AGRICULTURAL—COMMERCIAL—INDUSTRIAL—FINANCIAL

CATTLE ON THE RANGES

RESERVATIONS FOR WINTER AND SUMMER USES

A Demand That Ranges Shall Not Be Overstocked—Advantages to Small Farmers in Breeding and Growing Stock—Good Quality of Export Cattle Is Being Recognized Abroad.

MARKET SUMMARY.

Wheat.	Close.	Prev. Day.
July, Chicago	94⅞	94⅞@95
July, Minneapolis	1 12¼	1 11¼
July, Duluth	1 02⅝	1 03¾
July, New York	1 13⅝	1 13¾

FINANCIAL.

Bar silver, New York	56⅝	56⅞
Call money, New York	2	2@2½

In view of the growing interest in live stock in the Northwest and the development of the market at South St. Paul a comparison between "then and now" will be instructive. The union stock yards were started in 1887 and the receipts of cattle here that year were 32,000 head. The rise was constant until 1891, when the total was 137,000, but in the general depression of 1892 the receipts fell to 81,000, and after rising to 110,000 in 1893 they receded to 75,000 in 1894. Since then the rise was gradual to 92,000 in 1896, and in 1897 there was an upward bound to 173,000, with indications that these figures will be largely exceeded in 1898.

A feature of much interest to the small farmers of Minnesota and territory tributary to the St. Paul market is the apparent decadence of the great ranges of the West and Northwest, through neglect of grass preservation and lack of knowledge of the respective qualities of nutrition possessed by each. At a recent meeting of stock men a discussion arose as to the value of different grasses common to the grazing territory. Several exchanges of opinion resulted, all of which went to prove that the parties did not know anything on the subject. At last a facetious member offered this resolution, which was adopted unanimously:

"Resolved, That none of us know, or care to know, anything about grasses, native or otherwise, outside of the fact that for the present there are lots of them, the best on record, and we are after getting the most out of them while they last."

In connection with the subject of grazing cattle in great masses, the peremptory condition is demanded that the ranges themselves shall not, in future, be overstocked. The experience of the past has convinced the cattle growers of the West that a more equal distribution of stock, to insure opportunities for the development of pastures, is absolutely essential to the future profitable conduct of the industry. A plan has been practically agreed upon in certain localities to apportion pastures between winter and summer allotments; that is to say, there must be a constant reserve. For the winter ranges sections will be exclusively reserved, and these shall not be encroached upon until the grasses have ripened and dropped their seed. Other districts may be only used for spring and summer.

A writer on live stock growing to whose attention this improved method was called, says:

An enterprising stockman reports that in two years, under such treatment, he nearly doubled the capacity of a pasture of about four sections. Riding over this pasture, notes were made of the different varieties of grasses. About fifty were found, more than double as many as were growing on adjoining lands where his cattle were and had been running during the spring and summer months. The reasons for this are obvious, and the good sense of the plan is plainly apparent. This gentleman never allows his stock to run on any one pasture longer than for sixty to ninety days, when they are transferred to another. There is good reason to believe that by adopting this plan the pastures could in a few years be brought back measurably to their original capacity for supporting stock.

The condition of things existing in the range country, both with respect to security of young cattle and the deterioration of pasturage, especially in those sections in which sheep are grazing, is favorable to the more extensive growing of cattle by those who have turned their attention from the production of some specific commodity, such as wheat, on quarters or half-sections of land, to the subject of diversified farming. The increasing demand and the notable shortage afford an unusual opportunity to the general agriculturist who is disposed to enter upon the work intelligently and with a view to the improvement of stock by breeding upward. Of the live stock imported into England last year, 67.33 per cent constitutes the product of this country. The London Meat-Trade Journal treating of this market says:

"The quality and condition of the live stock from the United States was as a rule above the average, the cattle consignments especially being well selected ripe animals, not too heavy, and admirably adapted for our markets. A few shipments occasionally had a mixture of all sorts, but these were the exception."

But the American farmer should keep constantly in view the advantage of improved breeding.

WHEAT OFF A FRACTION.

Free Selling on the Favorable News From Manilla.

CHICAGO, May 2.—On the belief that war would soon be ended prices today declined on the board of trade. Despite higher markets in Europe, traders here sold everything freely, and the close showed losses as follows: Wheat, ½@⅝c; corn, ⅞c; oats, 1c; pork, 22½c; lard, 12½c; ribs, 10c.

