PRICES HIGHER IN THE PIT.

WHEAT FINISHED THE SESSION WITH 1-4c GAIN FOR MAY.

Corn Was Active and Strong, Closing 1-2c Higher; Oats Were Also Higher and Provisions Made Gains All Around.

Chicago, Feb. 25.—After a lower opening and the promise of a weak session to-day, wheat took courage from a decrease in the visible supply larger than was expected, and ended with a gain of ¼c for May. Corn, which gained ½c for May, also helped the wheat market. May oats closed ⅛c higher, and provisions made slight gains.

There was an easier feeling in wheat at the opening, due to the heavy receipts at Minneapolis and Duluth, and slightly easier cables. Minneapolis reported receipts at 257 carloads, and Duluth 235, or 592 together, against 472 on the Monday preceding, and 273 on the corresponding day of the year before. Those items, together with a weak opening to the New York stock market, were the influences which started May wheat at from 52⅞c to 52⅝@52¾c. The orders from outside were few and far between during the first hour. An impression which began to prevail, that the visible supply was likely to show a heavier decrease than had been expected, advanced the price in the course of the first hour to 53@53¼c.

The visible supply decreased 1,257,000 bushels, and, as it was not generally expected to have fallen off more than half that much, was an element in causing the further advance in price, which followed the publication of the visible figures. An advance which took place in the price of corn about the same time, was, perhaps, even more influential than the decrease in the visible. Trade was dull, but shorts continued to cover moderately, and, with fair buying, May advanced to 33⅛c, finishing at 33⅛c.

Corn opened tame and rather weak, but became fairly active, and at times quite strong. May opened at 31½c, with a sale or two at the same time at 31⅛c under that figure; it rose to 31⅝c in a few minutes, then sold down again to its opening price, after which it commenced the advance which lasted substantially up to the close. May rose to 32⅛c, and in the end there were buyers at 32⅛@32¼c. The trade was largely local, and much of the day's buying was due to a belief that the breaking up of country roads in consequence of the present thaw would decrease receipts heavily. Some of the most persistent and influential among the recent local short sellers were named as the chief buyers to-day. The estimate of 365 carloads as to-morrow's probable receipts helped to confirm the opinion about prospectively smaller receipts.

The market for oats attracted but little attention. Prices were confined to a narrow range, and were entirely influenced by corn. May started at 29@29⅛c, sold up to 29⅜c and close with sellers at that price.

Provisions were quiet and firm, closing at a slight gain in price. Compared with Saturday's closing rates, May pork is 5c higher, lard and ribs each 2½c higher. Hog receipts to-day were 14,000 head, but only 29,000 are looked for as the run to-morrow.

The early weakness was due to the heavy hog receipts, and the recovery was the result of the lighter estimate for to-morrow and moderate buying by packers.

NATIONAL BANK MATTERS.

Reserve Agents and Official Changes in Missouri and Kansas.

Washington, Feb. 25.—(Special.) The Midland National bank, of Kansas City, has been made reserve agent for the City National bank, of Ardmore; People's National bank, of Clay Center; Emporia National bank, of Emporia; First National bank, of Sterling; Memphis National bank, of Memphis, and National Bank of Denison, Tex.

Changes in bank officials in Kansas are announced as follows: The exchange National bank, of Atchison, R. L. Pease, vice president, in place of S. C. Woodson; Wellington National bank, Wellington, Jacob H. Allen, vice president, in place of John Murphy; First National bank, of Hutchinson, W. H. Egan, assistant cashier; First National bank, of Beloit, B. S. Bracken, vice president, in place of A. D. Moon.

Changes in Missouri: The First National bank, of Macon, Leo Hagner, vice president, no assistant cashier, in place of Harry M. Robey; First National bank, of Milan, Isaac Quinn, president, in place of W. Pollock; First National bank, of Brunswick, F. S. Griffith, president, in place of J. F. Cunningham (deceased); First National bank, of King City, A. G. Bonham, assistant cashier; Sedalia National bank, Sedalia, E. H. Blair, president, in place of Chris Hyc.

