial Lists.

Common Pleas No 1—Ferrell et ux vs Mercer (2); Schuette & Co. vs Drewes; Moore vs McKeon; Wheeler vs McKelvey et al; Robinson vs Harper et al; Gradner vs Kaplan; Roberts et al vs McCracken & Co.; Dugan vs Godfrey; May vs Fritsch; Packer et ux vs Hutchinson; Tiernan vs Patrick et al; Patrick & Co. vs Delp; Voigat & Co vs Tate et al; Sipser vs Topping.

Common Pleas No. 2—O'Kane vs Woog; Briggs, Fish & Burke vs Keating; Jutte vs city of Allegheny; O'Hara et al vs Pittsburg and Junction Railroad; Spang & Co vs Kauffield; Dunn vs Thompson et al.

Criminal Court—Commonwealth vs Peter Lazarwitz, George Anderson, Lizzie Duffy, Daniel Brady, John Goetz, M. F. Edwards, Mary Sauer, Theresa A. Lee, Moses D. Silkmitter, Albert C. Jones, John Sauer, John A. Steele, Jr.

LATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

—At Jackson, Mich., R. Irving Latimer was sentenced to State prison for life for murdering his mother, January 25.

—A fire yesterday in the brewery of the F. & M. Schaefer Brewing Company, at New York, caused a damage of $50,000 to grain, machinery and building.

—Irving G. Caldwell, of Cincinnati, O.; S. W. Lamping, of Grand View, Ind.; Joseph H. Magner, of Paris, Ill.; C. Smith, of Kansas City, and Thomas H. Taylor, of Caldwell, O., have been appointed special agents in the general land office.

—A shock, vibrations from northeast to southwest, supposed to be an earthquake, was felt at Annapolis, yesterday morning at 3:45. The tremble was accompanied by a lound clap, as though something heavy had fallen on the floors of the houses.

—It has been definitely ascertained that Cady, who was killed and roasted on a stove several days ago in Arizona, the murder being charged to Apache Indians, was killed by three Mexicans, who had quarreled with him during the day. He was killed, roasted and mutilated. Not a single Indian has left the reservation or was even in the neighborhood.

—Patrick Ford, 60 years of age, a watchman employed by one of Armour's packing houses at Chicago, shot and killed his wife, 28 years of age, yesterday morning, and then put a bullet into his own breast just above the heart. He cannot recover. Ford had been married but three months, but he and his wife had quarreled and they have not been living together.

—The Western roads are feeling the effect of the Iowa Railroad Commissioners' low rates, notwithstanding the fact that in the aggregate earnings are fairly good. The earnings from local Iowa traffic are very seriously cut into by the schedule of the Ohio commissioners. President Cable, discussing this question, stated that the Rock Island company was losing $1,000 per day through the adoption of the Iowa schedule.

—It is learned that the town at which the new refinery of the Standard Oil Company is to be erected is Whiting, Ind., 17 miles from Chicago, and just over the line from Illinois. This is expected to be the largest refinery in the world, and will look after the Western and Southwestern trade. The officers of the new works have not been selected yet, but it is definitely decided that Mr. Cowan will have charge of them. Already steam punches and sheet iron rollers have been shipped from the old works to Whiting. The offices will be located at Chicago.

—One of the largest seizures of opium ever made at San Francisco took place after the arrival of the Pacific Mail steamer City of New York, yesterday afternoon. Deputy Surveyor Fogarty and an inspector seized five large trunks, which were filled with opium and labeled "Ah King, Panama." Ah King's name could not be found on the passenger list, and the trunks were accordingly taken ashore. They were found to contain nearly 200 pounds of opium each, making about 1,000 pounds of the drug, which, with the duty, would bring t he value up to $16,000.

The Bond Purchases.

WASHINGTON, May 11—The total amount of bonds purchased from August 3, 1887, to date is $167,459,400, of which $61,587,250 were 4 per cents and $103,862,650 were 4½ per cents. Their cost was $193,574,784, of which $78,925,014 was paid for the 4 per cents and $114,649,770 was paid for the 4½ per cents. They would have cost at maturity $229,128,951, br $108,315,032 for the 4 per cents and $120,609,919 for the 4½ per cents.

