A GOOD DEAL OF A SHRINKAGE.

Seven Hundred Thousand Less Hogs Packed in 1886-87 than in 1885-86.

Chicago Tribune.

The winter hog-packing season, which lasts about 100 working days in Chicago, closed the last day of February. While Cincinnati, St. Louis, Kansas City and other packing centers of the west turned out an increased product, Chicago ran way behind, the shortage as against last season being in round numbers 700,000 hogs. The cause of the shortage was the great strike at the stock yards and its direct and indirect effect upon the packers of the Chicago market. While it is not to be supposed that the packers themselves feel any particular gratification over the state of affairs, it is safe to say that they are better able to extract comfort from the situation than are their men. A very simple computation will show what a shortage of 700,000 hogs means to the working population of Packingtown.

One man in the packing houses can handle five hogs a day. A shortage of 700,000 hogs in a season of 100 days, therefore, means that 1400 less skilled workmen worked in the houses this season than last season. These men are the skilled workmen who do the actual slaughtering. Another simple computation will give a fair estimate of the total number of men, skilled and unskilled, who failed to find employment. In receiving, handling, slaughtering and preparing a hog for market about $1 in wages is expended by the packer. A shortage of 700,000 hogs, therefore, means that $700,000 in wages, paid out last year, was not paid this year, and that the working population is just that much out of pocket. The average daily wages per capita paid at the yards is $2. This means that in the season of 100 days 3500 men did not find employment. This estimate is much too low, for the reason that the work was not steady and full time the exception; 5000 unemployed men is probably still too low an estimate. It must further be remembered that these figures relate to pork-packing only, and that the shortage in beef-packing will swell the total largely. As if this was not hard enough upon the inhabitants of Packingtown, it should be also remembered that thousands of workmen, skilled and unskilled, flocked here from all parts of the country during the strike, and that a large portion of them found work. While it is a fact that the newcomers were gradually dropped from the rolls as the season went on, a large number kept their places, of course at the expense, so to speak, of the men whose places they occupied. Looking at the whole subject, it is therefore evident that a shortage of 700,000 hogs this season means a loss of $700,000 in wages, and that at least 5000 men who were employed last season failed to find work. Five thousand unemployed workmen means a good many comfortless homes and a good many women and children whose lot is not to be envied, to say the least.

MRS. CASE'S EXPERIENCE.

She Makes Public Her Side of the English Story—Defendant's Letters to the Lady.

Indianapolis News.

An interview with Mrs. Lucy A. Case, the complainant against Will English, was telegraphed to the Journal from New York last night. Her version of the sad story is to this effect: "Mr. English says I am trying to blackmail him. Fortunately I have a witness who overheard a long conversation he and I recently had during which he confessed he had treated me wickedly. When this trial comes off the public will learn who is the wrongdoer. When my husband died he left me a small income, not enough to support me and my daughter, Helen, who was then eighteen months old. I had to secure employment. I found it in Indianapolis, in the shoe and rubber store of L. E. Morrison. While there Mr. English was introduced to me by a common friend. I did not want to know him, on account of his reputation, but my friend assured me that he admired me respectfully, and could treat a lady as such when he so desired. Well, he accompanied me to my home in Stewart Place every evening for a month, at the end of which time I permitted him to enter the house. That was in January of last year. He gradually became more intimate, and at last assaulted me. I was stunned by his conduct and hardly knew how to act. At last I ordered him out. The next evening he came again, and he locked the door of my sitting room and put the key in his pocket. I begged him to leave, but in vain. As summer came on I permitted myself to be seen in public with Mr. English. This resulted in my being discharged from Mr. Morrison's. Mr. English vowed the deepest devotion, and from time to time gave me money, although I never asked him for a cent. I saw, however, that my reputation was going, and I determined to get away from the man. I went to Cincinnati. He learned of my whereabouts, and sent my sister with a letter imploring me to return, and declared he could not live without me. I was weak enough to go back to Indianapolis; then we came to New York."

WILL ENGLISH'S LETTER.

New York Specials.