"SOONER" AMENDMENT ABANDONED.

Senate Public Lands Committee Decides Not to Report It.

Washington, Feb. 25.—(Special.) The senate committee on public lands decided today to not report the "sooner" amendment proposed by Senator Martin, for the sundry civil bill, concerning lands in Oklahoma. Sometime ago this amendment was acted upon favorably by the committee but, owing to the protests received from Oklahoma, it was recalled for further action which resulted in the proposed amendment being indefinitely postponed to-day. When the committee met Mr. E. L. Dunn, of Oklahoma City, was present, and made the statement that he understood that it was a very important amendment and he believed that the committee could gain much information about it if consideration of it was delayed until next congress. The plan suggested was followed.

A STRAW FROM TOPEKA.

Republican Legislators Favor Governor McKinley for President in 1896.

Topeka, Kas., Feb. 25.—(Special.) A reporter has polled the Republican members of the legislature as to their choice for president of the United States, with the following result:

Governor McKinley	45
Thomas B. Reed	18
Benjamin Harrison	5
Allison, of Iowa	1
John Sherman	1
Senator Teller	2
John J. Ingalls	1
Senator Morrill	1
Levi P. Morton	1
No choice	4
Declined to vote	6

PENSIONS.

Washington, Feb. 25.—The following pensions have been granted:

Missouri—John Beckerle, St. Louis, St. Louis; Charles W. Fielding, Columbia, Grundy; John P. Anspach, Sullivan; Marion A. Fairchild, Illmira, Ray; Isom White, Potosi, Washington; Edward J. McVey, Kansas City, Jackson; Benjamin N. Gault, Greeley, Reynolds; Thomas Stubblefield, Harrisonville, Cass; Thomas Hetherington, St. Louis, St. Louis; Matthew Howie, Shelbina, Shelby; Andrew Dixon, Boonville, Cooper; James M. Jordan, Westport, Jackson; Julia Bengel, St. Louis, St. Louis.

Kansas—Simon D. Vieres, Hanover, Washington; Joseph M. Benward, Florence, Marion; Byron L. Beebe, Ewell, Sumner; John N. Rate, Reading, Lyon; Charles S. Lyons, Scandia, Republic; Thomas W. Haskins, National soldiers' home, Leavenworth; William Fleming, Black Rock, Lawrence; Frederick H. Macke, Emporia, Lyon; Simon W. Chines, Newton, Harvey; John D. Brobst, Prescott, Peabody; Marion; John L. Coffey, Moranatown, Allen.

Contest on a Claim Decided.

Washington, Feb. 25.—(Special.) The secretary of the interior promulgated an important decision to-day in the contest case of W. J. Mitchell vs. Samuel Murphy, in Oklahoma county, O. T. The claim is located one mile north of Oklahoma City, and is valued at $30,000. It is held by the secretary that the claim belongs to W. J. Holt, of Iowa, who some time ago filed a declaratory statement on same. It appears that all other claimants were "sooners" and hence the Holt declaratory statement caught the claim. Mr. Holt lives in Iowa, never was in Oklahoma, and being never sure of the claim, but having a friend in Oklahoma City, had his declaratory statement utilized in this way.

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FINANCIAL.

There was a more healthy tone to the local money market yesterday. Counter business was very good, and there was a fair demand for funds from the general trade. But from the country the demand was light. Rates, in consequence, show no change. Still 6@8 per cent. But little currency going to the country. Bank clearings, $2,244,659, against $1,979,819, an increase of $275,791, a gain of 63 per cent.

Eastern exchange quiet and weak.

Houston, Fible & Co., exchange brokers, quote it as follows: New York, 25c discount; Chicago, 60c discount; St. Louis, 60c discount.

Money at Home and Abroad.