The difference in favor of their purchase is $35,550,167, of which $29,590,019 represents the saving on the 4 per cents and $5,960,148 the saving on the 4½ per cents.

Catarrh Cured.

A clergyman, after years of suffering from that loathsome disease, catarrh, vainly trying every known remedy, at last found a recipe which completely cured and saved him from death. Any sufferer from this dreadful disease sending self-addressed stamped envelope to Prof. J. A. Lawrence, 88 Warren st., New York City, will receive the recipe free of charge.

Excursion Sunday.

The steamer Mayflower will leave foot Wood st., Sunday, at 10 A. M., 2 P. M., 4 P. M., 6 P. M. and 8 P. M. for Shingiss Park. Good music. Round trip 25 cents.

When baby was sick, we gave her Castoria,
When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria,
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria,
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

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WHY PEOPLE SMILE.

Business in All Branches Shows Large Gains Over Last Year.

EXTENSION OF RAPID TRANSIT.

A Mortgage Boom Which is Absorbing Large Amounts of City Money.

THE BUILDING TRADE FLOURISHING

There was no striking change in the business situation last week, except a further depression in iron caused by the end of the Thomas Company. Stocks were generally weak and dull, the majority of the list closing at a decline from the opening prices. Petroleum was weak and feverish, but closed steady, with indications of an improvement. Rules for trading in futures were presented and discussed, and will probably be adopted. Real estate was active, a number of important sales being consummated. Money was a trifle tighter, but the supply was sufficient for all requirements. The Clearing House report showed a large gain over the corresponding week of last year. Business in all lines of merchandise was active at fell prices.

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Sixty-five building permits were taken out last week, chiefly for dwellings in the outer wards and suburbs, the total cost being estimated at $176,235. The largest was by the Bellefield Presbyterian Church Association for a stone edifice 80x77, to cost $48,000.

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The sale of the Foster property, Fifth avenue, upon which THE DISPATCH'S main advertising office stands, was yesterday effected, Mr. J. A. Emery, representing the heirs and parties in interest, buying it in at $140,000. The dimensions are 80x240 feet, running back to Virgin alley.

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Money is moving. One of the largest mortgages for a long time was placed yesterday. It was for $200,000 on manufacturing property, presumably on the Southside, and the rate was 5 per cent and State tax. It was placed by a Pittsburg man and was Pittsburg money. The same gentleman had an application yesterday for $25,000 on an East End residence. The deal will probably be closed up to-morrow. During the week 218 mortgages were entered of record, representing $612,868. The three largest were for $150 000, $130,000 and $115,000, the rest ranging from $5,000 to $0,000 each.

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During last week 270 deeds for real estate were filed at the County Recorder's office, representing a valuation of $782,628. There is no let-up in the demand for lands and houses.

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The fact that Wilkinsburg is to have an electric road before the snow flies, is a sufficient reason for the great demand for property in that vicinity. It is understood that the road is to be run as a feeder to the Fifth avenue cable line. This will insure rapid transit to a large population living at an inconvenient distance from the Pennsylvania Railroad, and may result in a cut in rates, which are considered entirely too high.

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Mr. H. M. Byllsby, Vice President of the Westinghouse Electric Company, left the city last evening and will sail for Europe on Wednesday next, presumably to close up the long meditated deal for consolidating competing electric companies in England and on the continent. Big things are expected within 30 days in the electric business.

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The new Cross-Town Passenger Railway, the ordinance for which was up in Allegheny Councils Friday evening means a new electric road for Allegheny, passing north of any road now in existence, say along Jackson street. It is backed by ample capital.

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The Pittsburg, Allegheny and Manchester Passenger Railway will, within a very few days, be reorganized on a basis of new capital, new road, probably electric, etc. This fact, known to a few, has no doubt been at the bottom of the recent active demand for that stock. But it was considered too good to let go.

HOPEFUL BROKERS.

Local Stocks Dull and Weak, but With Signs of Improvement.

Local stocks were with one or two exceptions dull and weak yesterday. Philadelphia Gas lost ground on continued liquidation by holders of small lots. The other gassers were unchanged. Electric was firmer, although higher and inactive. Tractions were quiet and neglected. The miners were lifeless and lower, La Noria on reports that the mill was not giving satisfactory results.