Trading in wheat began with the American naval victory at Manila uppermost in the speculative mind. Traders believed that the end of the war was possibly already in sight, and that it would be followed by a cessation of the urgent foreign demand. At the start professionals sold July wheat freely 1c below Saturday's close. They did that in spite of the fact that Liverpool started 1d higher, and did not convince themselves of having perhaps too hastily commenced discounting the termination of the war until later quotations from Liverpool showed steady material additions to initial 1d advance. The Chicago bears amended their original views on seeing the continued foreign strength and the result was a recovery in the course of an hour of all the early decline.

Deliveries on May contracts amounted to about 2,000,000 bu, going to Leiter. The world's shipments to Europe last week were in the neighborhood of 9,000,000, against actual consumptive needs of about 6,500,000 bu. They are, however, buying ahead a little over there, and apparently glad to be permitted to do so for obvious reasons. The quantity afloat for Europe increased 1,760,000 bu. Liverpool stocks showed a heavy decrease for the month, and is now down to 756,000 bu. Atlantic port exports for the day were only equal to 263,000 bu in wheat and flour. Chicago received 281 cars of wheat against 250 last year. Minneapolis and Duluth got 746 cars, compared with 532 the corresponding Monday of 1897.

Rumors of the surrender of Manila caused several sharp breaks after the market's early recovery. The visible supply decreased 2,651,000 bu. Fine weather reports were offset by predictions of frost in the West.

July started 1c lower, at from 93⅞c to 94c, improved gradually to 94⅝c, dropped to 94⅛c, and advanced again to 94⅝c. It had several fluctuations between 95c and 94⅝c, and one dip as low as 93¾c. It recovered from the latter to 95c, declined again to 94⅛c, and once more rose to 95c, but closed at 94⅝@94½c. May opened ¼c lower at $1.20, declined to $1.17½c, reacting to $1.20 at the close.

Fine weather for corn planting was the dominant influence in the corn pit. There were no deliveries on May contracts. The visible supply decreased 4,605,000 bu. July started ¼@⅜c lower at 34¼@34⅜c, but after the first hour became weak, finally touching 33⅝c, closing ⅞c net lower at 33¾c. Predictions of frost caused a rather firm feeling at the close.

Trading in oats was heavy. Distant futures ruled weak throughout on free liquidation. May started ¼c higher at 21½c, but declined to 30c, closing at 30¾c, a net loss of ¼c. Deliveries on May contracts were only 15,000, and those who had anticipated a squeeze unloaded. July started ¼c higher to ¼c lower at 26½@27c, declined steadily to 25½c, closing 1c net lower at 25¾c.

The Manila victory caused some selling of provisions and prices ruled lower throughout. July pork lost 22½c; lard, 12½c; ribs, 10c.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 300; corn, 940; oats, 640; hogs, 27,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Opening	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Wheat—				
May	.....	1 20	1 17½	1 20
July	93⅞-94	95⅜	93¾	94⅜
Sept	81⅞-82	82½	81½	81⅝
Dec	80⅝-81	81¼	80½	85⅝
Corn—				
May	33¼	33⅝	32⅞	33
July	34¼-⅜	34⅜-½	33⅝	33¾
Sept	35¼-⅞	35⅜-½	34⅝	34¾
Oats—				
May	31½	31½	30	30¾
July	26½-27	27	25½	25¾
Sept	23⅞	23⅞-24	23¼	23¼-⅝
Mess Pork—				
May	11 00	11 00	10 90	10 90
July	11 27½	11 40	11 07½	11 12½
Lard—				
May	5 82½	5 82½	5 72½	5 75
July	5 87½	5 87½	5 77½	5 80
Sept	5 95	5 95	5 87½	5 90
Short Ribs—				
May	5 52½	5 55	5 47½	5 47½
July	5 60	5 62½	5 52½	5 55
Sept	5 67½	5 70	5 62½	5 62½