New York, Feb. 25.—Money on call nominally 1 per cent; prime mercantile paper, 3½@4½ per cent; sterling exchange firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.86½@4.86¾ for demand, and at $4.87@4.87¼ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.87½@4.88 and $4.89½; commercial bills, $4.86@4.86¼.

London, Feb. 25.—Money 1 per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 1½ per cent; three months' bills, 1½ per cent.

New York, Feb. 25.—Clearings, $67,297,536; balances, $4,966,896.

Boston, Feb. 25.—Clearings, $12,964,188; balances, $1,282,203.

Philadelphia, Feb. 25.—Clearings, $8,369,915; balances, $1,242,758.

Baltimore, Feb. 25.—Clearings, $1,066,257; balances, $255,442.

Cincinnati, Feb. 25.—Money 5@6 per cent; New York exchange, 60c premium; clearings, $2,710,000.

Chicago, Feb. 25.—Clearings, $15,996,000; money 4@4½ per cent on call, 5@6 per cent on time; New York exchange, 20@25c premium; sterling exchange, actual, $4.87@4.89.

St. Louis, Feb. 25.—Clearings, $4,588,135; balances, $415,549; money 5@6 per cent; New York exchange, 85c premium bid.

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 25.—Clearings, $481,956; balances, $125,261; Eastern exchange selling at $1.00@1.50 premium.

New Orleans, Feb. 25.—Clearings, $1,633,636; New York exchange, bank, $1.50 per $1,000 premium; commercial, 75c premium.

Silver.

London, February 25.—Bar silver, 27 9-16d per ounce.

New York, Feb. 25.—Silver certificates, 69½c bid. Bar silver, 69½c. Mexican dollars, 48c.

State and Government Bonds.

New York, Feb. 25.—Closing quotations on the New York Stock exchange:

	Yest'day.	To-day.
Government—		
United States 4s, registered	112½	112½
United States 4s, coupon	112½	112½
United States 5s, registered	116	116
United States 5s, coupon	116½	116
United States 2s, registered	95	95
Pacific 6s	100	100
State—		
Alabama, class A	105	104
Alabama, class B	105	105
Alabama, class C	95	95
Alabama currency	95	95
Louisiana new consols, 4s	93½	93
North Carolina 6s	125	125
North Carolina 4s	99	99
South Carolina non-fund	1½	1½
Tennessee 3s, new settlements	84½	85
Tennessee 5s, new settlements	100	100
Tennessee 6s, old settlements	99	99
Virginia centuries	58⅞	58¾
Missouri 6s	100	100

Railroad Bonds.

New York, Feb. 25.—Closing quotations on the New York Stock exchange:

Issues—	Yest'day.	To-day.
Atchison 4s	61½	61½
Atchison 2d A	17½	17
Canada Southern 2ds	106	106
General Pacific Ists of '89	109½	109½
Denver & Rio Grande 7s	114½	114
Denver & Rio Grande 4s	81½	81
Erie 2ds	58	58
G., H. & S. A. 6s	95	95
G., H. & S. A. 7s	100	100
Houston & Texas Central 5s	106	105½
Houston & Texas Central 6s	110½	110½
Missouri, Kan. & Tex. 1st 4s	80½	80½
Missouri, Kas. & Texas 2d 4s	45½	46
Mutual Union 6s	111½	111½
New Jersey Central general 5s	115½	115½
Northern Pacific 1sts	113	112½
Northern Pacific 2ds	84½	82
Northwestern consols	140	140
Northwest. S. F. debentures	108	107½
Rio Grande Western 1sts	65	65
St. L. & S. F. general 6s	103½	103
St. Paul consols, 7s	125	125
St. L. & I. M. general 5s	77	77½
St. Paul, C. & P. W. 5s	110	110½
Texas Pacific 1sts	85	85½
Texas Pacific 2ds	23½	23
Union Pacific 1sts of '96	103	103
West Shore 4s	101½	101½

Stocks and Bonds.