The rest of the list was quiet and featureless. There was a good demand for bank stocks and other first-class securities. The outlook for this week is for a more active market if not higher prices. Electric will probably move up, and if pending suits are decided favorably, it will doubtless experience a boom. Bids, offers and sales follow:

	Bid.	Asked.
Pittsburg Pet. Stock and Metal Ex	470	480
Allegheny National Bank	83	....
Bank of Pittsburg*	73	....
Commercial National Bank	....	105
Citizens National Bank	51	....
Diamond National Bank	160	....
Exchange National Bank*	80	....
First National Bank, Pittsburg	370	....
Fourth National Bank	130	140
Fifth National Bank	35	....
Fifth Avenue Bank	85	....
Freehold Bank	52	55
Fidelity Title and Trust Co	120	....
German National Bank	325	340
Monongahela	105	....
Iron City National Bank	91	....
Keystone Bank of Pittsburg	....	65½
Mechanics' National Bank	105	....
Mer. and Manufacturers' Nat. Bank	60	....
Odd Fellows Savings Bank	65	70
Pittsburg National Bank Commerce	231	....
Pittsburg Bank for Savings	150	....
Second National Bank	180	....
Tradesmen's National Bank	255	....
Second National Bank, Allegheny	180	200
Boatman's Insurance	....	35
German Insurance	....	85
People's Insurance	....	50
Western Insurance Company	....	55
Allegheny Gas Company (Ill.)	35	....
Pittsburg Gas Company (Ill.)	62½	....
Southside Gas Company (Ill.)	....	25
Bridgewater Gas Co	50	60
Charters Valley Gas Co	....	62½
Manufacturers' Gas Co	....	30
Pennsylvania Gas Co	....	22
Philadelphia Co	55¾	56¾
Westmoreland and Cambria	....	40
Wheeling Gas Co	31	31½
Tuna Oil Co	68	....
Washington Oil Co	70	....
Central Traction	29¾	29½
Citizens Traction	71	73½
Pittsburg Traction	....	55
Pleasant Valley Pass. R. R	190	200
Pittsburg Junction R. R. Co	24	....
Pitts. & Western R. R. Co	11½	....
Pitts. & Western R. R. Co., pref'd	11¾	....
N. Y. & C. Gas Coal Co	....	87
Ewalt (Forty-third street)	88	....
Northside Bridge Co	54	....
Northern Liberties	20	....
Union Bridge	15	....
La Noria Mining Co	1¾	1½
Westinghouse Electric	56¾	57½
Union Storage Co	70	....
Union Switch and Signal Co	23½	....

*Ex-div.

Sales were 35 shares of Philadelphia Gas at 56, 195 at 55¾, 10 at 55¾, 100 La Noria at 1½, and 350 at 1¾.

Henry M. Long sold 100 shares of Electric at 57, and 100 at 56¾.

The total sales of stocks at New York yesterday were 70,514 shares, including Atchison, 11,645; Missouri Pacific, 2,629; Oregon Transcontinental, 13,140; Reading, 1,800; Richmond and West Point, 7,050; St. Paul, 3,400.

MONEY MOVEMENTS.

Last Year's Record Very Badly Beaten—A Slow and Steady Growth.

Business at the banks yesterday was without special features. There was some improvement in checking. Other routine lines were up to the average. Discounting was rather slow. This is accounted for by the fact that there is a large amount of private capital seeking investment at low rates. The Clearing House report was highly satisfactory, showing that Pittsburg is more than holding her own, the gain for the expired portion of the year being over $24,000,000 in excess of the same time in 1888. The report is appended:

Exchanges	$ 22,328,397 02
Balances	237,158 15
Exchanges for the week	12,996,385 61
Daily average	2,166,231 79
Balances for the week	1,611,639 74
Exchanges week of 1888	10,811,668 44
Balances week of 1888	1,835,553 28
Exchanges last week	12,207,012 27
Balances last week	2,091,427 22
Exchanges to date, 1889	224,695,977 98
Exchanges to date, 1888	240,094,420 19
Gain, 1889 over 1888 to date	24,601,561 55

Money on call at New York, yesterday, was easy closing offered at 2½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 5½@6½. Sterling exchange dull but steady and unchanged.

