MAY WHEAT ADVANCED

	Close.	Prev. Day.
May wheat, Minneapolis	71 1-16	70¾-70⅞
May wheat, Chicago	73¼	72¾-72⅞
May wheat, New York	77⅝	77⅛
May wheat, Duluth	72⅛	71⅞

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—Reports of serious injury to wheat in California from drought today, together with rumors of rioting in Paris, strengthened prices in wheat. After an early decline of ⅝@¾c May wheat closed at an advance of ⅜@½c, corn left off unchanged, and oats ⅛@¼c lower. Pork lost 10c, lard 2½@5c and ribs 5c.

Milder weather and the Price Current's statement that apparently but little if any damage to the winter plant had resulted from the recent low temperatures gave wheat a weak start. May opened ¼c lower, at 72⅝@72¾c, and as generous offerings in the way of liquidation of long property brought more wheat on the market than could be absorbed without making concessions the price slipped off to 72⅛c during the first half hour's trading.

The general tenor of the statistical information was rather favorable to the bears. Chicago receipts were 99 cars, compared with 62 a year ago, and at Minneapolis and Duluth got 250 carloads, against 250 the corresponding day last year. Western primary market receipts aggregated 544,000 bu, whereas only 331,000 bu were received a year ago. Exports from Atlantic seaports, including wheat and flour were small, amounting to only 264,000 bu. The decline to 72⅛c was the end of the bear's rope for the day.

New York did not respond fully to the weakness here, and soon there were rumors of a distinctly bullish character that completely changed the complexion of the market. Rioting in Paris was given as the reason for the break in the price of cotton, and had also a bullish effect in wheat. The news, however, that had most to do with the advance that set in about an hour from the commencement came from San Francisco. It was said in a message received from there that, owing to continued dry weather, the condition of wheat was critical, and prices had advanced today from 1c to 1⅛c in consequence. The recovery here was quite gradual for a time, but the market gained in strength as the session progressed, and near the end May brought 73⅜c, while 73¼c buyers was the closing price.

Corn met with free selling for the short account and until May, which opened ⅛c lower, at 36⅝@36¾c, had gotten under 36½c the market received very little support. At 36⅜c, however, which was the low point of the session, commission houses with Eastern connections became good buyers, and a steadier feeling developed. The shipping demand was at a standstill. Receipts were 461 cars. After the early dip the market held steady to the end and May advanced to and closed at 36¾@36⅞c.

There was a large business done in oats and outside orders were plentiful. The market was weak early on heavy selling by an elevator concern, who were reinstating hedges taken off a short time ago. Liberal buying by shippers later in the day, however, caused a reaction and the market remained strong during the remainder of the session. Receipts were 300 cars. May opened unchanged, at 28⅜c; sold off to 27⅞c, then improved to 28⅛@28¼c, the closing figure.

Provisions opened steady, but soon began to give way to the influence of heavy receipts of hogs and selling of pork and ribs by packers. May pork opened a shade lower, at $10.02½, declined to $9.90, then firmed up to $9.92½@9.95 at the close. May lard began unchanged, at $5.62½@5.65; sold off to $5.57½, and closed at $5.60. May ribs sattred 2½c lower at $5; weakened to $4.62½, then improved to $4.97½ sellers, the closing price.

Estimates for Friday: Wheat, 70; corn, 450; oats, 250; hogs, 30,000.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Wheat—				
May	72¾	73⅜	72⅛	73¼
July	71½	72⅛	71⅛	72
Corn—				
May	36¾	36⅞	36⅜	36⅞
July	37⅛	37¼	36⅞	37¼
Sept	37⅝	37¾	37½	37¾
Oats—				
May	28⅜	28⅜	27⅞	28¼
July	26¼	26¼	26	26¼
Mess Pork—				
May	10 00	10 02½	9 90	9 95
Lard—				
May	5 62½	5 65	5 57½	5 60
July	5 75	5 75	5 70	5 72½
Sept	5 85	5 87½	5 82½	5 85
Short Ribs—				
May	5 00	5 02½	4 92½	4 97½
July	5 10	5 12½	5 10	5 10
Sept	5 22½	5 22½	5 22½	5 22½