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour in fine demand; buyers asking concessions. No. 2 spring wheat, $1.08; No. 3 spring wheat, $1.00@1.14; No. 2 red, $1.20@1.20½c. No. 2 corn, 34@34¼c. No. 2 oats, 31¼c; No. 2 white, 33@33½c; No. 3 white, 32¼@33c. No. 2 rye, 62¼@63c. No. 2 barley, 42@52c. No. 1 flaxseed, $1.31½@1.32. Prime timothy seed, $2.60@2.75. Mess pork, per bbl, $10.90@10.95. Lard, per 100 lbs, $5.50@5.62½c. Short ribs sides (loose), $5.35@5.70. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), 4¾@5c. Short clear sides (boxed), $5.85@6.05. Whisky, distillers' finished goods, per gallon, $1.20. Receipts—Flour, 11,900 bbls; wheat, 441,300 bu; corn, 445,100 bu; oats, 424,800 bu; rye, 6,300 bu; barley, 27,800 bu. Shipments—18,400 bbls; wheat, 92,600 bu; corn, 915,200 bu; oats, 261,600 bu; rye, 1,200 bu; barley, 10,300 bu. On the produce exchange today the butter market was steady. Creameries, 13@16½c; dairies, 12@15c. Eggs, firm; fresh, 10¼c. Cheese, dull; unchanged.

MINNEAPOLIS GRAIN.

MINNEAPOLIS, May 2.—Wheat opened lower and very nervous this morning for reasons not quite clear. The crowd appeared to be bearish on general principles, based on the idea that prices are too high. Shortly after the opening wheat began to climb. May advanced from $1.12¾ to $1.14¼. July firmed up from $1.10½ to $1.12, with the market only fairly active up to 10 o'clock. From 10 o'clock up to mid-session the market was very dull, with trading entirely local and generally of the scalping order, outside orders being very scarce.

The commercial news of the day was very meager.

May wheat opened at $1.12¾, against $1.13½ Saturday, advanced to $1.14⅛, lost ⅛c, firmed up to $1.14⅝, sold down to $1.14, gained ¼c by 11:30 and by 11:50 held at $1.14¼.

July wheat opened at $1.10½, against $1.11¼ Saturday, advanced to $1.12, lost ¼c, advanced to $1.12¾, sold down to $1.11½, firmed up to $1.12¼, declined to $1.11¾, gained ⅛c by 11:30 and by 11:50 held at $1.11⅞.

September wheat opened at 81½c, against 81⅞c Saturday, declined to 81c, firmed up to 81½c, lost ¼c, firmed up to 81⅝c, lost ⅜c by 11:30 and by 11:50 held at 81¼c.

The cash wheat market was fairly active. Offerings were large and the demand good at prices relatively under the general run of last week. Receipts here were 622 cars; shipments, 55 cars.

The market during the noon hour was dull, with the majority in a waiting mood. Clearances were good, the foreign demand was good, and the closing cables reported remarkably strong markets on the continent. It is hard to say exactly what the trade does want. There is every encouragement, but a lack of faith prevails. May wheat closed at $1.14½, July at $1.12⅛ and September at 81¼c.

RANGE OF PRICES.

Wheat—	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing Mon.	Closing Sat.
May	1 12¾	1 14⅝	1 12¾	1 14½	1 13½
July	1 10½	1 12⅜	1 10½	1 12⅛	1 11¼
September	81½	81⅝	81	81¼	81⅞
December	.....	.....	.....	79	.....

On Track—No. 1 hard, $1.16¾; No. 1 northern, $1.14¾; No. 2 northern, $1.09¾; April oats, 30¾c; corn, 32c; flax seed, $1.27.

Curb on July wheat, sellers $1 12
Puts on July wheat 1 10½
Calls on July wheat 1 13⅝

SAMPLE SALES.

No. 1 northern, 1 car $1 14½
No. 1 northern, 2 cars, to arrive 1 14
No. 1 northern, 3 cars 1 14
No. 1 northern, 1 car 1 14⅝
No. 1 northern, 1 car 1 14½
No. 1 northern, 4 cars 1 15
No. 2 northern, 8 cars 1 03½
No. 2 northern, 19 cars 1 08½
No. 2 northern, 15 cars 1 09
No. 2 northern, 8 cars ..... 1 0 ¾
No. 2 northern, 9 cars 1 09⅛
No. 2 northern, 1 car, choice 1 10
No. 2 northern, 2 cars, choice 1 11½
No. 2 northern, 7 cars, on track 1 09¼
No. 3 wheat, 33 cars 1 04½

FLOUR.

There is no change to note in the flour market as to value. Millers report a good inquiry.

First patents ..... $6 10@6 30
Second patents ..... 5 90@6 10
First clears ..... 4 70@4 90
Second clears ..... 3 50@3 70

BRAN, SHORTS AND COARSE GRAINS.