Before running away to Europe W. E. English sent the following letter to Mrs. Lucy A. Case, his victim:

"FRIDAY NIGHT.—L.: After what occurred to-night and Thursday, I changed my mind and concluded to go. You have $200, which will provide for you for three months (until June 1). After that $50 per month will be sent your sister, to be given to you. This is the salary you formerly received, and which you shall always have as long as needed. I intend to do what is right, always, so you need have no uneasiness. I cannot now give you my address, as I shall be traveling most of the time, and will not be in the same place long, as I leave the folks after I get there and travel. Good by for the present. X.

"I wrote your sister a long letter to-day. Leave to-night. Good-bye."

"Mrs. C.: Mr. Rogers (the proprietor of the Coleman house) informs me that you desired to see me to-day, but feared I would refuse to see you after last night. If you desire to see me for any purpose, will see you in the parlor of the hotel, but not elsewhere. Answer by bearer.

"W. E. E."

"L.: It is a cold day when I get left. I am now on board of the Etruria, or will be when you get this, sailing the ocean blue. Did you ever hear of a tug? Bye-bye. W. E. E.

"You tried to injure the only friend you had and got left at it. You will regret it a thousand times, and your conscience will trouble you many hours."

This had been mailed at 2:30 p. m. on Sunday.

ON 'CHANGE.

Spot Cotton Fractions and Futures From One to Five Points Higher. Money Market Easy.

Wheat Opened Firm, Fluctuated Narrowly and Closed Higher—Live Stock Transactions Brisk.

FORT WORTH MARKETS—DAILY REVIEW.

OFFICE OF THE GAZETTE, FORT WORTH, TEX., March 17, 1887.

Trade was up to the average to-day, but was not extremely active.

Wool men expect the spring trade to open early, and have hopes of a successful season.

Butter is still a feature of the retail trade, or, strictly speaking, the lack of butter is a feature. Fair country butter would bring fancy prices now.

THE BREADSTUFFS SITUATION.

The exports of wheat (and flour) from the Atlantic ports from July 1 last, to March, 1887, were 82,837,000 bushels, against 36,090,000 bushels in 1885-86, and and 73,581,000 bushels in 1884-85. Pacific coast exports for eight months following July 1, last, were 25,383,000 bushels, making in all from the United states during the current cereal year (to March 1,1887,) 100 175,000 bushels. With the home crop last year at 457,218,000 bushels, with 75,000,000 bushels "carried over" July 1, 1886, 50,000,000 bushels reserved for carrying over next July, and 335,000,000 bushels required for a year's food, seed and manufactures, the total exports to March 1 show but 39,000,000 bushels available for export from March 1 to July 1 next, of which 7,700,000 bushels will be required by British North America, East and West Indies, Central and South America.

The estimated total annual consumption of wheat in the United Kingdom is 212,000,000 bushels. The British home crop (less what is used for seed) is 37,457,000 bushels, of which 54 2-10 per cent. has been delivered. The United Kingdom will, therefore, have to import in the year ending August 31 next 154,592,000 bushels of wheat. From September 1 last the United Kingdom has (to March 6) imported 72,217,000 bushels and 17,128,000 bushels are on passage, of which 10 per cent. may be diverted to the continent. These totals point to 85,238,000 bushels in hand or on the way to the United Kingdom, leaving (March 6) 69,313,000 bushels to be received from abroad by August 1, 1887.

It has been calculated on the basis of late reports of the French wheat crop, and the fact that stocks there are very low, that France will probably have to import during the next four or five months from 25,000,000 to 30,000,000 bushels. Taking a low average of imports of wheat by other continental countries during latter halves of the past ten cereal years and the probable requirements by August 1 next, aggregate 32,309,000 bushels, making, with the totals for the United Kingdom and for France, 126,617,000 bushels.—[Bradstreet's.

BUTTER—20@25c per lb; creamery 25@30c.

COTTON—Strict low middling, tinged, 7⅞c; good middling 8⅜c.

COFFEE—Rio, fair 16c; prime 17c; choice 16⅝@17c; Laguyra 17⅝c; Java 29⅝c; Golden Rio 18c; Pea Berry 21⅝c.

CHEESE—The better grades and Ohio factory 10@10⅝c; full cream twins 16c.

