THEIR WORK FOR KANSAS.

THE NEWSPAPER CROWD ALWAYS TAKING THE LEAD.

The Father of Irrigation in Sunflower Land—Rise and Fall of the Creamery Business—Reminiscences by One of the Old Crowd.

The recent furore in regard to irrigation causes members of the "old crowd" of newspaper men to take a retrospective glance over the years that are gone, and call to mind the name of the man who first advocated irrigation in Western Kansas. Possibly not many remember much about it. However that may be, writes I. S. Drummond in the Norton Republican, it is interesting to review the past and see whether we have advanced or retrograded, or stood still for the past twelve or fifteen years.

F. H. Barnhart, formerly editor of the Osborne Farmer, was the original irrigationist of Northwest Kansas. In 1882 Mr. Barnhart advocated the irrigation of gardens by means of windmills and pumps, and made many experiments along that line in 1882 and 1883. He made a success of raising fruits and vegetables on his residence lots in Osborne and also on his farm. His theory was, that by the irrigation of small plats of ground sufficient vegetables and fruits could be produced to support the people of Western Kansas in case of failure of the main crops, and by this means prevent the migration of settlers from the state in years of general crop failures.

It will be remembered that in 1882 the country had just begun to recover from the disastrous drouth of 1880 and 1881. On this account considerable interest was developed in the irrigation matter, but most of the settlers were doubtful of its practicability. Then came the great crop years of 1883, 1884 and 1885, when everything produced so abundantly that the people could scarcely take care of the immense crops. Under those conditions all interest in garden irrigation was lost.

Since that time partial crop failures have occurred in 1887, 1889 and 1893, and total failures in 1890 and 1894, and now we are beginning to talk irrigation again, and on the same lines advocated by Mr. Barnhart fourteen years ago. And we presume that if the year 1895 gives us a good crop we will just forget all about irrigation until another crop failure occurs. That's the Kansas way of doing business.

At the time when Mr. Barnhart was making an irrigation paper out of the Osborne Farmer, the writer was "running" the Portis Patriot, and advocating with all our might the establishment of creameries. We succeeded in getting creameries introduced into the Solomon valley at various points, but failed in getting one built at Portis, although an association was formed there for the purpose of building.

The creameries proved to be too good a thing. For awhile the business was conducted honestly and carefully, and was very profitable. Kansas creamery butter selling at about the highest prices in all markets. But, as we said, it was too good a thing. In order to make more money, when they were making scads of it, the majority of creamery proprietors began to adulterate their butter and to work over all kinds of country butter, mix it up, and ship it to market branded as "Kansas Creamery."

Well, things went from bad to worse, until "Pure Kansas Creamery Butter" could hardly be sold in the city markets for soap fat or axle grease. A few creameries, however, did an honest business, and some still survive; a few are still getting fair prices for all the butter they can produce. But some of them are producing a horrible compound. We have been in some so-called "creameries" in Kansas within the past year where the stench of the horrible mixtures were excruciating. Talk about anything "stinking a dog out of a tan yard!" The horrible smell in some of these "creameries" would cause the stinkingest old rip-blown green hide that ever lay in a tan yard to crawl off into the most remote corner and curl up in disgust.

And so the creamery business in Western Kansas followed in the track of Barnhart's irrigation enterprise; and the country is now almost as destitute of actual creameries as it was when the writer worked so hard to get them started. But we still believe that a creamery, honestly conducted and turning out nothing but a pure article of first-class butter, would prove in the long run the most profitable business that farmers in Western Kansas could engage in. But just now we are about where we were a decade and half ago in this line. We have not improved.

But Barnhart and the writer were not the only editors who were working for the future good of the country. All the "old boys" were just spreading themselves trying to do something for each one's locality in particular and the state in general, and to prove to the world that the man who said that Northwest Kansas was not the best section of country in the world was a dod-gasted chump, an unmitigated liar, and didn't know the difference between a jack rabbit and the Declaration of Independence. And the old boys were right; the country was, and is, just what they claimed for it.

And so that old crowd worked day and night, year in and year out, for their towns, for railroads, for mills, for manufactories of all kinds; for schools, for churches, for societies—for anything and everything that would help build up the country and the towns. They got most of the things they worked for—and they paid for many of them out of their own brains and their own pockets.