Bran in bulk ..... $10 50@11 00
Shorts in bulk ..... 10 50@11 00
Middlings in bulk ..... 12 50@13 00
Red dog, 40-lb sacks, f. o. b. ..... 15 00@15 50

Corn—Corn is steady. No. 3, 32@32¼c; yellow corn, 32¾c.

Oats—No. 3, 30¼@30½c; No. 3 white held at 30½c.

Rye—Rye is stronger, because of a good export demand. Quoted at 60¾c.

Barley—Feed barley, 39½c. No change.

Feed—The trade is good, with a fair demand. Values are looking upward.

Coarse cornmeal and cracked corn, in sacks, per ton, sacks extra, to jobbers only ..... $12 50@.....

STATE GRAIN INSPECTION.

Railroads.	Northern. No.1.	No.2.	No.3.	Rej.	NG.
G. N.—B. Div	19	26	49	23	1
G. N.—F. F. Div	..	4	..	2	1
C., M. & St. P.	1	13	22	12	1
M. & St. Louis	1	7	24	10	1
Soo Line	..	6	30	1	..
Northern Pacific	11	7	3	1	..
C., St. P., M. & O.	3	13	31	16	2
C. G. W	..	..	5	..	..
Totals	46	76	164	65	6

Other Grains—Winter wheat, 17 cars; No. 3 corn, 8; No. 4 corn, 5; No. 3 oats, 27; no grade oats, 8; No. 2 rye, 6; No. 3 rye, 2; No. 4 barley, 2; No. 5 barley, 2; No. 1 flax, 4.

Cars Inspected Out—Wheat, No. 1 northern, 40 cars; No. 2 northern, 66; No. 3, 90; rejected, 5; no grade, 1; No. 3 corn, 5; No. 4 corn, 1; No. 3 oats, 73; No. 5 barley, 1; No. 2 rye, 2; No. 1 flax, 2.

GRAIN IN STORE—MINNEAPOLIS.

	April 30, Bushels.	April 23, Bushels.
Wheat.		
No. 1 hard	213,602	220,516
No. 1 northern	4,838,793	4,964,855
No. 2 northern	833,458	877,721
No. 3	469,757	445,145
Rejected	140,985	140,985
No grade	3,687	3,687
Special bin	3,210,246	3,608,425
Total wheat	9,710,528	10,261,870
Wheat decrease for the week		550,842
Corn	849,081	882,579
Oats	441,879	892,142
Barley	19,065	19,065
Rye	41,004	35,832
Flax	422,318	434,373

RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.

Received—Wheat, 622 cars, 379,420 bu; corn, 15,300 bu; oats, 38,160 bu; barley, 790 bu; rye, 7,480 bu; flax, 10,260 bu; oil cake, 568,700 lbs; flour 445 bbls; hay, 30 tons; fruit, 128,892 lbs; merchandise, 1,822,010 lbs; lumber, 33 cars; barrel stock, 4 cars; machinery, 449,500 lbs; coal, 411 tons; wood, 60 cords; brick, 23,000; lime, 5 cars; cement, 300 bbls; household goods, 20,000 lbs; ties, 6 cars; live stock, 4 cars; dressed meats, 64,100 lbs; railroad materials, 27 cars; sundries, 36 cars. Car lots, 1,074.

Shipped—Wheat, 55 cars, 42,900 bu; oats, 84,270; barley, 670 bu; rye, 1,740 bu; flax, 2,430 bu; flour, 42,218 bbls; milletuffs, 1,125 tons; fruit 102,100 lbs; merchandise, 1,969,760 lbs; lumber, 99 cars; posts and piling, 1 car; barrel stock, 1 car; machinery, 163,500 lbs; lime, 1 car; cement, 225 bbls; household goods, 24,000 lbs; ties, 18 cars; stone and marble, 1 car; hides, pelts, etc., 29,300 lbs; railroad materials, 9 cars; sundries, 20 cars. Car lots, 770.

DULUTH GRAIN.

DULUTH, Minn., May. 2.—The market was dull and firm. May opened ⅛c off at $1.16½, sold up to $1.16¾ at 11:20 and at 12:30 was quoted at $1.16½. Cash—35,000 bu to shippers at ⅛c over May, to arrive and May price for wheat on track. Close—May, $1.17¼; cash No. 1 hard, $1.13; No. 1 northern, $1.17½; No. 2 northern, $1.11½; to arrive, No. 1 hard, $1.23; No. 1 northern, $1.18; No. 1 hard, May, $1.23; July, $1.18⅝; September, 86⅞c; No. 1 northern, July, $1.13⅝; September, 83⅞c; oats 31¾@30¾c; rye, 63c; barley, 40c; flax, $1.29; May, $1.29½; corn, 32⅝c.