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour—Quiet, unchanged. No. 2 spring wheat, 67@70c; No. 3 spring wheat, 64@70c; No. 2 red, 72¾c; No. 2 corn, 35¼@35½c; No. 2 oats, 27¾c; No. 2 white, 30¼c; No. 3 white, 29¼@30¼c; No. 2 rye, 55½@55¾c; sample barley, 42@51½c; No. 1 flaxseed, $1.17; Northwestern, $1.20¼; prime timothy seed, $2.45; clover, contract grade, $6.50; March, $6.50. Mess pork, per bbl, $9.80@9.85; lard, per 100 lbs, $5.45@5.47½; short ribs sides (loose), $4.65@4.85; dry salted shoulders (boxed), 4¼@4⅜c; short clear sides (boxed), $5@5.10. Whisky, distillers' finished goods, per gal, $1.25. Sugars, cut loaf, unchanged. Receipts—Flour, 16,000 bbls; wheat, 78,000 bu; corn, 430,000 bu; oats, 248,000 bu; rye, 8,000 bu; barley, 25,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 11,500 bbls; wheat, 11,000 bu; corn, 233,000 bu; oats, 102,000 bu; rye, 1,000 bu; barley, 9,000 bu. On the produce exchange today the butter market was firm; creameries, 14@23c; dairies, 11½@18c. Eggs weak; fresh, 20c. Cheese unchanged.

MINNEAPOLIS.

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 16.—Wheat opened weak, but gained strength. May wheat opened at 70¾c, against 70¾@70⅞c Wednesday, dropped to 70¼@70⅜c, firmed up to 70⅝c, sold at 70¼c straight and firmed up to 70¾c by noon.——July wheat opened at 71c, being ⅛c under Wednesday, lost ⅛c, gained ⅛c, lost 1-16c and by noon held at 71¼c.——The cash wheat market was strong for all good mining grades. February wheat closed at 70½c. May wheat closed at 71 1-16c and July at 71⅝c.

WHEAT.	Open-ing.	High-est.	Low-est.	Closing. Thurs.	Wed.
February	.....	.....	.....	70½	70½
May	70¾	71⅛	70¼	71 1-16	70¾
July	71	71⅝	70⅞	71⅝	71⅛

ON TRACK—No. 1 hard, 71¾c; No. 1 northern, 70⅝c; No. 2 northern, 68⅝c; February oats, 29¼c; February corn, 32⅝c.

FLOUR—The flour market is "dead dull," so they say, but we notice considerable interest in wheat on the part of millers. Nearly all are of the opinion that the lowest has been touched in the flour trade.

First patents	$3 90@4.15
Second patents	3 65@3 85
First clear	3 00@3 20

BRAN, SHORTS AND COARSE GRAINS.

Bran in bulk	$10 75@11 00
Shorts in bulk	10 75@11 00
Middlings in bulk	11 00@11 50
Red dog, in 140-lb sacks	12 50@13 00

CORN—No. 3 corn, 32¼c; No. 3 yellow, 32⅝@32¾c; No. 4, 29c, according to sample; see sales.——OATS—No. 3 oats, 29¾@29¾c; No. 3 white, 29c.——RYE—No. 2 rye, 52¼c; no sales.——BARLEY—High grade malting, 41@46c, and even more for really choice malting; No. 4, 41c, according to malting quality; no sales.——FEED—Trade fair; markets firm and advancing with grain markets.

Coarse corn meal and cracked corn, in sacks, per ton, sacks extra	$12 75@13.00
No. 1 ground feed, 2-3 corn, 1-3 oats, 80-lb sacks, sacks extra	13 75@14 00

SAMPLE SALES.

No. 1 northern, 46 cars	70
No. 1 northern, 3 cars	70¾
No. 1 northern, 3 cars	70¼
No. 1 northern, 2 cars, to arrive	70
No. 1 northern, 2 cars, choice	71
No. 1 northern, 4 cars	70½
No. 2 northern, 17 cars	68
No. 2 northern, 6 cars	68¼

STATE GRAIN INSPECTION.