New York, Feb. 25.—The break of 6 per cent in Canada Pacific on the London Stock exchange, owing to the passage of the dividend on the common stock and the consequent heavy sales of the markets for American securities, exercised a very depressing influence on speculation here at the opening of business this morning. A brisk selling movement was inaugurated for both the home and foreign accounts. In the general list there was little or no effort to buy were made as a rule before noon except some industrial shares, which reached the lowest point later in the day. The decline ranged from ⅛ to 1¾ per cent in the active list, the latter in Chicago Gas and Delaware & Hudson, 1¼@1½ in Northwest, 1⅛ in New Jersey Central, ⅞ in Baltimore & Ohio, ¾ in Sugar, Manhattan and Louisville & Nashville, 1 in Illinois Central, Tobacco, Leather, 1⅛ in General Electric, Delaware & Lackawanna, C., C., C. & St. L., ⅝ in Distilling and Cattle Feeding and Missouri Pacific preferred, ⅝ in Laclede Gas, St. Paul and Cordage preferred and ½ in Rock Island, New York Central, Northern Pacific preferred and Cordage common and guaranteed. Some of the specialties made heavier losses. Louisville & National Starch 2½ preferred 3 per cent, and Sugar and Wheeling & Lake Erie preferred 1½. During the afternoon the market showed signs of improvement, the trading being strengthened by the rather unexpectedly good showing of the railroad earnings for January of the St. Paul road. While somewhat irregular, the tendency of prices was upward and the market closed firm, the final being ¼ to 1¾ above the lowest point, but generally lower than the closing prices of Saturday. Closing quotations on the New York Stock exchange:

Stocks.	Yest'd'y.	To-d'y.
Atchison R. R	4	3⅞
Adams Express	140	142
Alton & Terre Haute	35½	35½
American Express	110	110
Baltimore & Ohio	62	60½
Canada Pacific	48¾	47
Canada Southern	48¾	48
Central Pacific	13	12⅞
Chesapeake & Ohio	16¾	16⅞
Chicago & Alton	146	146
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy	79¾	79
Chicago Gas	73¼	72
Chicago & E. Illinois pref'd	90	90
Consolidated Gas	191½	191
C., C., C. & St. L	95¼	94¼
Colorado Fuel & Iron	24	24
Colorado Fuel & Iron pref'd	60	55
Colorado Coal & Iron	5	5
Cotton Oil Certificates	18½	19
Delaware & Hudson	127	127
Delaware, Lackawanna & W	158	157½
Denver & Rio Grande	11	10½
D. & R. G. pref'd	35	34½
Distillers & C. F. Co	11¾	10½
E. P., Denver & Gulf	3	3
Erie	14½	14½
Erie pref'd	36	36½
General Electric	29¾	29
Great Northern pref'd	100	100
Houston & Texas Central	21½	21½
Illinois Central	85½	85½
Kansas & Texas pref'd	21½	21½
Lake Shore	136¾	136½
Lake Erie & Western	15½	15½
L., E. & W. pref'd	70½	71
Lead Trust	27¼	27
Louisville & Nashville	52¼	51½
Louisville & New Albany	61½	61½
Manhattan Consolidated	108½	107¾
Minnesota & St. Louis	26	26
Michigan Central	94	93
Mobile & Ohio	14	14
Missouri Pacific	29¾	29
Memphis & Charleston	10	10
Northwestern	96¾	95½
Northwestern pref'd	138	138
National Cordage	5¾	5¾
National Cordage, pref'd	8½	8⅞
National Linseed Oil Co	20	20
New Jersey Central	82¾	81⅞
New York Central	99	98⅞
Norfolk & Western pref'd	11¼	11¼
North American Co	3½	3½
Nashville & Chattanooga	64	64
North Pacific	2⅞	2⅞
North Pacific pref'd	15⅝	15¼
New York & New England	29½	29⅛
Ontario & Western	16⅞	15⅞
Oregon Navigation	17	17
O., S. L. & U. N	4½	4½
Oregon Improvement Co	19	19
Pacific Mail S. S. Co	22⅝	22
Peoria, Decatur & Evansville	2¼	2¼
Pittsburg	154	154
Pullman Palace Car Co	154½	154
Reading	3⅝	3⅝
Rio Grande & Western	16⅝	16⅝
Rio Grande & Western pref'd	43	43
Rock Island & Pacific	62⅛	62
St. Paul	55½	55¼
St. Paul pref'd	117½	117¼
St. Paul & Omaha	30	30
St. Paul & Omaha pref'd	100	100
Southern Pacific	17⅛	17⅛
Sugar Refinery Co	92⅝	91⅞
T., A. A. & N. M	1	1⅛
Tennessee Coal & Iron	14⅝	14¼
Texas Pacific	8⅝	8¼
Toledo & O. C. pref'd	70½	70½
Toledo, St. Louis & K. C	1	1
Toledo, St. L. & K. C. pref'd	7	7
Union Pacific	9¼	8¾
United States Express	42	42
Wheeling & Lake Erie	8⅞	9
W. & L. E. pref'd	35	35
Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific	5¼	5½
Wabash, St. L. & P. pref'd	13½	12¾
Well-Fargo Express	102	102
Western Union Telegraph Co	87⅝	87¾