ST. PAUL GRAIN.

Quotations on hay, grain, feed, etc., furnished by Griggs Bros., grain and feed merchants:

Wheat—The market on yesterday was generally slightly lower, although cash wheat on track held at fully Saturday's prices. No. 1 northern, $1.12½@1.14½. No. 2 northern, $1.06@1.08.

Corn—No. 3 yellow, 32½@33c. No. 3, 32@32½c.

Oats—No. 2 white, 29@29½c; No. 3 28@28¾c.

Barley and Rye—Sample barley, 32@38c; No. 2 rye, 58@59c; No. 3 rye, 56@57½c.

Seed—No. 1 flax, $1.25@1.26; timothy, $1.10@1.25; red clover, $3@3.60.

Flour — Patents, per bbl, $6.10@6.30; straights, $5.40@5.70; bakers', $4.50@5; rye, flour, $3.40@3.70.

Ground Feed and Millstuffs—No. 1 feed, $13.60@14.

Bran—In bulk, $11.75@12.

Coarse Cornmeal—$12.75@13.

Hay—Market higher. A sharp demand for all good qualities; lower grades also going $7.50@8; good to choice upland, $6.50@7.25; fair quality, $5@6; low grades, $3.50@4.50; good to choice timothy hay, $7@8.50.

OTHER GRAIN MARKETS.

GRAIN GOSSIP.

Gossip by private wire to C. H. F. Smith & Co., St. Paul, members of the New York stock exchange and Chicago board of trade:

Milliken wires from St. Louis: The wheat in Illinois due east of us will be headed out before the end of this week. I have a letter from Rey saying the war is what is advancing their markets. Says Europe is overdoing it, and they will soon find themselves glutted.

The grain shipments by lake in April have aggregated 30,652,000 bu, as follows: Wheat, 5,808,274 bu; corn, 18,200,576 bu; oats, 5,130,548 bu; barley, 497,941 bu; rye, 1,014,750 bu.

A Liverpool private cable says about 1,500,000 bu wheat belonging to Leiter, that was expected to be delivered on contracts, was sold direct to millers, thus leaving the shorts in a hole.

NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, May 2.—Flour—Receipts, 62,883 bbls; exports, 7,940 bbls; market sustained its firm undertone, but was quiet. Wheat—Receipts, 390,350 bu; exports, 107,443 bu; spot, steady; No. 2 red, $1.23, f. o. b., afloat to arrive; options closed 1⅝c higher for May, other months partly ½@1c lower; No. 2 red, May, $1.18@1.20½c; closed $1.20; July, $1.00⅞@1.03½c; closed $1.02⅝c. Corn—Receipts, 407,550; exports, 354,204 bu; spot, weak; No. 2, 40¼c; options ½@⅝c lower; May, 38¼@38¾c; closed 38⅝c; July, 39@39⅝c; closed 39⅛c. Oats—Receipts, 211,200 bu; exports, 100,860 bu; spot, quiet; No. 2, 35½c; No. 2 white, 37@37½c; options ⅛c net lower; May, 34⅞c.

ST. LOUIS.

ST. LOUIS, May 2.—Wheat—Lower; No. 2 red, cash, $1.08; track, $1.09; May, $1.09; July, 88⅜c asked; September, 80¼c. Corn—Lower; No. 2 cash, 32½c; May, 32c; July, 32¼@32⅜c; September, 33c. Oats—Lower; No. 3 cash, 32½c; track, 32½@33c; May, 31½c asked; July, 26c bid; September, 23¾c; No. 2 white, 34c.

VISIBLE GRAIN.

NEW YORK, May 2.—The statement of the visible supply of grain in store and afloat Saturday, April 30, as compiled by the New York produce exchange is as follows: Wheat, 23,263,000, decrease 2,651,000 bu; corn, 27,044,000, decrease 4,605,000 bu; oats, 11,218,000 bu, decrease 557,000 bu; rye, 2,830,000, decrease 30,000 bu; barley, 851,000, decrease 43,000 bu.

LIVERPOOL.

LIVERPOOL, May 2.—Closing: Spot wheat unchanged; futures, ½@2¼d higher; May, 9s 10½d; July, 9s 2¼d; September, 7s 8¼d; December, 7s 2d. Corn—Spot, ¼d higher; futures, ⅛@1⅛d higher; May, 4s 2⅝d; July, 3s 11⅛d; September, 3s 11⅞d.