We can speak of these things now without fear or favor, for we are not editing anybody's newspaper just now. There is not a town in Kansas of any importance whatever that was not built through the exertions of newspaper men, for it was through them that the capital needed for building was brought into the state. The newspaper men did the work, others reaped the profits. And the newspaper men to-day are doing more to hold the country together than all other forces.

Incidentally, that old crowd of newspaper men had something to say in a political way—in a mild way, of course. Once in a while Billy Caldwell, Lew Hendley or John McBride would write an article that would melt the surface off the roller when it passed over the type, but mostly they were all as mild mannered men as "ever scuttled ship or cut a throat."

The old crowd did the work laid out for them, but they failed to collect their wages as they went along. They thought their pay would come when the country was settled up—and it did! The very first whack that a Democratic administration got at them found almost the last one of them ready to put on the Democratic badge. They are wearing those badges now—those of them who have any remains of breeches to sew the badge to. And there is a "new crowd" of newspaper men now who are following in the footsteps of their "illustrious predecessors," and they will draw the same wages that the old crowd got.

But we do not think that the old fellows regret their past. We honestly believe that they miss the specimen pumpkins, squashes, tomatoes—vegetables of all sorts—pounds of butter, "hunks" of meat, and other things which the kindly farmer folk used to present them more than they miss anything else; for was not every one of those "specimen" gifts proof that they hadn't lied about the country?

When you suffer from sick headache, dizziness, constipation, etc., remember Carter's Little Liver Pills will relieve you. One pill is a dose.

Richard III. in Citizen's Dress.

"Tom Keene played 'Richard III.' in street clothes in Macon, Ga., two years ago," said C. H. Reeves at the Emery. "All of the company's trunks were carried past Macon on the Central road in some way, and could not be brought back in time for the performance. The house had been pretty well sold up, and it would not do to disappoint the people. Not even a sword could be procured and a large cleaver was borrowed from the hotel. In regen's clothes and with the cleaver as a sword Keene and his company went upon the stage. During the first act there was a great deal of merriment in the audience, but Keene played as he never played before, and made his hearers forget the incongruities. It was the greatest success of the tragedian's life."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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FINANCIAL.

The banks Saturday all reported a very good counter business, but the demand for money was light and mainly on short paper—twenty and thirty days. Rates steady; still 6@8 per cent. But little currency going to the country. Bank clearings, $1,320,068; same day last year, $1,357,296, and increase of $242,762, a gain of 18 per cent; for the week, $9,421,196; same time last year, $8,757,825, an increase of $663,370, a gain of 7 per cent.

Eastern exchange scarce and firmer.

Houston, Fible & Co., exchange brokers, quote it as follows: New York, $1.25 premium; Chicago, 75c premium; St. Louis, 50c premium.

The New York bank statement Saturday showed an increase of $743,000, specie of $7,106,400, deposits of $3,556,400, but a decrease in legal tenders of $624,000. The surplus reserve increased $592,200; the banks now hold $35,862,650 in excess of the 25 per cent rule.

Money at Home and Abroad.

New York, Jan. 5.—Money on call easy at 1@1½ per cent; last loan 1½ per cent, closed at 1½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 2½@4½ per cent. Sterling exchange dull, but firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.88¼@4.88½ for demand, and at $4.87¾@4.88 for sixty days; posted rates, $4.88½@4.89½; commercial bills, at $4.86½.

London, Jan. 5.—Money ¼ per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for both short and three months' bills is ⅝ per cent.

New York, Jan. 5.—Clearings, $163,822,734; balances, $10,206,732; for the week, $863,487,193; balances, $44,331,203.

Boston, Jan. 5.—Clearings, $16,786,535; balances, $2,278,964.

Philadelphia, Jan. 5.—Clearings, $13,865,365; balances, $1,760,144.

Baltimore, Jan. 5.—Clearings, $3,024,241; balances, $442,140.

St. Louis, Jan. 5.—Clearings of the banks to-day, $5,167,468; this week, $27,301,814; last week, $20,147,802; last year, $24,412,770; balances to-day, $1,202,865.

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 5.—Clearings, $373,407; balances, $73,560. New York exchange selling at par to 15c premium.

New Orleans, Jan. 5.—Clearings, $3,089,178.

Silver.

London, Jan. 5.—Bar silver, 27 7-16d per ounce.

New York, Jan. 5.—Silver certificates, 69½c; bar silver, 69½c; Mexican dollars, 49c.