The exports of specie from the port of New York during the week amounted to $808,581, of which $553,631 was gold and $252,900 silver. Of the total exports $553,381 in gold and $246,500 in silver went to Europe, and $1,250 in gold and $10,200 in silver to South America. The imports of specie for the week amounted to $26,441, of which $10,696 was gold and $15,745 silver.

The weekly report of the New York banks, issued yesterday, shows the following changes: Reserve, decrease, $672,000; loans, decrease, $809,500; specie, decrease, $204,900; legal tenders, increase, $2,675,100; deposits, increase, $558,800; circulation, decrease, $93,500. The banks now hold $6,672,575 in excess of the 25 per cent rule.

Government Bonds.

U. S. 4½s, reg	109¼@109¼
U. S. 4½s, coup	109¼@109¼
U. S. 4s, reg	122¼@122¾
U. S. 4s, coup	122¼@122¾

	Bid.
Currency, 6 per cent, 1895 reg	121
Currency, 6 per cent, 1896 reg	124
Currency, 6 per cent, 1897 reg	127½
Currency, 6 per cent, 1898 reg	130
Currency, 6 per cent, 1899 reg	132½

Government and State loans are dull and firm.

NEW YORK—Clearings to-day, $129,570,900; balances, $5,199,576. For the week—Clearings, $719,624,847; balances, $32,262,130.

BOSTON—Clearings to-day, $16,395,987; balances, $1,571,785. For the week—Clearings, $96,041,765; balances, $9,551,711. For the corresponding week in 1888—Clearings, $88,749,731; balances, $10,221,937.

PHILADELPHIA—Clearings, $10,396,270; balances, $1,345,809. For the week—Clearings, $73,582,487; balances, $10,044,780.

BALTIMORE—Clearings, $2,008,081; balances, $273,545.

CHICAGO—Money unchanged. Bank clearings, $9,594,000.

ST. LOUIS—Clearings, $5,180,410; balances, $388,644. For this week—Clearings, $18,510,543; balances, $2,092,290. For the same week last year—Clearings, $17,959,706; balances, $2,945,410.

LONDON—The amount of bullion gone into the Bank of England on balance to-day is £11,000.

PARIS—Three per cent rentes, 87f 47½c for the account.

QUIET AND STRONG.

Oil Recovers Some of the Lost Ground, and May Go Higher.

The oil market opened quiet but strong yesterday at 83¾c—1¼c higher than the close of the previous day. It then softened to 83¼c, around which point it held until the last half hour, when it sold up to 83¾c, and closed at 83c, with a firm undertone, giving indications of selling higher to-morrow.

Trading was light at all of the Exchanges. Loans were made at 25 cents premium. A broker said: "I think the market touched bottom yesterday and to-day, and is likely to see its best prices on Monday in the way of the usual reaction."

A. R. McGrew & Co. quote: Puts, 83¼@83½c; calls, 84¼c.

Features of the Market.

Opened	82¾	Lowest	82⅛
Highest	83¾	Closed	83

	Barrels.
Runs	58,293
Average	47,445
Shipments	80,294
Average	70,861
Charters	64,444
Average	54,422
Clearances	1,154,000

Refined, New York, 6.85.
Refined, London, 8½.
Refined, Antwerp, 10½.
New York closed 83.
Oil City closed 83¼.
Bradford closed 82¾.

Other Oil Markets.

OIL CITY, May 11.—National transit certificates opened at 82¾c; highest, 83½c; lowest, 82¾c; closed, 83¼c.

BRADFORD, May 11.—National transit certificates opened at 82¾c; closed, 83¼c; highest, 83½c; lowest, 82¾c.

TITUSVILLE, May 11.—National transit certificates opened at 82¾c; highest, 83¼c; lowest, 82¾c; closed, 83¼c.