CARTAGE—In bulk 4c per pound.

CANNED GOODS—Prices per dozen: Pine apples, standard, $1 50; peaches, standard, 2 lbs, $1 45; 3 lbs $2 00; seconds, 2 lbs $1 15; 3 lbs $1 60; tomatoes, standard, 2 lbs $1 00; seconds, 2 lbs $——; 3 lbs $1 30; green corn $1 10@1 50; green peas 1 10@1 50; gooseberries $1 25; raspberries $1 35; oysters, full weight, 1 lb 90@95; 2 lbs $1 75@1 90; lt. wt. 1 lb $——; 2 lbs $——; salmon 1 lb $1 65; 2 lbs $——; mackerel 1 lb 90@$1 00; sardines, American, $6 50 case; imported $12 50@14 00 case; strawberries, 2 lbs $1 25; blackberries $1 15; green gages $——; Eagle condensed milk $1 25.

SPRING 1887—PRICE LIST OF DRY GOODS.

Prints—Albion solids, 5½c; Albion Shepard plaids, 5½c; Albion silver greys, 5½c; Allen's fancies, 5½c; Allen's special, 5⅝c; American fancies, 5½c; American indigo, 7c; anchor sheetings, 5c; Berlin oils, all colors, 6¾c; Berwick fancy, 4c; Conestoga, new fancies, 5½c; Conestoga, chocolates, 5½c; Eddystone novelties, 6c; Eddystone satines, 6c; Gloucester silver greys, 5½c; Hartel fancies, 5½c; Hartel satines, 5½c; Hartel shirting, 5c; Hamilton staples, 5½c; Ramapo fancies, 4c; Simpson's mourning, 6c; Simpson's silver grey, 6c; Simpson's linen finish, 6c; Windsor fancies, 6c; Martha Washington fancies, 4¾c; assorted standards 5c.

Ginghams—Amoskeag staple checks, 7¾c; Amoskeag novelties, 8½c; Amoskeag cotus, 8c; Caledonia staples, 7½@7¾c; Elmsdale dress styles 8½c; Glen Falls dress styles, 8c; Greylock dress styles, 10½c; No mandle dress styles, 8½c; La Grande book fold, 8c; Renfrew dress styles, 8½c; Renfrew bouclines, 10½c; Scotch book fold, 8½c; Slaterville cubians, 8c; White's fancy, 7¾c; York favorite, 7¾c; Warsaw, 7½c; zephyr checks, 8c.

Colord Cambrics—Rossmore flat, 5c; Garner rol ed, 4½c; Masonville rolled, 5½c; Slater & Sons rolled, 5½c.

Brown Cottons—Atlantic A 4 4, 7c; Atlantic P 4 4, 5½c; Atlantic LL 4 4, 5½c; Adriatic 4-4, 6½c; Alaska 4-4, 6¾c; Allendale 4 4, 6½c; Appleton A 4-4, 7c; Argyle family cotton, 6¾c; black crow, 6½c; Clifton C C C, 6½c; Derby, fine brown, 8c; exposition 4-4, 6½c; Chapman 4-4 3c; Graniteville E E, 6½c; Graniteville, H H H, 5¾c; Marshall 4-4, 4c; Maginnis E E 4-4, 5½c.

Bleached Cottons—Security ⅞, 5c; social L 4-4, 7½c; Fairfield 7½, 6¾ and 7c; Chapman X, 7½c; Dyerville 4-4, 7c; Ellerton 4-4, 7½c; gilded age 4-4, 7¾c; Lonsdale 4-4, 8½c; Lonsdale cambric, 11c; hero 4 4, 7¾c; fidelity 4-4, 7½c; forget me not, 6c; John Hancock, 7½c; Langham cambric, 8c; ne plus ultra, 6¾c.

Cotton Checks—Black Warrior, 7½; Carolina, 7⅝; Southern, 7¾; Georgia, 7; Mississippi, 7; Utility, 6½; Ottoway, 6¾; Randleman, 7½; Greenbriar, 7½.