MILWAUKEE.

MILWAUKEE, May 3.—Flour—Firm. Wheat—Steady; No. 1 northern, $1.14; No. 2 northern, $1.11@1.14; May, 1.13¾; July, $1.12. Oats—Higher; sample, 32½@33¼c. Rye—½c higher; No. 1, 63c; No. 2, 62½c. Barley—½c higher; No. 2, 52c; sample, 47@52c.

LIVERPOOL STOCKS.

LIVERPOOL, May 2.—Imports of wheat in Liverpool for the week: From Atlantic ports, 66,500 quarters; from other ports, 44,000 quarters. Imports of corn into Liverpool: From Atlantic ports for the week, 74,000 quarters.

PRODUCE.

ST. PAUL MARKET.

Butter—Creameries—	
Extras	.16
Firsts	.15 @.16½
Seconds	.14
Gathered cream	.15
Dairies—	
Hand separator	.15
Extras	.15
Firsts	.13 @.14
Ladles—	
Extras	.13 @.14
Packing stock	.10½
Cheese—	
Twins, fancy, Minnesota and Wisconsin, new	.08 @.09
Young America, fancy, new	.09 @.10
Brick, No. 1	.12
Brick, No. 2	.09 @.10
Limburger	.11 @.12
Swiss cheese	.12 @.13
Eggs—	
Fresh stock, cases included	.09
Seconds, cases included	.07
Potatoes—	
Burbanks, car lots, bu	.57@.60
Early Ohios, bu	.43@.48
Rose, bu	.43@.48
Mixed stock, bu	.40@.45
Green Vegetables—	
Peas, Mississippi, bu	1.25@1.50
Asparagus, doz	.75
Beans, wax, bu. box	3.00
Beans, string, bu. box	2.00
Beets, dozen bunches	.45@.50
Cucumbers, dozen	1.00
Celery, Southern, dozen	.75
Lettuce, dozen	.20@.25
Head lettuce, dozen	.45@.50
Mint, dozen	.40
Parsley, dozen	.20@.30
Onions, dozen	.15
Pieplant, 50-lb box	.75
Radishes, dozen bunches	.20@.25
Spinach, bu	.75
Tomatoes, Southern, basket	.50
Watercress, doz	.30
Oyster plant, dozen	.40
New beets, dozen	.50@.60
New carrots, dozen	.60
New turnips, dozen	.50
Egg plant, dozen	3.00
Kholrabi, per dozen	.50
Old Vegetables—	
Turnips, bu	.25
Rutabagas, bu	.25@.30
Carrots, bu	.40
Beets, bu	.25
Parsnips, bu	.45@.50
Apples—	
Western apples, red per box	1.25@1.50
Western apples, green, per box	1.25@1.50
Winesaps, per bbl	3.25@3.50
Willow Twigs, per bbl	3.25@3.50
Ben Davis, per bbl	2.50@3.50
Cooking apples, per bbl	1.25
Car lots, assorted varieties	2.50@3.00
Genitons, per bbl	2.75@3.25
Lemons—	
Messinas, fancy, 500s	3.50
Messinas, choice, 300s	3.00
Messinas, fancy, 360s	3.50
Messinas, choice, 360s	3.00
Californias, 300s to 360s	2.75@3.00
Oranges—	
California navels, fancy, box	3.25@3.50
California navels, choice, box	2.75@3.00
California seedlings, fancy, box	2.25@2.50
California seedlings, choice, box	2.00@2.25
Mediterranean sweets	2.25@2.50
Blood oranges, one-half box	2.00
Strawberries—	
Texas, 24-quart case	4.00@4.25
Mississippi, 24-quart case	4.00@4.25
Poultry—Alive—	
Chickens	.08
Young roosters	.08
Mixed chix	.08
Old cocks	.05
Turkeys	.08½@.09
Dressed—	
Turkeys, fancy, light	.13
Turkeys, young toms	.11½@.12
Old toms	.09
Ducks	.09 @.09½
Geese	.03½
Spring chickens, fancy	.10 @.10½
Hens	.09 @.10
Dressed Meats—	
Veal, extra fancy, country dressed	.08½
Veal, good, 90 to 100 lbs	.07 @.07½
Mutton, country dressed	.07 @.07½
Fall lambs, fat	.07½@.08
Milk lambs, pelts on	.10 @.11
Beef, country dressed, fancy	.05 @.06½
Hogs, light, clean	.05½
Fish—	
Pickerel from international waters	.04 @.04½
Pike from international waters	.05½@.06
Salmon, Columbia river, lb	.07½
Herring, Lake Superior, lb	.02 @.02½
Whitefish	.07
Game—	
Mallard ducks, per doz	3.00@4.25
Canvasback ducks, per doz	5.00
Common ducks	1.00@1.50
Redheads, per doz	3.00@3.25
Jack snipe	1.25
Jack rabbits, per doz	1.75@2.00
Small grey rabbits, doz	1.25
Small white rabbits, doz	.90@1.00