NEW YORK, May 11.—Petroleum opened steady at 82¾c and moved up to 83½c on small transactions. A reaction followed, in which the market closed steady at 83c. Consolidated Exchange: Opening, 82¾c; lowest, 82¾c; closing, 83c. Stock Exchange: Opening, 82¾c; highest, 83½c; lowest, 82¾c; closing, 83¼c. Total sales, 218,000 barrels.

CAPITALISTS ON THE JUMP.

A Number of Large and Important Properties Change Hands.

Allen & Bailey, 164 Fourth avenue, sold for George Schmidt, real estate dealer, a lot having a frontage of 183½ feet on Fifth avenue, near Music Hall, and running back 197 feet to Colwell street, to M. F. Maloney for $16,020 cash. The purchaser intends erecting on the premises a handsome block of dwellings.

Black & Baird, No. 95 Fourth avenue, sold for Irving Redpath the club-house property Nos. 27 and 29 Diamond street, being a four-story brick building on a lot 30x120 feet, for $85,000 cash. The sale was made some two months ago, but particulars were withheld from publication.

J. R. Cooper & Co. sold for George S. Martin lot 116 in the Maplewood Park plan, Wilkinsburg, fronting 40 feet on Maplewood avenue by 180 feet to Fahnestock avenue, for $425, to George L. Follansbee; also to Fred. Rohrmann, lots 109 and 110 in the same plan, fronting 80 feet on Maplewood avenue by 120 feet to Fahnestock lane, for $850. The inquiry for these lots has increased since it has become known that Wilkinsburg is to have an electric road in the near future, which will be run as a feeder to the Fifth avenue cable line. This will give Wilkinsburg all the rapid transit of the times.

Reed B. Coyle & Co., 131 Fourth avenue, sold for Henry A. O. Nichols to James W. Prescott two lots at Homewood for $650 cash.

Samuel W. Black & Co., No. 99 Fourth avenue, sold to Andrew J. Hopkins a three-story pressed-brick dwelling, being No. 561 Fifth avenue, with lot fronting 24 feet on the avenue and extending back 200 feet to Colwell street, for a price approximating $6,000 cash. This was the residence property of Captain Joseph Nixon.

W. W. McNeil & Bro., 105 Fourth avenue, sold for Mrs. P. E. Wilt to Samuel J. Fleming property No. 171 Devilliers street, Eleventh ward, city, being a three-story brick house of seven rooms, with lot 23¼x104 feet, for $2,300 cash. They also sold for Rebecca Foden to John Hilger property No. 4661 Ganwisch street, Sixteenth ward, city, being a lot 25x150 feet, having thereon a five-roomed frame house and a four-roomed frame house, for $1,625. They report a great demand for mortgages of all kinds.

C. H. Love, 93 Fourth avenue, sold for Mrs. J. Siddel to Charles Somers about seven acres of ground in the Eleventh ward, Allegheny City, near the New Brighton road, for a price approximating $5,500. The purchaser intends laying out a plan of lots and putting on the market at once.

J. A. Cooper & Co. sold for Dr. Radcliffe a three-story brick house, with two small brick houses in rear, fronting on Spring alley, with lot 24x100, being No. 1782 Penn avenue, to Mrs. M. Shoehan for $9,000. This firm also sold two mortgages of $12,000 each on Fourth ward property at 4 5-10 per cent.

Mellon Bros., East End, sold to C. L. Smith, Esq., lot No. 26 in the McClintock plan, on Elysian avenue, 80x100, for $1,250.

GOING UP.

The Building Industry Spreading Out as the Season Advances.

Building operations last week were active all along the line, showing a steady growth as the season advances. Sixty-five permits were issued, the majority being for small houses for residence purposes, the cost of which is estimated at $176,235. The following is the list:

David Lambie, one brick one-story, 28x40 feet, on Virgin alley, Third ward.

Fred Vogle, one frame one-story, 20x90 feet, on corner of Thirty-third and Mary streets, Twenty-fourth ward.

John Frederich, two brick two-story, 24x35 feet, on Justin street near Brady, Fourteenth ward.

Dr. Daly, one frame two-story, 25x30 feet, on Comet street near Brady, Fourteenth ward.

Dr. Daly, two frame two-story, 25x30 feet, on Forbes avenue near Brady street, Fourteenth ward.