Railroads.	Northern. No.1hd.	No.1.	No.2.	No.3.	Rej.	NG.
Great Northern	2	36	5	3	5	27
C., M. & St. P.	..	20	14	4	..	..
M. & St. L.	..	14	4	1	..	..
Soo Line	..	3	..	..	..	..
Northern Pacific	..	1	1	..	1	..
C.,St.P.,M. & O.	..	16	14	..	4	..
Minn. Transfer	..	1	..	..	..	..
Totals	2	91	38	8	11	27

OTHER GRAINS—No. 3 corn, 25 cars; No. 4 corn, 12 cars; no grade corn, 8 cars; No. 3 oats, 33 cars; no grade oats, 4 cars; No. 2 rye, 1 car; No. 3 barley, 1 car; No. 4 barley, 5 cars; No. 5 barley, 1 car; No. 1 flax, 9 cars; rejected flax, 5 cars.

CARS INSPECTED OUT — Wheat, No. 1 northern, 67 cars; No. 2 northern, 27 cars; No. 3, 7 cars; rejected, 14 cars; no grade, 8 cars; No. 3 corn, 1 car; No. 3 oats, 22 cars; No. 2 rye, 3 cars; No. 1 flax, 3 cars; no grade flax, 1 car.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 273 cars, 192,200 bu; corn, 39,520 bu; oats, 92,820 bu; barley, 1,800 bu; rye, 1,100 bu; flax, 3,600 bu; fuel oil, 72,500 lbs; flour, 1,550 bbls; hay, 8 tons; fruit, 289,416 lbs; merchandise, 1,134,880 lbs; lumber, 15 cars; barrel stock, 2 cars; machinery, 365,950 lbs; coal, 1,325 tons; wood, 401 cords; brick, 13,000; cement, 100 bbls; live stock, 15 cars; dressed meats, 20,000 lbs; railroad materials, 2 cars; sundries, 26 cars; car lots, 724.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 24 cars, 19,680 bu; corn, 14,850 bu; oats, 31,080 bu; barley, 5,940 bu; rye, 3,240 bu; flax, 2,010 bu; fuel oil, 24,000 lbs; flour, 38,137 bbls; millstuffs, 1,181 tons; fruit, 50,000 lbs; merchandise, 1,462,612 lbs; lumber, 82 cars; machinery, 449,550 lbs; coal, 88 tons; cement, 125 bbls; ties, 3 cars; live stock, 17 cars; hides, pelts, etc., 32,400 lbs; railroad material, 3 cars; sundries, 6 cars; car lots, 670.

DULUTH.

DULUTH, Minn., Feb. 16.—The market was dull and firm. May opened ¼c off at 71⅝c, sold up to 72⅛c at noon, and at 12:30 was quoted at 71⅞c. Cash, 50,000 bu at unchanged premiums. Cash sales: 11,000 bu No. 1 northern, 70½c; 15,000 bu No. 1 northern, 70¼c; 15,000 bu No. 1 northern, 70c; 2 cars No. 2 northern, 66¼c; 1 car No. 3 spring, 65c; 15,000 bu May flax, $1.20⅛. Receipts—Wheat, 128,345 bu; corn, 97,194; oats, 17,822; rye, 10,869; barley, 1,981; flax, 5,095. Shipments—Wheat, 32,894; corn, 78,514. May closed ⅜c up at 72¼c; spot No. 1 hard, 71¾c; No. 1 northern, 69¼c; No. 2 northern, 66¼c; No. 3 spring, 63c. To arrive: No. 1 hard, 72¼c; No. 1 northern, 70¾c; No. 1 hard, February, 71¾c; May, 74¼c; July, 74¾c; No. 1 northern, February, 69¾c; July, 72¾c; oats, 29@30¼c; rye, 55¾c; barley, 40@46c; flax, $1.17¼; May, $1.19¾; corn, 34c; May, 34¾c.