State and Government Bonds.

New York, Jan. 5.—Closing quotations on the New York Stock exchange:

Government—	Yest'y. day.	To-day.
United States 4s, registered	112½	112½
United States 4s, coupon	113	113
United States 5s, registered	116½	116½
United States 5s, coupon	116½	116½
United States 2s, registered	97	97
Pacific 6s	109	109
State—		
Alabama, class A	102	102
Alabama, class B	104	104
Alabama, class C	92	92
Alabama currency	92	92
Louisiana new consols, 4s	95¼	95¼
North Carolina 6s	121	121
North Carolina 4s	100	100
South Carolina non-fund	1½	1½
Tennessee 3s, new settlements	80	80
Tennessee 5s, new settlements	100	100
Tennessee 6s, old settlements	60	60
Virginia centuries	53½	53½
Missouri 6s	109	109

Railroad Bonds.

New York, Jan. 5.—Closing quotations on the New York Stock exchange:

Issues—	Yest'y. day.	To-day.
Atchison 4s	85½	85½
Atchison 2d A	36½	36½
Canada Southern 2d	105	105
Central Pacific 1st of '95	108½	108½
Denver & Rio Grande 7s	115	115
Denver & Rio Grande 4s	80½	80½
Erie 2ds	62½	62
L. H. & S. A. 6s	98	98
L. H. & S. A. 7s	100½	100½
Houston & Central Texas 5s	101	101½
Houston & Texas Central 6s	106½	106½
Missouri, Kas. & Texas 1st 4s	81	81
Missouri, Kas. & Texas 2d 4s	46½	47
Mutual Union 6s	108	108
New Jersey Central general 5s	112	112
Northern Pacific 1sts	114½	114½
Northern Pacific 2ds	89	89
Northwestern consols, coupons	142½	142½
Rio Grande Western 1sts	98½	98½
Northwest S. F. debentures, 5s	108½	108½
St. L. & S. F. general 6s	102½	102½
St. Paul consols, 7s	128½	128½
St. L. & I. M. general 5s	78½	78½
St. Paul C. & P. & W. 5s	110½	110½
Texas Pacific 1sts	86½	87
Texas Pacific 2ds	24½	24½
Union Pacific 1sts of '96	104	104
West Shore 4s	104½	104½

Stocks and Bonds.

New York, Jan. 5.—Very little business was done on the Stock exchange to-day and outside of Sugar, Distilling, Chicago Gas and Missouri Pacific the trading was lifeless. A firm tone marked the opening dealings, and except for a decline of 1 per cent in Louisville & New Albany preferred and 1% in Tobacco and 2% in Missouri Pacific, the market moved upward fractionally until after 11 o'clock, when the temper of speculation changed and a reaction set in. Baltimore & Ohio lost 1% and the rest of the list a fraction. Sugar, after an opening advance of ¼, fell off ⅞, closing ⅛ above the lowest. Chicago Gas receded ⅛, advanced ½ and reacted ⅛. It was rumored that the full cash dividend would be declared on Monday, but the report had little or no influence on the stock. Distilling moved up ⅝ per cent on the announcement of the formation of a committee of stockholders to look after the interests of the company, but subsequently lost ⅛. The placing on the market of a block of 1,000 shares of long stock of Missouri Pacific was taken advantage of by the bears to raid the property and a break of 2⅞ per cent was made in the shares, of which ½ per cent was subsequently recovered.

The interest in the bond market was very light and the main tendency of prices was downward.

Closing quotations on the New York Stock exchange:

Stocks.	Yest'd'y.	To-d'y.
Alton & R. R	35	
Adams Express	140	140
Alton & Terre Haute	36½	36½
Alton & Terre Haute pref'd	108	109
American Express	110	111
Baltimore & Ohio	83	81½
Canada Pacific	56½	56½
Canada Southern	49½	49½
Central Pacific	13½	13½
Chesapeake & Ohio	17	17½
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy	76½	76½
Chicago & Alton	146	146
Chicago Gas	73½	72½
Chicago & E. Illinois pref'd	92	92
Consolidated Gas	127	127
C., C., C. & St. L.	38	37½
Colorado Fuel & Iron	25	25
Colorado Fuel & Iron pref'd	70	70
Colorado Coal & Iron	40½	
Cotton Oil Certificates	22½	21½
Delaware & Hudson	125½	125½
Delaware, Lackawanna & W	158½	158½
Denver & Rio Grande	16½	16
D. & R. G. pref'd	33½	33½
Distillers & C. F. Co.	20½	19
D. P., Denver & Gulf	10½	10½
General Electric	37½	36½
Erie	14½	14½
Erie pref'd	31½	31½
Great Northern pref'd	102	102
Houston & Texas Central	2½	2½
Hocking Valley	16½	16½
Illinois Central	87½	87½
Kansas & Texas pref'd	21½	21½
Lake Erie & Western	18	18
L. E. & W. pref'd	76	76
Lake Shore	130½	131½
Lead Trust	26½	26½
Louisville & Nashville	52½	52½
Louisville & New Albany	9	9
Manhattan Consolidated	10½	10½
Minneapolis & St. Louis	2½	2½
Michigan Central	90	90
Mobile & Ohio	18	18
Missouri Pacific	74	73½
Memphis & Charleston	10	10
Nashville & Chattanooga	65	65
National Cordage	6½	7
National Lead trust pref'd	107	107
National Linseed Oil Co	34½	34½
New Jersey Central	36½	36½
New York Central	98	97½
Norfolk & Western pref'd	17½	17½
North American Co	6½	6½
Northwestern	93½	93½
Northwestern pref'd	142	142
Nat. Cordage pref'd	74	74
North Pacific pref'd	37	37
New York & New England	38½	38½
Ontario & Western	17½	17½
Oregon & Navigation	19½	19½
O. S. L. & U. N.	6	6
Oregon Improvement Co	19½	19½
Pacific Mail S. S. Co	37	37½
Peoria, Decatur & Evansville	9½	9½
Pittsburg	157	157
Pullman Palace Car Co	154	153½
Reading	12½	12½
Richmond Terminal Co	15	15
Richmond Terminal Co. pref'd	39	39
Rio Grande & Western	16½	16½
Rio Grande & Western pref'd	42	42
Rock Island & Pacific	61½	61½
St. Paul	65½	65½
St. Paul pref'd	117	117
St. Paul & Omaha	32	32
St. Paul & Omaha pref'd	110	110
Southern Railway	8	8
Sugar Refinery Co	87½	86
T., A. A. & N. M.	2½	2½
Tennessee Coal & Iron	15½	15½
Texas Pacific	5½	5½
Toledo & O. C. pref'd	75	75
Toledo, St. Louis & K. C.	1	1
Toledo, St. L. & K. C. pref'd	6	6
Union Pacific	41	41
United States Express	42	42
Wheeling & Lake Erie	10½	10½
W. & L. E. pref'd	44	44
Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific	6	5½
Wabash, St. L. & P. pref'd	15½	15½
Wells-Fargo Express	105	105
Western Union Telegraph	86½	86½

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THE GRAIN MARKET.

In store—Wheat, 1,000,186 bushels; corn, 205,279 bushels; oats, 315,066 bushels; rye, 7,022 bushels.

WHEAT—Receipts Saturday 16,200
Same time last year.....32,000

There was a firmer tone to the market yesterday, but sales were light for the want of offerings. What few cars in were taken by millers and mill order men and the close was steady and firm. By sample on track on the basis of the Mississippi river (local 6c per bushel less): No. 2 hard, 58@60c; 8 cars with poor billing at 58½c; No. 3 hard, 57@57½c; 1 car at 57½c; No. 4 hard, 55@56c; No. 2 red, 57@58c; No. 3 red, 56@56½c; No. 4 red, 55@55½c.

CORN—Receipts Saturday 16,200
Same time last year.....36,000

Market slow and lower. Not much coming in, yet buyers backward and bearish. By sample on track here at Kansas City: No. 2 mixed, 10 cars at 40½c; No. 3 mixed, 39½@40c; No. 2 white, 41@41½c; No. 3 white, 40@40½c.

OATS—Receipts Saturday 5,000
Same time last year.....6,000

Market slow and weak in sympathy with corn. Only such lots moving as are needed for immediate use and to fill positive orders. By sample on track here at Kansas City: No. 2 mixed, 30½@31½c; No. 3 mixed, 29½@30c; No. 4 mixed, 28@28½c; No. 2 white, 33@34c; No. 3 white, 31@32c; No. 4 white, 29@30c.