BUTTER AND EGGS.

NEW YORK, May 2.—Butter—Receipts, 9,046 pkgs; firm; Western creamery, 14½@17c; Elgins, 17c; factory, 13@14½c. Cheese—Receipts, 2,387 pkgs; steady; large, choice, 8@8½c; small, choice, 8¼@8½c; light skims, 5½@6½c; part skims, 4@5½c; full skims, 2@3c. Eggs—Receipts, 18,537 pkgs; steady; Western, 11½@11¾c; Southern, 10½@11¼c.

Chicago, May 2.—Butter, steady; creameries, 13@16½c; dairies, 12@15c. Eggs, firm; fresh, 10¼c.

LIVE STOCK.

UNION STOCKYARDS.

Receipts—Hogs, 100; cattle, 150; calves, 50; sheep, 25; horses, 3.

Hogs—The few hogs received sold early to packers at about a nickel advance.

Representative Sales—

No.	Wt.	Dkg.	Price.	No.	Wt.	Dkg.	Price.
3	130	..	$3 30	15	177	..	$3 80
5	280	..	3 60	7	167	..	3 82½
3	176	..	3 75	18	150	..	3 85
4	165	..	3 75	22	222	80	3 90

Cattle—Demand was good for fat cattle, and several bunches were on the market, bringing good prices. Good quality stockers in good demand, but not many here.

Representative Sales—

No.	Wt.	Price.	No.	Wt.	Price.
Stockers and Feeders—			Butcher Cows and Heifers—		
10	291	$4 05	2	1,120	$3 60
Bulls—			4	965	3 60
1	1,080	2 70	2	1,025	3 60
2	1,030	2 80	Milkers and Springers—		
Butcher Cows and Heifers—			2 c and 1 c for		60 00
2	905	3 00	1 cow		32 00
1	1,150	3 05	1 c and 1 c for		26 00
2	985	3 25	1 c and 1 c for		32 00
1	1,080	3 25	1 cow for		30 00
1	1,120	3 45	5 c and 2 c for		148 00

Sheep—Good demand. Local feeders had a few on the market, which sold at good prices.

Representative Sales—

No.	Wt.	Price.
53	122	$4 15
83 lambs	81	4 50

MILCH COW EXCHANGE.

Lytle & Raeborn's report, Union stock yards: Good choice fresh cows and forward springers selling brisk and high; others salable at recent prices. Milkmen are now laying in their summer supply and want good animals. There are some outside buyers on the market looking for young backward springers, but these are selling a shade lower. Good milch cows in demand.

No.	Price.	No.	Price.
6 cows for	$180 00	4 cows for	$145 00
1 cow for	35 00	2 cows for	60 00

MIDWAY HORSE MARKET.

Barrett & Zimmerman's report: A number of consignments of horses arrived, some of them having horses with quality and shape suitable for the present demand, thus indicating a favorable trade for the week. Prices held firm, with a slight drop on inferior horses and common stock. The better bred horses found market at satisfactory prices. The general view of the movement of the stock for the day pointed to no special activity; thought to originate from the unfavorable weather of Saturday, hindering the Northwestern dealers from coming in. We anticipate an active trade this week, having stock to induce a good demand. The nominal value of horses, serviceable and sound, from 4 to 7 years old, is as follows:

Drafters, extra	$90 to 135
Drafters, common	80 to 100
Drivers, extra	100 to 140
Drivers, common	75 to 80
Chunks, common	80 to 95
Mules	75 to 95

MINNEAPOLIS.