Cottonades—Aberdeen, 9½c; Little Rock, 8c; Ollie's choice, 8¾c; Bell D & T, 17½c; Blue Ridge, 18c; Mt Nernon, N N, 19c; Mt Vernon, D P, 17c, Mt Vernon, B T, 13½c; Norman, 20; Richmond, 14; Surrey, 13½; Burmont, 17½; Golden Peak, 20; Old Cabin, 8; Tecumseh, 18½; Waterloo, 16½.

Dress Goods—American, 5@18; Imported, 16@45.

EGGS—10@10½c per dozen.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES—Oranges, $4 50 per box; lemons, $5 50 per box; cranberries $10 50, per bbl; hlf-bbl $5 50; apples, per bbl, 5@6 00; Irish potatoes $1 05@1 10 per bu; seed potatoes, Early Rose, $2 75@3 00 per bbl; onions, 3½c per pound; navy beans, 3½c; hand-picked in bbls, medium bbls, 3½c; large Lima 4c; beets, per bushel $1 50; bananas, $3 00@4 00 per bunch; sweet potatoes 75@$1 00 per bu; horse radish per dozen roots $1@1 50; parsnips per bushel $1 75; carrots per bu, $1 50; celery, per doz, $1 00; rutabaga turnips, per bu, $1 25.

FLOUR—Best patents $2 90 per 100 lbs; half patents $2 65; third grade $2 40.

FUEL—McAllister coal, car-load on track, at yard $6 00, delivered $6 50; McAllister coal, 5 to 10 tons, at yard $6 25, delivered $6 75; McAllister coal, 2 to 3 tons, at yard $6 50, delivered $7 15; McAllister coal, 1 ton, at yard $6 75, delivered $7 50; McAllister coal, ½ ton, at yard $3 50 delivered $4 00, McAllister coal, ¼ ton, at yard $1 75, delivered $2 10; McAllister coal, less than ¼ ton per 100, at yard 45c; Pennsylvania hard coal, 5 tons, at yard $11 50, delivered $12 00; Pennsylvania hard coal, 1 ton, at yard $12 00, delivered $12 50; Pennsylvania hard coal, ½ ton, at yard $6 00, delivered $6 50; blacksmith coal, 1 ton, at yard $12 00, delivered $12 50.

Cord wood, 1 cord, delivered $4 00; cord wood, ½ cord, delivered $2 25; stove wood, 1 cord, delivered $5 00; stove wood, ½ cord, delivered $2 75.

GRAIN AND FEEDSTUFFS—Quotations below are on grain from store. In car-load lots corn and oats are 3c per bushel lower than quoted.

Wheat 85@97c.

Corn—Bulk shelled, 57½c; sack shelled, 60½c.

Oats—Bulk, 45@48c; sacked, 50c.

Bran—$1 00 per hundred.

Hay—Loose local, $7 00@8 00; Johnson and Hill county $11 00@13 00; best $15 00@16 00.

Barley, 65c per bu.

Rye $1.

Amber cane, $1 25 per bushel.

Johnson grass $3 50 per bu.

Alfalfa, 16⅔c per pound.

HIDES AND SKINS—No. 1 heavy D F hides 13½c per lb; No. 2 heavy 10½c; No. 1 light 10½c; No. 2 light 7c.

Dry salted 10c; bull hides 8c; glue 5c; green salted 7c; butchers' green 4c; sheepskins 20@60c.

MOLASSES—Prime, new crop, 32@35c; choice, new crop, 38@45c; fancy, new crop, 53@55c.

NAILS—$3 25 per keg, basis 10d—Burden horseshoe per keg $5; Perkins do, $5 90; Walker do, $5 50; Burden mule $6; Northwestern horseshoe nails, No. 4 50c; No. 5 26c; No. 6 23c; No. 7 21c; No. 8 20c; "Lake's" No. 4 45c; No. 5 26c; No. 6 22c; No. 7 20c; No. 8 19c. Ausable do No. 4 45c; No. 5 24c; No. 6 21c; No. 7 19c; No. 8 18c.

NUTS—Peanuts, choice 7@8c; pecans, 09@11c for Texas; Brazil nuts 15c per lb; filberts 15c per lb; English walnuts 15c; almonds 20@22c per lb; cocoa nuts $7 50 per 100.