Mary Wolf, one frame two-story, 20x23 feet, on Main street near Penn avenue, Sixteenth ward.

W. J. Osbourn, one frame two-story, 20x32 feet, on Main street, Sixteenth ward.

W. W. Leech, one frame two-story, 16x28 feet, on Webster avenue between Duff and Jones streets, Thirteenth ward.

Henry Schmidt, one brick one-story addition, 16x16 feet, on Seventh avenue, Third ward.

John Long, one brick two-story, 20x34 feet, on Carson street between Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fifth streets, Twenty-fifth ward.

Jacob Brambiar, one frame one-story addition, 10x15 feet, on Twenty-fifth street near Sarah, Twenty-fifth ward.

G. W. Guthrone, one stone and wood two-story, 42x56 feet, on College lane, Twenty-second ward.

Jos. Kress, one frame two-story, 14x34 feet, on Duff street, between Webster and Wylie avenues, Thirteenth ward.

Julius Freudenburg, five brick three-story, 60x50 feet, on Forbes avenue, near Magee street, Sixth ward.

Mrs. Grede and V. Lange, eight brick three-story, 60x46 feet, on Colwell street, between Vine and Miller, Eleventh ward.

W. F. Dutton, one brick two-story, 22x40 feet, on Colwell street, between Vine and Miller streets, Eleventh ward.

M. Hatty, one brick two-story, 17x22 feet, on Vine street, between Reed street and Center avenue, Eighth ward.

G. Roeslayer, one frame two-story, 21x32 feet, on Achilla street, near Shetland street, Twenty-first ward.

M. Gieffer, one frame two-story, 18x20 feet, on Harcums alley, between Thirty-second and Thirty-third streets, Twenty-fourth ward.

Robert McDonald, four brick two-story, 16x24 feet, on Fox alley, between Twenty-first and Twenty-second streets, Twenty-fifth ward.

Marrot and Loyner, one brick one-story addition, 46x80 feet deep, on Wood street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues, Third ward.

John Kracko, one frame two-story dwelling, 30x50 feet, on Twenty-sixth street, between Carson and Sidney streets, Twenty-fifth ward.

M. E. Taylor, two frame two-story dwellings, 35x34 feet, on Matcheze street, between Wilbert and Lowen streets, Thirty-second ward.

Alwood & McCafferty, one brick two-story 64x59 feet, corner of Second avenue and Chauncey street, First ward.

John Gordon, one frame two-story, 20x34 feet, on McDonald street, between Arch and Larimer streets, Twenty-first ward.

A. R. Sloan, one frame stable, two-story, 30 x20 feet, on Liberty avenue, Twentieth ward.

D. W. Wolcott, one frame, 18x24 feet, on corner of Aiken and Clay streets, Twentieth ward.

A. J. Lee, one frame two-story, 22x47 feet, on Hoeveler street, between Collins avenue and Sheridan street, Twentieth ward.

W. H. Williams, one frame two-story, 14x14 feet, on First street from Butler 200 yards, Negley avenue, Nineteenth ward.

Mrs. W. J. Baughman, one frame two-story, 30x80 feet, on 6307 Station street, Nineteenth ward.

Dr. Berchant, one frame one-story addition, 15x10 feet, on 6209 Station street, Nineteenth ward.

Mrs. J. E. Gilson, one brick two-story, 18x33 feet, on Euclid street, between Stanton and Hays streets, Nineteenth ward.

M. T. Duffy, one brick one-story addition, 10x30 feet, on Webster avenue, Fifth ward.

Otto Dak in, one frame two-story, 14x30 feet, on Yew street, between Forty-ninth and Fiftieth streets, Twentieth ward.

John Hobbins, two frame two-story, 17x32 feet, on Stanton, between Fifty-second and McCandless avenue, Eighteenth ward.

H. C. Gies, one brick three-story dwelling, 20x42 feet, on Frankstown avenue, Nineteenth ward.

George Simpkins, one frame one-story, 21x28 feet, on Mohawk, Fourteenth ward.

Henry Wilman, one frame two-story, 16x32 feet, on Cedar street, Sixteenth ward.

Bellfield Presbyterian Church, one stone one-story, 80x77 feet, on Bellfield street, Fourteenth ward.