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THE GRAIN MARKET.

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WHEAT—Receipts 21 hours.....7,800
Same time last year.....34,800

There was but little doing in this grain yesterday. Buyers were backward and bearish, while holders, influenced by the light arrivals, wanted old prices. Hence but little trading, and that on mill and mill order account. By sample on track in the bags of the Mississippi river (free of 6c per bushel lesser): No. 2 hard, 55½@57½c; No. 3 hard, 55@56c; No. 4 hard, 54@55c; No. 2 red, 56½@57½c, 2 cars local at 51¾c, 1 car at 52c, 8,000 bushels from store at 52c; No. 3 red, 55@56c, 1 car local at 56c; No. 4 red, 54@55c.

CORN—Receipts 21 hours.....25,800
Same time last year.....48,000

There was a very good demand yesterday, both for mixed and white. But while there was more life to trade, values showed no improvement. By sample on track here at Kansas City: No. 2 mixed, 25 cars in bags, 10 cars at 40¼c, 3 cars with special billing at 40½c; No. 3 mixed, 39¼@39¾c; No. 2 white, 5 cars at 40½c, 1 car special at 40¾c; No. 3 white, 39¼@40c.

OATS—Receipts 24 hours.....8,000
Same time last year.....12,000

Some demand from meal men for choice or samples, but little doing in poorer lots. By sample on track here at Kansas City: No. 2 mixed, 1 car at 29c, 2 cars at 29¼c, 4 cars at 29½c; No. 3 mixed, 28@28½c, 1 car at 28½c; No. 2 white, 30@31c; No. 3 white, 29@29½c; No. 4 white, 28@28½c.

RYE—Receipts 24 hours.....
Same time last year.....

None coming in, hence no market. Prices nominal. By sample on track here at Kansas City: No. 2, 53@55c; No. 3, 49@50c.

FLOUR—Market slow, but unchanged. Only such business is needed for immediate wants of trade. Quoted as follows: Soft wheat, per 100 pound sack, patents, $1.15@1.25; extra fancy, $1.00@1.05; fancy, 80@90c; choice, 60@65c; hard wheat, per 100 pound sack, patents, $1.20@1.30; straights, $1.00@1.10; bakers' 90@$1.15; low grades, 55@65c; rye, 90c@$1.15.

CORN MEAL—Quiet, but unchanged. Quoted at 70c per cwt, sacked, bulk.

CORN CHOP—Steady, but slow sale. Country, 72c per cwt, sacked.

BRAN—Quiet and weaker. Sacked, 65c; bulk, 58c.

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MILLET—Steady and fair demand. Common, $1.25@1.40; German, $1.30@1.40 per cwt.