PROVISIONS—We quote on the basis of carlots:

Fish—Mackerel, 10-lb kits No. 1, $1 00; No. 2, 90c; half bbls No. 1, $5 50; No. 2, $5 00; codfish, 6c.

Pigs' feet—In kits $1 15; ¼ bbls $3 25; ½ bbls $5 50.

Pickled tripe—In kits $1 15.

Spiced pickled herrings, per bucket, $1 50.

Holland Herrings—Kegs $1 50@1 75.

Dried Herrings—Per box, 40c.

Bologna sausage 7½c.

Buckwheat flour—16 6-lbs case $5 00; 32 3-lbs $5 15.

Meat—Sugar-cured hams 13c; sugar-cured breakfast bacon 11c; short clear bacon 10½c; short clear dry salt 9¾c.

Lard—Tierce, 7¾c; 50-lb cans, 7¾c; 20-lb cans, 8c; 10-lb cans, 8¼c; 5-lb cans, 8½c; 3-lb cans, 8½c.

Hominy and grits—Per bbl, $4 25.

Kraut—Half-barrels, $4 25.

Oatmeal—Per half bbl, $4 00.

Cracked wheat—Per lb, 6c.

Crackers—A soda, 5½c; xxx soda, 6c; cream 8½c; ginger snaps, 8c; lemon creams, 8c.

Sundries—Starch, 3¾c; candles, full boxes, 12½c; halves, —; quarters, —; stick candy, 9@10½c; fancy, 10@16c; rope, 9¾c; do cotton, 16c; herring, imported, $1 25 per keg; raisins, layer, $3 50; cider, crab apple 40c; Missouri, 30c; vinegar, 15@25c; concentrated lye, $2 75@4 00; jugs, glazed, 10c per gal; crocks, glazed, 10c per gallon; dried peaches, 6c; indigo, 75c per lb; blueing, 30c@$1 00 per dozen; Coleman's mustard, $1 30@1 50 per dozen; macaroni imported, 15c per lb; American, 75c per box; buckets, two hoops, $1 60 per dozen; brilliant oils, bbls, 18c; Eupion do 28c; do 2-5 cases, $3 10; brilliant, 5 cases, $2 10; do 1¾ cases, 3 96; baking powders, bulk, 11c; 1 and 2 lb cans $2 50; macaroni small box 65c; vermicelli small box 65c; catsup in bulk per gallon 85; Worcester sauce in bulk per gallon $1 25.

Sugar—Fine powdered, bbls, 7⅝c; do half bbls, 7⅝c; cut loaf, 7⅝c; granulated standard, 6¾c; Louisiana granulated, 6⅝c; standard A, 6⅜c; choice white, 6⅛c; Louisiana y. c., 6⅛@6¼c.

Rice—Louisiana 4¾@5½c.

POULTRY—We quote: Young chickens, $2 00@2 25 per doz; old, $2 00@2 25; turkeys, 70@90c.

WHISKY—Rectified, $1 10@1 50, as per proof; sour-mash, two year old, $1 60@1 70; three year old, $1 90@2 20; fancy, extra old whisky, $4 00@5 00.

WOOL—Fall wool, six months' clip, bright medium 20¾c; light fine 18¾c; coarse 13¾@16¾c.

MONEY.

NEW YORK, March 17.—Money on call easy at 3@5 per cent., last loan at 3½, closed offered at 2½. Prime mercantile paper 5½@6½. Sterling exchange dull and steady at $4 83¾ for sixty day bills and $4 85¾ for demand. Total sales of stocks to day, 135,857 shares.

ENGLISH CONSOLS.