Mrs. Kate Keating, two brick two-story, 16x 30 feet, on Sherman street, Seventeenth ward.

John Huston, one frame two-story, 19x32 feet, on Ellicott street, Twentieth ward.

Nichal Curran, one brick two-story, 19x47 feet, on corner of Hatfield and Howe streets, Seventeenth ward.

Frank Gorman, one frame one-story addition, 20x30 feet, on 1330 Second avenue, Fourteenth ward.

George Gardom, one brick two-story, 18x45 feet, on Vickroy street, Sixth ward.

Frank Liggett, one frame two-story, 26x36 feet, on Edwin street, Twentieth ward.

J. N. Baum, one frame two-story, 16x32 feet, on Sciota street, between Matilda and Fitch streets, Twentieth ward.

W. M. Baum, one frame two-story, 16x32 feet, on Cypress street, between Matilda and Fitch streets, Twentieth ward.

James McMaliy, one frame two-story, 20x28 feet, on Minnesota street, between Greenfield and Blanch streets, Twenty-third ward.

C. E. Succop, one frame two-story, 10x16 feet, on Carson street, Twenty-eighth ward.

John Kallenberg, one frame one-story, 10x15 feet, on Santon avenue, between Hilland and Sheridan avenues, Nineteenth ward.

H. M. Hatzell, one brick two-story, 26x48 feet, on Colwell street, Eleventh ward.

James Hunter, two brick two-story, 24x32 feet on Chestnut street, between Fourth and Fifth streets, Thirtieth ward.

John Roboltz, one brick two-story, 20x34 feet, on De Soto street, near Fifth avenue, Fourteenth ward.

Mrs. Cora Crum, one frame one-story, 18x22 feet, on Hoeveler street, between Collins and Sheridan avenues, Nineteenth Ward.

Mrs. G. M. Screttetter, four brick two-story, 56x40 feet, on Dennston avenue, corner of Arabella street, Twentieth ward.

Jacob Mertz, one frame one-story addition, 12x16 feet, on Penn avenue, between Forty-fourth and Forty-fifth streets, Seventeenth ward.

Frank L. Kerlan, two frame two-story, 40x60 feet, on Second avenue, Twentieth ward.

Alex Liddell, one brick two-story, 22x48 feet, on Shetland street, between Finley and Lincoln, Twenty-first ward.

Alex Gasnaki, one frame two-story, 18x30 feet, on Harmar avenue, between Wayne and Dickson streets, Thirteenth ward.

Andrew Kurtz, one frame one-story, 12x16 feet, on Forty-ninth street, Sixteenth ward.

Daniel Miller, one frame two-story, 17x30 feet, on Mifflin street, between Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth streets, Sixteenth ward.

Jacob Leetz, one frame one-story, 18x32 feet, on Thirty-third street, Thirteenth ward.

W. G. McGrea, one frame two-story, 17x34 feet, on Kelley street, between Homewood avenue and Sterrett street, Twenty-first ward.

R. M. Grove, one frame one-story stable, 22x 30 feet, on Shakespeare street, Twentieth ward.

C. E. Succop, one frame one-story, 19x16 feet, on Fifteenth street, between Sarah and Breed streets, Twenty-eighth ward.

Mrs. Cora Crum, one frame two-story, 22x34 feet, on Hoeveler street, between Collins and Sheridan avenues, Nineteenth ward.

BEAR HAMMERINGS

Depress Stocks at the Opening, but They Rally and Recover Lost Ground, Closing With Fractional Gains—Railroad Bonds in the Rut.

NEW YORK, May 11.—There was no change in the stock market this morning from its usual dullness, though a few features were developed, and after the fractional decline from the bear hammerings, covering of shorts with a little long buying rallied the list, and the final changes are generally in the direction of higher figures. Commission people were doing nothing at the opening and the professional element again had full control, and being bearishly inclined, first prices were generally slightly lower than last evening's figures, and the subsequent dealings were marked by a heavy tone, although the list as a rule was intensely dull and the movement scarcely perceptible.

The manipulation was centered upon Oregon Transcontinental and Atchison, and in the former was attended by considerable success, a decline of 1½ per cent to 35½