RYE—Receipts Saturday .....—
Same time last year.....—

None on sale. Hence no market. Prices nominal. By sample on track here at Kansas City: No. 2, 50@52c; No. 3, 49@50c.

FLOUR—Steady, but slow sale. We quote: Soft wheat, per 100 pound sack, patents, $1.25@1.35, extra fancy, $1.10@1.15; fancy, 90@$1.00; choice, 70@75c; hard wheat, per 100 pound sack, patents, $1.30@1.40; straights, $1.15@1.20; bakers', $3@86c; low grades, 65@75c; rye, $1.00@1.20.

CORN MEAL—Selling fairly at old prices. Quoted at 85c per cwt. bulk.

CORN CHOP—Quiet, but steady. Quoted at 75c per cwt. sacked.

FLAXSEED—In better demand and higher. We quote at $1.26@1.30 per bushel upon the basis of pure as to billing.

CLOVER SEED—Quiet and weak. Quoted at $7.00@8.25 per cwt.

TIMOTHY SEED—Demand fair at old prices. Quoted at $2.25@3.00 per cwt.

MILLET—Selling fairly and prices unchanged. Common, $1.00@1.15; German, $1.15@1.35 per cwt.

BRAN—Demand good and values firm. Sacked, 60c; bulk, 62c per cwt.

HAY—Receipts Saturday .....240 tons
Same time last year.....80 tons

Market steady and all bright and sweet in fair demand. Quoted: Prairie upland, fancy, $8.50@9.00 per ton; choice, $7.50@8.00; No. 1, $6.50@7.50; No. 2, $6.00@7.00; lowland, choice, $6.50@7.00; No. 1, $5.50@6.00; No. 2, $4.00@5.00; timothy, fancy, $9.50@10.00; choice, $8.50@9.00; No. 1, $8.00@8.00; No. 2, $7.00@8.00.

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Saturday's Chicago Market

As furnished by French Bros. Commission Co., rooms 20, 21 and 22, Exchange building:

Options.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat, Jan.	$ 54½	54½	$ 54¼	$ 54½
May	57½	58½	57½	58½
July	58½	59½	58½	59½
Corn, Jan.	41½	42½	41½	42½
May	47½	48	47½	47¾
July	47	47½	47	47⅜
Oats, Jan.	28	28	28	28
May	30½	31½	30½	31½
Pork, Jan.	11 47½	11 52½	11 47½	11 52½
May	11 87½	11 87½	11 80	11 85
Lard, Jan.	6 82½	6 85	6 82½	6 85
May	7 02½	7 05	7 00	7 05
S. Ribs, Jan.	5 80	5 80	5 80	5 80
May	6 02½	6 05	6 02½	6 02½

WHEAT—Cash—No. 2 red, 54@54½c; No. 2 spring, 58@59c.

CORN—Cash—No. 2 mixed, 45½c, and No. 2 white, 46c.

OATS—Cash—No. 2 mixed, 28¾@28c, and No. 2 white, 31@31½c.

Estimated receipts for to-day: Wheat, 72; corn, 400; oats, 135 cars.

Grain and Provision Notes.

The four Atlantic ports cleared for export Saturday 93,300 bushels of wheat, 21,000 packages of flour, 90,000 bushels of corn and 1,300 bushels of oats.

Bradstreet's says interior Russian stocks of wheat are 17,600,000 bushels, against 8,800,000 bushels six months ago.

Export sales at the seaboard Friday were reported to be 200,000 bushels of wheat and 32,000 bushels of corn.

Total exports of wheat, flour included as wheat, the past week from both coasts United States, except Portland, Ore., amount to 2,601,000 bushels, against 1,814,000 a week ago, 2,196,000 in the same week a year ago, 3,000,000 bushels two years ago, 5,321,000 in 1892, and compared with 2,076,000 in 1891.

Exports of wheat and flour from the United States since July 1 amount to 73,900,000 bushels. In the corresponding time last year the exports were 98,996,000 bushels; two years ago, 105,786,000 bushels; three years ago, 128,856,000 bushels.

More than half the pork products made by the Kansas City packers in December were put in store. The increase in stocks was 17,284,000 pounds, equal to the product of about 112,000 hogs. The packers killed during the month 305,000. The total stock of hog products in Kansas City now is 54,000,000 pounds. A year ago stocks were 21,000,000 pounds; two years ago, 26,000,000 pounds. Chicago stocks aggregate 154,000,000 pounds, an increase of 50,000,000 in December. A year ago Chicago stocks were 83,000,000 pounds.