HAY—Receipts 24 hours.....400 tons
Same time last year.....350 tons

Steady but dull. Prairie upland, fancy, $8.00@8.50 per ton; choice, $7.50@7.75; No. 1, $6.25@6.50; No. 2, $5.50@6.00; lowland, choice, $5.00@6.00; No. 1, $5.00@5.50; No. 2, $4.00@5.00; timothy, fancy, $8.50@9.00; choice, $8.00@8.50; No. 1, $7.50@8.00; No. 2, $6.50@7.00.

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Options.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat, Feb	$ 59⅝	$ 59⅝	$ 59⅝	$ 59⅝
May	53⅞	53¾	52⅞	53¼
July	53⅝	54⅛	53⅝	54⅛
Corn, Feb	42¼	[illegible]	42¼	42¼
May	44½	45¼	44½	45¼
July	44¼	44⅞	44¼	44⅞
Oats, Feb	28¼	28¼	28¼	28¼
May	29⅛	29⅜	29	29⅜
July	27⅞	27⅞	27⅝	27⅞
Pork, Feb	10 05	10 05	10 05	10 05
May	10 25	10 27½	10 12½	10 25
Lard, Feb	6 37½	6 37½	6 35	6 35
May	6 47½	6 50	6 47½	6 50
July	6 60	6 60	6 60	6 60
S. Ribs, Feb	5 10	5 10	5 10	5 10
May	5 27½	5 30	5 25	5 30
July	5 40	5 42½	5 40	5 42½

Chicago car lots yesterday: Wheat, 57; corn, 556; oats, 357.

Estimated receipts to-day: Wheat, 33; corn, 295; oats, 235.

WHEAT—Cash—No. 2 red, 51½c; No. 3 red, 49½c; No. 2 hard, 53c; No. 3 hard, 52c.

CORN—Cash—No. 2 mixed, 43c; No. 2 white, 43c.

OATS—Cash—No. 2 mixed, 28¾c; No. 2 white, 31½c.

Grain Notes.

Argentine shipments of wheat last week were 1,360,000 bushels.

New York stocks of wheat decreased 608,000 bushels last week.

Stocks of wheat decreased here last week 111,572 bushels and oats 1,075 bushels, but there was an increase of 13,406 bushels in corn.

A bill has been introduced in the Illinois legislature aimed at the Chicago board of trade and intended to prevent gambling in grain, pork, etc.

The four Atlantic ports cleared for export yesterday 107,600 bushels of wheat, 55,500 packages of flour, 135,700 bushels of corn and 21,000 bushels of oats.

Mild weather prevails all over the country. Local rains are predicted for to-day in Kansas, fair weather elsewhere, followed by somewhat cooler weather.

Floor professionals are the bulls in corn still, says a Chicago market authority. The shippers are the bears. The West is keeping out, not yet over the effect of its losses last fall. Receiving houses and elevator people are getting a demand from west of the Mississippi river which they never felt before. That is making bulls of them. A lack of demand for corn East is like a lack of demand for wheat abroad. Those have been the directions in other cases in which the surplusage has gone, and the freedom or hesitation of the movement has decided the price. The corn shipper is holding to his old experiences. He will not believe that there is not some surplus in this year which must be marketed in the old way. So far he has been nearer right than the bull who has taken the new view that this season there would be nothing to spare. It will not be settled by theorizing. The people who have done best in corn this year have been those who have gone on the scalp system and have ignored theories. Corn supplies, their sufficiency or insufficiency, are beyond the ken of anybody. Something can be learned of the demand from the East, from abroad, from the different manufacturing consumers. All that together is a very small percentage, about 15 per cent, of the Western consumption. In corn as in wheat, every other consideration would for awhile be lost sight of if a broad public speculation started.

John Cudahy says: The speculative situation in provisions looks weak. There is not a packer who does not want to see an advance. They have all had too much faith in the 4c hogs. The West is all long. They have got nothing to cover. Ordinarily there would be a short interest to take in about this time of the year, and the starting of that would be worth a good deal to the market. There isn't any demand like that ahead now.