LONDON, March 17.—Consols closed 100 7-16 for money, silver 45¼d.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

NEW YORK, March 17.—Bonds and stocks closed at following prices bid:

nited States threes	100¼
Four-and-one-halfs	108⅞
New fours	128½
Pacific sixes	126¼
Central Pacific firsts	117
Texas & Pacific land grants	64¼
Texas & Pac. Rio Grande	71
Union Pacific firsts	117
Union Pacific sinking fund	
Central Pacific	37
Chicago & Alton	144½
Chicago & Alton preferred	160
Burlington & Quincy	138¾
Delaware & Hudson	101⅛
Lackawana	133¾
Denver & Rio Grande	26¼
Erie	33⅞
Erie preferred	71⅞
Harlem	218
Houston & Texas	35
Illinois Central	129½
Kansas & Texas	31
Lake Shore	94⅜
Louisville & Nashville	63⅛
Michigan Central	90
Missouri Pacific	107⅜
New Jersey Central	70⅜
Northern Pacific	27⅜
Northern Pacific preferred	58⅞
Northwestern	115¾
Northwestern preferred	141
New York Central	111⅜
Oregon Transcontinental	31⅜
Pacific Mail	54
Reading	37⅜
Rock Island	124¾
St Paul	91⅞
St Paul preferred	120½
St. Paul & Omaha	48⅞
St Paul & Omaha preferred	108⅜
Texas Pacific	27⅞
Union Pacific	57⅛
Wabash	16⅜
Wabash preferred	29½
Wells Fargo	128
Western Union	75¾

COTTON MARKETS.

Receipts at All United States Ports

GALVESTON, TEX., March 17.—Cotton receipts at United States ports:

This day	8,321
This day last week	10,136
This day last year	7,108
Total receipts this season	4,982,533
Total receipts last season	4,692,406
Excess this season	270,137
Exports thus far this week	130, 31
Stock at United States ports this day	642,424
Stock this day last year	906,080

New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., March 17.—Cotton—Spot 1-16c higher.

Low ordinary, 7½c; ordinary, 8c; good ordinary, 8¾c; low middling, 9 3-16c; middling, 9½c; good middling 9¾c; fair, 10¼c.

Sales, 4250.

Futures opened steady, ruled steady, closing steady, 1 to 5 points higher than yesterday.

Months.	1st call	2d call.	Close.
March	9 43@ 9 47	9 47 bid	9 48@ 9 50
April	9 50@ 9 51	9 53@ 9 55	9 52@ 9 53
May	9 65@ 9 66	9 69@ 9 70	9 66@ 9 67
June	9 79@ 9 81	9 84@ 9 86	9 81@ 9 82
July	9 92@ 9 93	9 96@ 9 98	9 93@ 9 94
August	9 91@ 9 92	9 94@ 9 96	9 92@ 9 93
September	9 40@ 9 42	9 40@ 9 42	9 40@ 9 42
October	9 16@ 9 17	9 17@ 9 19	9 17@ 9 19
November			
December			
January			
February			

Sales 44,400.

New York.

NEW YORK, March 17.—Cotton—Spot closed steady, 1-16c higher.

Sales 226 bales.

Ordinary, 7¾c; good ordinary, 8¾c; low middling, 9⅝c; middling, 10c; good middling 10⅜c; middling fair, 10⅞c.

Futures ruled steady, advanced 7 points, closed easy, 1 to 7 points higher than yesterday's close.

Sales 120 800 bales.

March	9 94@ 9 95
April	9 97@ 9 98
May	10 00@10 02
June	10 08@10 09
July	10 16@10 17
August	10 22@10 23
September	9 76@ 9 77
October	9 57@ 9 58
November	9 49@ 9 51
December	9 51@ 9 54

Liverpool

LIVERPOOL, March 17.—Cotton—Spot closed hardening, ⅛d higher.

Ordinary, 4 11-16d, good ordinary, 5d; low middling, 5¼d; middling uplands, 5⅜d; middling Orleans, 5 7-16d.

Total sales, 15,000; American, 10,500; imports, 1200; American, 1200.

Futures closed very steady, and 3 points higher.

March	5 23 asked
March-April	5 24 asked
April-May	5 23 asked
May-June	5 24 asked
June-July	5 25 asked
August-September	5 27 asked
September	5 28 asked

Galveston.

GALVESTON, TEX., March 17.—Cotton—Spot closed firm, ⅛c higher.

Low ordinary, 7½c; ordinary, 7⅞c; good ordinary, 8 11-16c; low middling, 9⅛c; middling, 9 7-16c; good middling, 9¾c; middling fair, 10 3-16.

Gross receipts 335.

Sales, 341.