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

WHEAT—No. 1 northern, 70@70¾c; No. 2 northern, 67¾@68½c.——CORN—No. 3, yellow, 32@32½c; No. 3, 31¾@32¼c.——OATS—No. 3 white, 29¾@30c; No. 3, 29@29½c.——BARLEY AND RYE—Sample barley, 39@43c; No. 2 rye, 53@54c; No. 3, 51@52c.——SEEDS—No. 1 flax, $1.15@1.16; timothy seed, 90c@$1.25; red clover, $3@4.25.——FLOUR—Patents, per bbl, $3.65@3.80; rye flour, $2.60@2.80.—— GROUND FEED—$13.75@14.——COARSE CORNMEAL—$12.50@13.——BRAN — $11@11.25.——SHORTS—In bulk, $11@11.25.—— HAY—Market slightly higher; receipts light; choice Iowa and Minnesota upland, $7@7.25; No. 1 upland, $6.50@7; good wild hay, $5.50@6; low grades, $3.50@5; fancy timothy, $7@7.50; mixed, $6@6.50.—STRAW—Rye, $3.50@3.75; oat, $3@3.50.

OTHER GRAIN.

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.—Price Current: Nothing is disclosed to essentially change the winter wheat crop conditions, which justify a promise of good results. Grain offerings less free, if any change. Packing, 415,000, against 475,000 last year.——St. Louis—Price just in from Illinois, where he inspected some wheat fields. Says condition perfect for the biggest crop ever raised. Talking rains in the West, if true, will put corn higher.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 16.—Wheat higher; No. 2 red cash elevator, 74c; track, 74c; February, 74c; May, 76⅛c; July, 70⅝c; No. 2 hard, 67¾c. Corn, lower; No. 2 cash, 34½c; track, 34¾@35c; February, 34½c; May, 34¾c bid; July, 35⅜c. Oats, lower; No. 2 cash, 28c; track, 28½@28¾c; February, 28¼c; May, 29c; July, 25½c; No. 2 white, 30½@30¾c. Rye, firm, 57@57½c. Flax, no market.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Feb. 16.—Flour, easy; wheat, steady. No. 1 northern, 72½@73c; No. 2 northern, 71@71½c. Oats, lower, 30@30½c. Rye, dull; No. 1, 56¾@57c. Barley, dull, No. 2, 51½c; sample, 43@52½c.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Flour—Receipts, 4,710 bbls; exports, 8,210 bbls. Weak and lower for winter extras and generally duller all grades. Minnesota patents, $3.95@4.20; bakers', $3.10@3.25; winter straights, $3.55@3.65; extras, $2.50@2.85; low grades, $2.40@2.65. Wheat—Receipts, 3,200 bu; exports, 33,610. Spot, strong. No. 2 red, 86½c f. o. b., afloat; options had a weak spot early influenced by cables and short selling, but later turned very strong. St. Louis covered a lot of short wheat here, scaring local bears and New York widened its difference with Chicago in consequence. Clearances were small and export trade moderate. Closed strong at ⅜@⅞c net advance. March, 81⅞@83⅜c; closed 83⅜c. Corn—Receipts, 43,875 bu; exports, 42,873 bu; spot, firm; No. 2, 43⅞@45¼c f. o. b., afloat; options declined at first with wheat but afterwards recovered on rain news and export rumors, closing steady and unchanged. May, 41 3-16@41¼c; closed, 41⅝c. Oats—Receipts, 6,000 bu; spot, setady; No. 2, 35½c; No. 2 white, 37c; options, dull. Barley—Nominal.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 16.—Wheat, spot dull. Corn, spot, quiet; corn futures, March, steady; 3s 5½d; May, steady; 3s 3¾d.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 16.—Wheat, steady; No. 2 red, 73c; No. 3, 68@71c; No. 2 spring, 64@65c; No. 3, 61@63c. Corn, steady; No. 2 mixed, 32½c; No. 2 white, 33c; No. 3, 32½c. Oats, steady; No. 2 white, 30@30½c. Rye, steady; No. 1, 54½c.

St. Paul Markets.

PRODUCE—All grades of butter are quoted higher. Eggs and potatoes steady.

The following are the quotations as corrected daily by Jett & Woods:

Apples—Per Bbl—Russet, $3.75@4.25; Baldwin, $3.75@4.50; Greening, $3.75@4.50; other varieties, $3.75@4.50.

Bananas—Choice Shipping—Large bunches, $2.@2.25; small bunches, $1.50@2.

Beans—Per Bu—Fancy, $1.25@1.35; dirty lots, 60@65c; brown, fancy, $1.25; medium, hand-picked, $1.15.

Beef—Country-dressed, fancy, 6@8c; rough, 4@6c.