NEW BRIGHTON, May 2.—There were no receipts of any consequence and no trading. Prime grade butcher cattle are selling at firm prices; prime cows and heifers, $3.50@4; prime steers, $4.50@4.75; fair to good cows and heifers, $3@3.50; medium weight stockers, $3.75@4.35; steer calves, $4@4.85; stock heifers, $2.75@3.75; veal calves, $4@5.25; milkers and springers, $25@40. Hogs—Last week's receipts were considerably in excess of those of the previous week. The quality was some heavier, and the market ruled about 5c higher throughout the week, the top being $3.80, against $3.85 the previous week. Trade was active throughout the week, and packers could have used a good many more hogs than were received. Sheep—Are strong and in good demand.

CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, May 2.—Cattle were in fairly active demand. Liberal receipts caused a decline of 5@10c in ordinary droves, but desirable lots sold at steady prices. Common dressed beef steers sold from $3.85 to $4.20; good to prime shipping cattle, $4.75@5.25; choice beeves, $4.35@5; calves, $4@6. Hogs were in good demand at an advance of 5c. Sales were largely at $4@5, common going at $3.85@3.90, and prime light at $4.05. Heavyweights sold to the best advantage. Pigs brought $3@4.50. Sheep ruled slightly lower on heavy offerings. Shorn flocks brought $3.25@4.30, the bulk selling at $3.85@4.20. Shorn lambs went at $4.25@4.65; wooled, $5.35. Receipts: Cattle, 2,000; hogs, 30,000; sheep, 22,000.

SIOUX CITY.

SIOUX CITY, May 2.—Cattle—Receipts, 1,400; Saturday, 284; shipments, 435; market fairly active; best steady, others lower. Sales: 2 cows, av 960 lbs, $2; 2 cows, av 1,000, $4; 10 stock heifers, av 360, $3.75; 19 stock heifers, av 327 $4.05; 1 bull, 1,600, $3; 2 bulls, av 850, $3.50; 3 bulls, av 326, $3.80; 9 stockers and feeders, av 990, $4; 6 stockers and feeders, av 815, $4.65; 13 calves, av 387, $4.60; 47 calves, av 455, $4.90; 16 yearlings, av 570, $4.25; 32 yearlings, av 502, $4.60. Hogs—Receipts, 800; big 5c higher, selling at $3.87½@3.95; bulk, $3.90.

KANSAS CITY.

KANSAS CITY, May 2.—Cattle—Receipts, 3,500; market slow, weak; Texas steers, $3.65@4.65; Texas cows, $3.50@4.10; native steers, $3.65@4.95; native cows and heifers, $2.25@4.60; stockers and feeders, $3.40@4.75; bulls, $2.50@3.70. Hogs—Receipts, 5,500; market steady to 5c higher; active; bulk of sales, $3.75@3.95; heavies, $3.80@4.05; packers, $3.75@3.95; mixed, $3.70@3.95; lights, $3.60@3.80; Yorkers, $3.80@3.85; pigs, $3.20@3.70. Sheep—Receipts, 2,000; market steady; lambs, $4@5.35; muttons, $3.50@4.65.

OMAHA.

SOUTH OMAHA, May 2.—Cattle—Receipts, 3,000; market 5@10c lower; native beef steers, $4@4.80; Western steers, $3.80@4.50; Texas steers, $3.45@4.25; cows and heifers, $3.25@4.25; stockers and feeders, $3.75@4.85; bulls, stags, etc., $2.50@3.75. Hogs—Receipts, 2,600; 5c higher; heavy, $3.90@3.95; mixed, $3.90@3.92½; bulk of sales, $3.90@3.95. Sheep—Receipts, 7,100; market steady; fair to choice natives, $3.70@4.50; fair to choice Westerns, $3.60@4.40; common and stock sheep, $3@4; lambs, $4@5.35.

MISCELLANEOUS.

SEED MARKETS.

CHICAGO, May 2.—The flax seed market was fairly strong, but not active today. Trading was light from the start. Receipts here were 8 cars, at Duluth 16 cars and at Minneapolis 19 cars. The official close was as follows: Cash flax, $1.32 per bu; May, $1.32; September, $1.17. Cash timothy seed closed at $2.80 per 100 lbs. Clover seed closed at $5 per 100 lbs. Minneapolis flax seed is quoted at $1.27 per bu.

NEW YORK DRY GOODS.

NEW YORK, May 2.—The decline in print cloths under the present market conditions is considered by operators a remarkable turn of affairs. The belief of operators was in higher prices, yet 64 square extras sold late Saturday at 2c less 1 per cent. Staple goods are dull and featureless. The market for bleached cottons is just where it was previously.

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