Available wheat in the United States and Canada January 1, as reported by Bradstreet's, aggregated 127,000,000 bushels, 17,000,000 more than one year ago, 11,000,000 more than two years ago and 45,000,000 more than three years ago. Wheat afloat for and in Europe on the 1st inst. aggregated 57,744,000 bushels, a falling off of 12,256,000 from a year ago, 16,500,000 from two years ago and 20,700,000 from three years ago. The most bullish feature of this report is found in the net decrease of 1,850,000 bushels in available supplies in the United States and Canada during December just, whereas in four preceding years December available stocks of wheat here and in Canada increased on an average of between 4,000,000 and 5,000,000 bushels. Available wheat in the United States, Canada, Europe and afloat from Europe increased only 143,000 bushels in December, to December, 1893, there was a decrease of 183,000 bushels and in the year before a gain of 6,558,000 bushels.

Car lot receipts of grain in Kansas City:

	Wheat	Corn	Oats	Rye	Flax	Hay
Past week	59	131	27	—	—	90
Prev. week	61	232	40	—	—	209
2 weeks ago	89	317	41	—	1	208
A year ago	293	414	47	5	7	84
2 years ago	429	465	42	9	5	141

Car lot receipts of wheat:

	K.C.	Chi.	St.L.	Mpls.	Dlth.	Tot.
Past week	59	209	32	528	499	1327
Prev. week	61	285	19	593	614	1565
2 wk's ago	89	471	71	1216	1061	2908
A year ago	293	465	198	1418	528	2902
2 years ago	429	964	265	2063	713	4064

Car lot receipts of corn:

	K.C.	Chi.	St.L.	Tot.
Past week	131	148	238	517
Previous week	232	152	401	785
Two weeks ago	317	153	599	1219
A year ago	414	292	1231	1937
Two years ago	465	2188	1597	4250

Car lot receipts of oats.

	K.C.	Chi.	St.L.	Tot.
Past week	27	494	57	578
Previous week	40	293	90	423
Two weeks ago	41	737	93	871
A year ago	47	989	152	1188

A message from Buenos Ayres Saturday said: The wheat harvest is poor and the quality of the grain is below the average. Freight to Europe is declining.

London, Jan. 5.—The weather continues stormy. The market for wheat is firm, stocks and the quantity on passage being light. Russian shippers are holding off, the offerings from Argentine are light, while Australia wants better prices. India is offering very little. The situation generally is healthy and hopeful. The demand for cargoes is light. Parcels are quiet and spot is slow. Red winter parcels, prompt, are quoted at 22s. Flour firm at full rates with a fair demand. Maize is firm with a better sale for European kinds. Mixed American is quoted at 19s 9d. Oats firm with a moderate inquiry.

The St. Louis Republic of January 5 says: A correction received to-day makes the decrease in stocks of oats on both coasts only 61,500 bushels, instead of 1,000,000, as posted yesterday, the effect of which was to weaken the market materially, and the May future reached the lowest point on the crop, that option selling early at 31c and afterwards at 30½c, with that bid at the close. January had a seller at 31c, but no bids or buyers.

Stock of wheat in London was reported at 8,128,000 bushels, and in principal United Kingdom ports at 5,680,000 bushels, a total of 13,808,000 bushels, and largely less than a year ago. Stock of flour in London 635,100 sacks of 280 pounds and in principal ports 346,000 sacks.

The British board of agriculture reports a crop of wheat the past year of 59,172,891 bushels, an increase of 9,923,591 bushels over the previous year; barley, 72,235,066 bushels; decrease, 12,759,689 bushels; oats, 135,462,931; increase, 22,575,552 bushels. Yield per acre, wheat, 29.9 bushels; barley, 31.5; oats, 41.04.

Boats were chartered at Chicago Friday to load 350,000 bushels of wheat for winter storage and spring shipment to Buffalo at 2½c. Also two boats taken to load corn for Ogdensburg at 4c.

E. O. Moffatt got back yesterday from a week's visit to Minneapolis and St. Paul. He says the general sentiment there in regard to wheat is bearish. The one exception is C. A. Pillsbury, who is just back from the United Kingdom. He says the wheat stocks there are the lightest he ever knew and predicts buying and better prices as soon as the visible supply commences to steadily decrease.