Butter—Per Lb—Creameries, extras, 18@19c; creameries, firsts, 17@17½c; creameries, gathered cream, 15@17c; dairies, extras, 15c; firsts, 15@16c; roll and print, 13@14c; packing goods, 11@12c.

Cabbage—Home-grown, $1.50@1.75.

Cheese—Per Lb—Brick, No. 1, 11@11½c; brick, No. 2, 9@9½c; Limburger, 9@9½c; twins, fancy, Minnesota and Wisconsin, 11½@12½c; primost, 6@8½c.

Cider—Sweet, per bbl, $5@5.50; sweet, per half bbl, $3.75@3.

Cranberries—Bell and bugle, $6.75@7; bell and cherry, $6@6.50; Cape Cod, $6.75@7.

Eggs—Fresh, subject to loss off, new, cases included, 19@20c; seconds, cases included, 13c.

Figs—California, 10-lb box, $1.25.

Fish—Per Lb—Pickerel, 4½@5c; croppies, 7c; trout, lake, 8c; whitefish, 8c.

Game—Ducks, mallard, per doz, $4.50@5; canvasback, $4.25@7; brant, per doz, $4@4.50.

Hogs—Clean—Per Lb—Heavy, 4½c; light, 4½@5c; medium, 4c.

Honey—Lb Sections—Buckwheat, 5@6c; extracted amber, 6@6½c; extracted white, 11c; white, fancy, 15c.

Lemons—California, 300s to 360s, $3.50@3.75.

Maple Sugar—Per Lb—Ohio, in bricks, 10c; Vermont, in bricks, 10c; Western, in bricks, 10c.

Muttons—Per Lb—Bucks, 5½c; country-dressed, 7@8c; milk lambs, pelts off, 9½@10c.

Nuts—Almonds, new, small quantities, 16@17c; almonds, Tarragonas, sacks, 100 lbs, 16c; Tarragonas, small quantities, 17c; filberts, sacks about 200 lbs, 9@9½c; filberts, small quantities, 10c; hickory, per bu, $1.50; peanuts, per lb, raw, 5@6c; peanuts, per lb, roasted, 6@7c; peanuts, small quantities, 9@10c; walnuts, 8@9c; walnuts, California, soft shell, sacks, 100 to 110 lbs, 9½@10c; walnuts, California, hard, less quantities, 12c; black walnuts, $1.

Onions—Per Bu—Silver Skins, 30@40c; red-Globe, 45@50c; other varieties, 30@45c.

Oranges—Per Box—California, navel, $3@3.50; California, seedlings, $2.50@2.75.

Potatoes—Burbanks, 35@40c; Rural, $32@35c; Peerless, 32@35c; other varieties, 28@32c; Jersey Sweets, $2.25 per bbl; Cobdens, $2.25.

Poultry—Country-dressed — Spring chickens, 8@8½c; hens, 8c; roosters, 5c; turkeys, choice, 10@11c; medium, 9c.

Veal—Per Lb—Coarse and thin, 5c; extra fancy, country-dressed, 7½@8c.

Live Stock Markets.

SOUTH ST. PAUL, Feb. 16.—The receipts at the Union stockyards today were: Cattle, 150; calves, 25; hogs, 1,075; sheep, 50. The cattle market was quite active. Choice butcher cattle and stockers and feeders in good demand at steady prices. Medium butcher cattle sell fairly well. Light weight stock cattle sold high. Medium weight stuff is not much wanted. Common cattle of all kinds drag. The hog market opened weak and closed 5c lower. The bulk of the butchers sold at $3.55 with a range of $3.45 to $3.60. The run was quite heavy and the quality fair. The sales included a few left-over hogs. The sheep market was a little more active. Prices steady with most of the sales from the feed lots.