Exports, none.

Shipments coastwise, 2962.

Stock on hand, 31,912.

GENERAL MARKETS.

Produce and Provisions.

ST. LOUIS, MO., March 17.—Flour—Market dull and easy, and unchanged. Wheat, under favorable advices from other points, was firm with more of a disposition to buy, and closed ⅛c above yesterday; No. 2 red cash 79⅝@80⅛c; May 80@80⅛c, closing at 80⅛c; June 79¾@80c; July 77¾@78⅛c, closing at 78c bid; August 77⅞@78⅛c, closing 78⅛c bid. Corn market firmer and slightly better, with more business doing; No. 2 cash, 35@35¼c; May 35⅝c; June 36¼c; July 37¾@37⅞c. Oats quiet; No. 2 cash 28@28¼c; May 28¼c. Cornmeal active at $2 00@2 05. Whisky steady $1 13. Provisions very dull and only a small job trade done. Pork, new mess, $19 00; old, $14 75. Dry salt meats, boxed shoulders, $6 50; long clear, $8 00@8 12½; short clear, $8 50. Lard $7 12½.

Afternoon board—Wheat lower; May 80⅛@80⅞c; June 80⅝c; August, 78⅝c78¾c. Corn ¼@½c better. Oats nominal.

CHICAGO, ILL., March 17.—The wheat market to-day was quiet and firm; there was no news of any significance, and trade during most of the session was of a local character, few outside orders being received. The market opened 80⅛c for May and fell off to 80¼c, but good buying caused a steady advance to 81½c, then fell off to 81c and closed for the day at 81⅜c; other options were also relatively stronger. Receipts at eleven points aggregated 481,000 bushels, while clearances from New York aggregated 326,000 bushels, which fact helped to steady the market. Corn ruled quiet during most of the session but firmer during the closing; closed at ¼@⅜c higher than yesterday, buying near the close being on a more liberal scale. The receipts were large, and the estimated arrivals for to-morrow also show some increase. Pork was dull and nominal. Lard declined 7½@10c, rallied again, finally receded and closed at inside prices. Short ribs declined 25@27½c and closed at medium figures. The following are the closing prices: Wheat—No. 2 March 75⅞c; May 81⅜c; June 80⅝c; July 80¼c. Corn, No. 2, March 34¾c; May 40⅞; June 40½c; July 41⅜c. Mess pork, March $20 10; May $20 50; June $20 50. Lard, March $7 35; May $7 47½; June $7 55. Cash quotations were as follows: Flour dull and unchanged. No. 2 spring wheat 75½@77½c; No. 2 red nominal. No. 2 corn 34¾@37¾c. Pork $20 25@20 50. Lard $7 50. Short ribs, loose, $7 85@7 90. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, 6 00@6 25. Short clear sides, boxed, $8 40@8 45. Whisky $1 18.