Carlot receipts of wheat:

	K.C.	Chi.	St. L.	Mpls.	Dith.	Tot.
Yesterday	13	57	1	257	355	683
A week ago	12	26	10	229	43	320
2 weeks ago	14	2	115	102	22	253
A year ago	58	28	12	187	36	281

Carlot receipts of corn:

	K.C.	Chi.	St. L.	Tot.
Yesterday	45	586	73	704
A week ago	46	335	65	446
Two weeks ago	21	75	46	142
A year ago	81	656	505	1,242

Carlot receipts of oats:

	K.C.	Chi.	St. L.	Tot.
Yesterday	4	232	32	269
A week ago	2	215	41	259
Two weeks ago	9	56	25	88
A year ago	31	195	47	273

The changes in the visible supply last week were:

	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.
Feb. 25, '95	*1,257,000	218,000	*170,000
Feb. 24, '94	*1,381,000	126,000	*206,000
Feb. 25, '93	731,000	536,000	*252,000

* Decrease. † Increase.

VISIBLE.

	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.
Feb. 25, '95	21,476,000	12,989,000	6,772,000
Feb. 24, '94	7,260,000	18,172,000	2,856,000
Feb. 26, '93	5,462,000	15,086,000	5,455,000
Feb. 27, '92	4,111,000	10,885,000	3,155,000
Feb. 24, '91	20,926,313	7,267,266	2,853,042
Feb. 22, '90	20,619,941	13,720,153	5,186,610

Amount on passage increased 80,000 bushels; English visible increase, 631,000 bushels.

P. D. Armour has become hopeful again. He says: The whole business situation looks improved to me. The sentiment has changed. We can feel it distinctly in our business. Armour & Co. are large buyers now, and make no secret of it. The merchant is inclined to make purchases again. His stocks are gone. He has his courage back. As it seems to us there never was a healthier position. The railroads will probably have to wait for the next crop; but such business as the country has had this winter mean big crops next summer. It especially means that in the Northwest. A lot of snow always means a lot of spring wheat in the fall. That is a never failing sign with St. Paul. I am a believer in provisions. The force of the demand is surprising. There is not a "short clear" left that is not sold. We are sold up to March and have stopped offering. It must be the same way with other manufacturers. The Southerners have had plenty of corn and more hogs of their own than usual; but their supply is running short. Their stocks will be gone in thirty days. I expect to see the Southern demand supplement the foreign in about a month. It has been an axiom of mine ever since I have been in the business that "the hogs are a year behind the corn." About next June the scarcity will show itself. Then there is the cattle situation. I sent to all my buyers to get their views on the prospect. All of these men, raised in the business and trained to feel the situation, were of one mind—that there was a serious scarcity ahead. Both ends of the hog will get the benefit of that, the ham and the shoulder. They are sweet pickled and compete with beef. These show the effect of the advance in beef already. The ham trade is double what it was last year, and that is the best indication of the consumptive situation. The speculator is a bear on provisions still. He has been beat in everything he has bought—wheat, corn, product, or anything else. He is tired. But the consumer will do the business this summer; the foreigner and the Southerner in the market at the same time. There will have to be some scratching before it is over.

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BUTTER—A steady and fair market is had for all choice table goods, but low grades continue dull and weak. Creamery—Highest grade separator, 21c; finest gathered cream, 20c; fresh creamery, good flavor, 15c; fair to good, 12@14c; dairies, fancy farm, 15c; fair to good lines, 8c; country store-packed, fancy, 12c; fresh and sweet packing, 8c; roll, choice, 12c; fair, 8c; poor, 5c.

EGGS—Receipts light and market firmer. Fresh, 25c.

LIVE POULTRY—The market is firm at present quotations and the demand is good. Receipts light of all kinds. Hens and springs in good request and what few turkeys on sale meet with a quick movement: Hens, 5½c; roosters, 12@13c; springs, 6½c; turkeys, hens, 6c; turkeys, toms, 5c; ducks, 6½c; geese, 6c; pigeons, 75c@$1 per dozen; guineas, 50@75c.