Hogs—Comparatic receipts:

Total for today	1,075
A week ago	450
A year ago	982

Market opened weak and closed 5c lower. The range on butchers was $3.45 to $3.60, with the bulk selling at $3.55. The run was a good average one for Thursday and the quality fair. Representative sales:

Butchers—

No.	Wt.	D'k'ge.	Price.	No.	Wt.	D'k'ge.	Price.
76	241	..	$3 60	36	185	..	$3 55
67	252	80	3 55	66	275	..	3 57½
8	152	..	3 45	39	232	..	3 57½
6	300	40	3 45	7	217	..	3 55
12	214	..	3 55	81	206	..	3 55
5	200	..	3 55	62	265	..	3 60
65	204	40	3 55	63	192	40	3 55
67	213	..	3 55	40	198	40	3 50
77	235	80	3 57½	41	197	80	3 50
59	215	40	3 55	76	196	80	3 55
69	208	80	3 57½	78	182	..	3 55
7	228	..	3 50				

Packers—

2	430	..	$3 35	6	497	..	$3 50
3	326	..	3 35	3	457	80	3 35
1	310	40	3 35	3	417	..	3 35
1	430	..	3 35	5	340	120	3 35
4	380	..	3 35	3	417	80	3 35

Rough—

1	230	..	$2 30	2	185	..	$2 25
1	140	..	2 25	1	170	..	2 55

Pigs—

5	124	..	$3 25	6	115	..	$3 25
7	110	..	3 25	18	98	..	3 25
23	135	40	3 30	6	132	..	3 25
3	97	..	3 00	20	131	..	3 25
24	124	..	3 25				

Cattle—Comparative receipts:

Total for today	175
A week ago	150
A year ago	331

Choice butcher cattle and good light weight stockers and feeders continue in demand and sell at steady prices. Medium butcher cattle and medium weight stock cattle sell fairly well. Representative sales:

Butcher Cows and Heifers—

No.	Wt.	Price.	No.	Wt.	Price.
1	940	$2 85	5	1044	$3 40
1	1120	2 75	2	1075	3 65
1	1140	3 15	3	784	3 50
20	973	4 05	2	1105	3 00
1	1080	3 50	1	1480	4 25

Stock Cows and Heifers—

1	930	$2 65	4	233	$3 50
1	940	2 60	3	270	3 50
7	635	3 25	4	380	3 25
1	510	3 50	1	610	3 25
6	728	3 45	1	670	3 65
2	685	3 35	1	570	3 25
2	920	3 35			

Stockers and Feeders—

2	740	$4 00	12	713	$4 10
3	980	3 60	3	855	4 10
1	630	3 00	1	310	4 25
1	850	4 00	50	313	4 25
2	760	3 80	16	285	4 50
1	960	4 00	7	275	4 50
1	930	3 90	1	380	4 00
1	680	3 60	2	360	4 50
4	705	3 85	1	400	4 15
1	670	3 00			

Thin Cows and Canners—

1	740	$1 50	1	950	$1 25
1	1050	2 35	1	960	2 00
2	940	2 40	1	970	2 60
3	890	2 40	1	890	2 60

Btucher Steers—

1	1130	$4 65	3	1174	$4 10
18	1165	4 65	12	1232	4 55
4	1080	4 65	4	1012	4 10

Bulls—

1	1300	$3 15	1	1080	$3 05
1	1660	3 20	1	1150	3 00
1	910	2 60	1	740	3 15

Veal Calves—

1	140	$5 50	1	130	$5 25
1	160	5 50			

Stags and Oxen—

1	1450	$3 50	1	890	$2 90
1	1230	3 20			

Milkers and Springers—

1 cow		$33 00	1 cow		$28 00
1 cow		31 00			

Sheep—Comparative receipts:

Total for today	50
A week ago	none
A year ago	98

Market steady on all kinds of sheep. A few sales were made from the feed lots. Representative sales:

No.	Wt.	Price.	No.	Wt.	Price.
50 ewes	97	$3 50	25 buck lm'bs.	89	$3 50
1 lamb	70	3 50			

Day's Sales.	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Swift & Co.	70	1,221	329
W. E. McCormick	4	...	80
Staples & King	3	...	50
Haas Bros	...	17	...
Dulu Beef Co.	...	23	...
Depew	3	...	...
L. L. Sickins	...	...	25
McKeegan	13	...	...
Steele	10	...	...
Karn	..	5	1
W. J. Thompson	17	...	...
F. Petschl	3	...	...
Ronan Bros	3	...	...
J. Carson & Son	7	...	...
Slimmer & Thomas	15	...	...
Kerr	5	...	...
Hornbush	4	...	...
A. Gagne	2	...	...
Clark	5	...	...
Pettis	8	...	...
Hall	10	...	...
J. V. McMillan	74	...	...
H. Martin	6	...	...
Unclassified, late sales	10	...	...