NEW YORK, March 17.—Flour—Rather more doing, but prices steady and not changed. Wheat—Spot a shade higher and moderately active; options advanced ½@¾c, closing steady. Speculation was fairly active; spot, No. 2 red 91½@91¾c elevator; 91¼@91½c f. o. b.; March nominal at 90½c; April 90¾@91½c, closing at 91¼c; May 91@91¼c, closing at 92½c; June 91½@91⅞c, closing at 91¾c. Corn—Spot lots firm and moderately active; options opened ¼@½c lower, closing steady at a decline and recovered; No. 2 48¼@48⅜c, elevator; 49½@49½c afloat; March 48@48⅜c, closing 48⅜c; April 48¼@48¾c, closing at 48¾c; May 49½@49c, closing at 49c; June 48¾@49c, closing at 49c. Coffee—Spot fair; Rio dull; options steady but moderately active; sales 45,500 bags; March $12 50@12 55; April $12 55; May and June $12 60@12 65; July and August $12 65@12 70; September $12 65@12 80; October $12 70; December $12 80. Sugar market quiet and unchanged; refined steady; standard A 5 5-16c; cut loaf and crushed 6⅝c; powdered 5 13-16c; granulated 5 11-16c. Molasses steady; 50 test 18½@19c. Tallow steady. Rosin quiet. Pork firm but very quiet. Lard 10@11 points lower and moderately active; spot $7 63@7 65; April $7 62@7 76; May $7 67; June $7 73.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., March 17.—Corn easier; mixed 49c; white and yellow, 50c. Cornmeal quiet at $2.25. Oats quiet, but steady at 37½@38c. Hay quiet and weak at $13 00@16 50. Hog products dull, weak and lower. Pork $17 50; Lard $7 00@7 12½; Bulk meats—Shoulders $6 30; clear ribs and long clear $6 37½. Bacon—shoulders, $7 00; long clear and clear rib, $9 00. Hams, $11 50@12 00. Whisky—western rectified, $1 10@1 31. Coffee—Easier but not quotably lower. Rice—Steady, ordinary to prime, 2¾@4c. Cotton seed products dull; prime yellow crude oil, 33c; summer yellow, 35½@36c; cake and meal, $20 00@20 25. Sugar—In good demand; prime yellow clarified 5 7-16@5½c; open kettle, strictly prime, 4½@4 9-16c; fully fair to prime, 4⅜@4 7-16c; centrifugal choice, white, 5 9-16c; choice yellow clarified 5¼@5 7-16c; seconds, 3¾@4⅜c. Molasses quiet; open kettle, nominal; centrifugals, strictly prime to fancy, 28@33c; fair to good, prime, 20@25c. Exchange on New York $1 premium.

The Coffee Market.

GALVESTON, TEX., March 17.—Coffee—Prices unchanged; wholesale grocers quote good ordinary, 15½c; fair, 16c; prime, 16@16½c; choice 16c; peaberry, 17c; old government Java, 26c. Importers of Rio coffee all round lot orders at following prices: Good ordinary 15c; fair, 15½c; prime, 16c; choice, 16½c; Peaberry, 6½c.

The Wool Market.

ST. LOUIS, MO., March 17.—Wool dull and lower. Low to choice tub-washed, 30@36c; medium unwashed, 20@25c; fine light 18@24c; fine heavy, 14@19c; coarse braid, 16@21c; low sandy, 13@19c.

Live Stock Markets.

ST LOUIS, MO., March 17.—Cattle—Receipts 640; market active and very strong; choice to heavy native steers, $4 80@5 30; fair to good shipping steers, $4 10@4 70; butchers steers, fair to choice, $3 60@4 30; feeders, fair to good, $3 00@3 75; stockers, fair to good, $2 20@3 15; Texans, common to choice, $2 00@3 90. Hogs—Receipts, 3950; market steady, ranging from $4 80@5 95. Sheep—Receipts, 3000; market active and 5@10c lower; common to fair, $2 40@3 50; medium to fancy, $3 60@4 85.

KANSAS CITY, MO., March 17.—Cattle—Receipts 1657; shipments 1189; shipping steers 10@20c lower; cows and butchers steers 5@10c lower; feeding steers quiet; good to choice shipping $4 40@4 75; common to medium $3 60@4 10; stockers $2 60@3 25; feeding steers $3 40@3 75; cows $2 25@3 40. Hogs—steady; ranging $4 25@$4 60. Sheep—Receipts 649; shipments none; steady; good to choice $3 75@4 40; common to medium $2 60@3 50.

CHICAGO, ILL., March 17.—Cattle—Receipts 10,000; shipments 3000; market slow at 5@10c lower; shipping steers, 950 to 1500 pounds, $4 00@5 60; stockers and feeders $2 50@4 05; cows, bulls and mixed $2 20@4 00; bulk $2 65@3 10; Texans $4 25. Hogs—Receipts 16,500; shipments none; market slow and 5c lower; ranging $4 25@5 25. Sheep—Receipts 9000; shipments none; market a shade lower; natives $2 75@4 80; western $3 50@4 55; Texans $2 50@4 50; lambs $4 50@5 50.

NEW YORK, March 17.—Beeves—Receipts, 1 carload; there was no trading in dressed beef; 7@8c for city dressed sides. Sheep—Receipts, 5700 head; market firmer for yearling lambs and steady for sheep; extremes $5 60@6 00 for sheep and $5 60@7 00 for yearling lambs.

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