DRESSED POULTRY—The receipts light and market quiet. If here the stock would have brought fair values, but the market will not stand any great amount of dressed this weather. Chickens, 7c; turkeys, 7c; geese, 6@8c; ducks, 7c.

GAME—The market is dull for want of supplies. Nothing at all is being received. Weather decidedly against the game market. Ducks, teal, per dozen, $1.50; ducks, mixed, per dozen, $1.25; ducks, mallard, per dozen, $2.75; bear carcass, Northern, 11@16c; bear carcass, Southern, 11@13c; wild turkeys, 7@8c; squirrels, per dozen, 40c; rabbits, cottontail, per dozen, 25@30c; rabbits, jacks, per dozen, 30c; rabbits, jack, per dozen, 40c; frogs, extra large, 25c; frogs, medium, 20@40c; frogs, small, 50@75c.

POTATOES—The market continues quiet for table stock at unchanged prices, but seed in fair demand. We quote table stock: Home grown and Northern, 40@50c per bushel; from Utah and Colorado, choice, 60@65c; common, 40@45c.

CABBAGE—Steady and firm. We quote: Home grown, $1.25@1.50 per cwt.; Michigan, $1.00@1.25.

SWEET POTATOES—Slow sale at old prices. Red, 200@25c; yellow, 30@40c per bushel from growers.

VEGETABLES—Jobbing prices: Beans, navy, California, per bushel, $2.00@2.10; New York, fancy, $2.10; country, $1.75@2.00; celery, per bunch, 10@20c; horse-radish, per pound, 4c; onions, new, per bushel, $1.50@1.75.

APPLES—Offerings good, and market slow, but steady. Standard packed ranged at $3.50@4.00 per barrel; others, $2.00@3.00; fancy stand, $5.00@5.50; Jonnettings, $1.75@2.00; winesaps, $6.50@7.00; Ben Davis, $6.50@7.00; common varieties, $2.25.

FRUITS—Steady and in fair demand. We quote as follows: Bananas, large, $1.75@2.00; lemons, fancy Messina, 360s, $4.50; lemons, Malaga, $4.00; oranges, Mexican, $2.75@3.00; Washington navels, $3.00@3.50; California seedlings, fancy, $2.75@3.00; California seedlings, choice, $2.25@2.50; cranberries, Cape Cod, $11.00@11.50 per barrel; Jersey, $11.00@11.50.

BROOM CORN—Quoted: Hurled, green, 4½@5½c per pound; green, self-working, 4½@5½c; red tipped, self-working, 4c; common, self-working, 3½@4c; crooked, half price; dwarf, 3½@3c.

FEATHERS—Prime geese, 35c per pound; dark and solted, 30c; mixed and old, 15@20c; 1 per cent more on small sacks and 3 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—Quoted: Car lots, sacked, $22.00 per ton; 2,000 pounds, $23.00; 1,000 pounds, $12.00; less quantities, $1.25 per 100 pounds.

NUTS—Jobbing prices: Cocoanuts, per 100, quoted at $4.00. Pecans—Missouri, per pound, 9½c; 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, $1.25; large, $1.25. Hazelnuts—20@21c per pound. Chestnuts—80@90c per pound.

DRIED FRUITS—Sun dried: Apples, choice, 5c per pound; apples, good, 5c; apples, poor, 3c; peaches, peeled halves, 8c; peaches, unpeeled halves, 6c; peaches, unpeeled quarters, new, 4½c. Evaporated—Apricots, California, jelly cured, 16c; apples, choice barrels, 8c; apples, poor, in boxes, 6c; apples, poor, in barrels, 4c.

Wool, Hides and Pelts.

WOOL—Dull, but unchanged. We quote: Missouri and similar—Fine, 8@10c; fine medium, 10@12c; medium, 12@14c; combing, 13@15c; coarse, 11@13c. Kansas, Nebraska and Indian