A special to the Modern Miller from San Francisco says: "Wet weather is interfering with plowing. It is now raining hard and there is every probability of damaging floods in the Sacramento valley."

PRODUCE MARKET.

Quotations below are for job lots. On small lots higher prices are asked and obtained, enough being asked to cover extra cost for cartage for small filling them. The parties handling small outside orders want the best goods and selections. Dealers prefer to handle the goods in job lots in straight consignments as received.

BUTTER—Demand hardly so good and values weak, without being quotably lower. Only best grades wanted. Creamery—Extra fancy, 22c; choice, 20c; fancy gathered cream, 20c; fine fresh, good flavor, 15c; fair to good, 12c. Dairies—Fancy farm, 15c; fair to good lines, 10@12c. Country store packed—Fancy, 12c; fresh and sweet packing, 8@9c. Roll—Choice, 8@9c; fair, 8c; poor, 6@7c.

EGGS—Slow sale and weak. Fresh, 16c.

BUTTERINE—Creamery, 20c; dairy, 12c.

IN 20 TO 60 POUND TUBS, solid, 18½c per pound; dairy grades, in 25 to 60 pound tubs, solid, 15½c per pound. Rolls, prints or bricks, 2 pounds, in 10 pound tubs, ½c higher than solids, and 1 pound, ½c higher than solids.

CHEESE—Choice full cream, Herkimer county, N. Y., cheddars, 13c per pound; Crawford county, Pa., cheddars, 13c per pound; Sheboygan, Wis., twins, 12c; Sheboygan, Wis., Young America, 12½c; Missouri and Kansas full creams, 8c.

LIVE POULTRY—The receipts are light and demand good on turkeys, which are a trifle lower. Most of the stock coming is turkeys, and they drag. Hens and springs are quiet and offerings light, while fat ducks and geese are in demand. Hens, 5c; roosters, 3c; springs, 8@9c; turkeys; hens, 8c; turkeys, young, 8c; ducks, 10@12c; geese, 80c per pair; per dozen; veal, choice, 8c to 10c lb.

DRESSED POULTRY—The weather is a little unfavorable to the appearance of dressed stock and this hurts the sale. Turkeys are quiet and so are chickens. Chickens, 10@12c; turkeys, 9c; geese, 8@9c; ducks, 9c.

GAME—Market very quiet, with stocks at hand sufficient for all requirements. We quote as follows: Ducks—Teal, per dozen, $1.50; mixed, per doz., $1.25; mallard, per doz., $2.75; prairie chickens, dark, $3.00; light, $2.75; bear, carcass, Northern, 10@12c; Southern, 10@12c; wild turkeys, 7@8c; squirrels, per doz., 75c; rabbits, undrawn, per doz., 50c; drawn, per doz., 60c; jack rabbits, per doz., $1.50; venison, saddles, per lb, 10@11c; carcass, per lb, 7c; trees extra large, per doz., $1.25; medium, 75@80c; small, 50c.

POTATOES—Supply good and the market continues dull. We quote: Home grown and Northern, 60@65c to the trade; Utah and Colorado, choice, 60@65c, and common, 45@50c.

CABBAGE—Quiet, but unchanged. Quoted: Home grown, 60@75c per cwt., and Michigan, 80@90c.

SWEET POTATOES—Steady, but still dull. We quote: Red, 200@225c, and yellow, 200@225c per bushel from growers.

APPLES—Still dull, but steady. Quoted: Mixed varieties, 40c per bushel; Willow Twig, Spy and Ben Davis, 65c; Winesap, 75@85c; fancy Wagoner and Jonathan, $1.00 per bushel. Standard packed range from $2.50 to $3.00 per barrel; others, $2.25@2.50. Jennetings, $1.50@2.25.

FRUITS—Market slow for everything, but steady. We quote as follows: Bananas, Jumbo, per bunch, $2.50@3.00; medium to large, $1.75@2.00; lemons, fancy Messina, 360s, $4.25; lemons, Malaga, $3.00; oranges, Floridas, per box, $3.00@3.50; Mexican, $2.00@3.25; cranberries, Cape Cod, $10@11 per barrel; Jersey, $10@10.50.

BROOM CORN—We quote: Hurled green, 2½@3c per pound; green, self-working, 3½@3½c; red tipped, self-working, 3¼@4c; common, self-working, 3@3½c; crooked, half price; dwarf, 3½@3½c.

FEATHERS—Prime geese, 35c per pound; dark and soiled, 20c; mixed and old, 15@20c; 1 per cent tare on small sacks, and 2 per cent on large.

BEESWAX—No. 1 amber, 22c per pound; No. 2, 18c.

HONEY—1 pound comb, white, 15c; fall 1 pound comb, 13@14c; 2 pound comb, California, white, 16@17c; 2 pound comb, California, dark, 12@13c; extracted, in cans, 6@7c; extracted, in barrels, 5@6c.

GROUND LINSEED CAKE—Car lots, sacked, at $22.00 per ton; 2,000 pounds at $24.00; 1,000 pounds at $13.00; less quantities, $1.10 per 100 pounds.

VEGETABLES—Jobbing prices: Beans, navy, California, per bushel, $2.10@2.15; New York navy, $2.25. Celery, California, 20@25c per bunch.

NUTS—Jobbing prices: Cocoanuts, per 100, $4.00. Pecans—Missouri, per pound, 8½c; Texas, 4½@5c; pecans, polished, 9@10c. Peanuts—Virginia, white, raw, per pound, 4½@5c; Tennessee, raw, 4½@5c; roasted, 7@8c; Kansas, 3½c. Hickory nuts, small, per bushel, $1.00; large, $1.00. Hazelnuts, 20@22c per pound, and chestnuts, 20@10c per pound.

DRIED FRUITS—Sundried: Apples, choice, 7c per lb.; apples, good, 6c; apples, poor, 5c; peaches, peeled halves, 20c; peaches, unpeeled halves, 6c; peaches, unpeeled quarters, new, 4½c. Evaporated: Apricots—California, jelly cured, 19c; apples, choice, barrels, 8c; apples, poor, in boxes, 7c; apples, poor, in barrels, 6c; blackberries, 5@6c; prunes, California, 5@8c; plums, California, pitted, 50@7c; peaches, California, peeled, 10@12c; peaches, California, unpeeled, 60@8c; prunes, Oregon, 4½@5c; plums, Oregon, pitted, 50@7c; peaches, Oregon, peeled, 10@12c; peaches, Oregon, unpeeled, 7@10c; peaches, California, unpeeled, 7@10c; peaches, Tennessee, peeled, 7@10c; peaches, native, peeled, 8@12c; peaches, native, unpeeled, 6c; peaches, Arkansas, peeled, 10@12c; peaches, Arkansas, unpeeled, 6@9c; raspberries, native, 20c.

Wool, Hides and Pelts.

WOOL—Market dull and weak. Quoted: Missouri and similar—Fine, 8@10c; fine medium, 10@12c; medium, 12@14c; combing, 14@16c; coarse, 13@15c. Kansas, Nebraska and Indian Territory—Fine, 7@10c; fine medium, 8@12c; medium, 10@12c; combing, 12@14c; coarse, 10@12c. Colorado—Fine, 7@10c; fine medium, 8@12c; medium, 10@12c; coarse and carpet, 9@10c; extra heavy and sandy, 5@7c.

TALLOW—We quote: No. 1, 4½c, and No. 2, 4c.

HIDES AND PELTS—Firm and in good demand. We quote as follows: Green salted, free of brands, No. 1, 6c per pound; No. 2, 5½c; green salted bulls, free of stags, No. 1, 4½c; No. 2, 3c; green salted, part branded, No. 1, 4c; No. 2, 3c; green salted side branded, No. 1, 3c; No. 2, 2½c; green salted, kips, 15 to 25 pounds, No. 1, 3c; No. 2, 4c; green salted, calf, 8 to 15 pounds, No. 1, 7c; No. 2, 5c; salted hides, No. 1, 3½c; No. 2, 3c; and butt branded, ground 3½c; green uncured, No. 1, 3½c; No. 2, 3c; dry flint hides, No. 1, 5c; No. 2, 4c; dry salt hides, No. 1, 4½c; No. 2, 3½c. Sheep pelts, green and dry, 10@40c; dry, 40@c per pound.

FURS—Raccoon, 30@50c; skunk, 10@$1.00; mink, 60@75c; opossum, 20@25c; muskrat, 5@15c; fox, gray, large, 75@