MILCH COW EXCHANGE—South St. Paul, Feb. 16.—Lytle & Raeburn's report: Good milch cows were in demand at steady prices. Common and thin cows hard to sell at any price. Representative sales:

No.		Price.	No.		Price.
3 cows		$115	1 cow		37
1 cow		$32			

AMONG THE SHIPPERS—The following were on the market: F. W. Walters, Ellsworth, cattle; J. P. Bull, St. Michael's, cattle and hogs; N. K. Hank, Clear Lake, hogs and sheep; Theo. Bruber, Red Wing, cattle, calves and hogs; D. V. Kelley, Goodhue, cattle and hogs; A. Gray, Prescott, hogs; Porter, Young & Williams, Le Roy, hogs; Sanborn & Morrison, Olivia, cattle and calves; J. Wacek, New Prague, cattle and hogs; Mike Condon, Clara City, cattle and hogs; Pettis & Chappel, St. Peter, 3 loads cattle and hogs; Gilman & Co., Sleepy Eye, hogs; Miller & Steele, Porter, hogs; W. Boerboom, Ghent, hogs; G. W. Dodge, Madilla, hogs; J. Lenhe, Sanborn, cattle and hogs; C. Fedson, Fulda, cattle; Carver Bros. & Co., Faribault, hogs.

COMMISSIONS, ETC.—Public inspection of hogs, 30c per car. Diseased animals, including lumpy-jawed cattle and meats, are condemned. Sales, unless otherwise stated, per 100 lbs, live weight. Dead hogs, 100 lbs and over, ½c per lb; less than 100 lbs of no value. All animals apparently affected with actinomycosis or lumpy jaw, or having any swellings on the head or neck, are subject to inspection by the state veterinarian. If they pass, their carcasses are sold for food, otherwise for fertilizers, etc. Public inspectors dock pregnant sows 40 lbs and stags, altered boars, 80 lbs each. Yardage: Cattle, 25c; hogs, 8c; sheep, 5c per head. Feed: Corn, 60c per bu; hay, 75c per 100 lbs; bedding, 50c per 100 lbs. Commissions: Six dollars carload for single deck carloads of hogs and sheep and $10 carload for double-deck carloads of the same. Fifty cents per head for cattle of all ages, up to $10 per carload; veal calves in less than car lots, not less than 25c per head; cars of cattle containing less than 200 lbs weight each, the commission on the calves discretionary. Double-decked cars of calves, $18. Mixed carloads of stock, 50c per head for cattle, 25c per head for calves, 10c per head for hogs and sheep, up to $12 per carload. Thirty head and over of hogs and sheep arriving at these yards in a single car to be charged $6 per car; less than carload lots, 50c per head for cattle, 25c per head for calves; under thirty head of hogs or sheep, 15c per head. Public inspection of hogs, 30c per car. Telegraphic market reports, except when quoting bona fide sales made the same day the telegram is sent for the person to whom the telegram is addressed, are at the expense of the recipient. All live stock not suitable for human food is condemned by the government.

MIDWAY HORSE MARKET — Minnesota Transfer, St. Paul.—Barrett & Zimmerman's report: Trade quiet; the supplies were heavy of the best class of farm horses, drivers and drafters; buyers few and bought mostly on retail basis, however, the tone of the trade is encouraging, as the Dakota trade is calculated to make up a large figure in this spring's trade. The nominal value of serviceably sound horses from 4 to 8 years as follows:

Drafters, choice to extra	$85@130
Drafters, common to good	70@ 80
Farm horces, choice to extra	75@105
Farm horses, common to good	45@ 60
Drivers, choice to extra	100@250
Mules, 1,200 lbs	75@

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—The demand for cattle was somewhat brisker today than yesterday and the declining tendency was checked. There was no advance, however, except in choice lots, which sold 10c higher. Fancy cattle brought $5.80@6; choice steers, $5.50@5.75; medium steers, $4.75@4.95; beef steers, $4.15@4.70; stockers and feeders, $3.40@4.70; bulls, $2.75@4.25; cows and heifers, $3.30@4; Western fed steers, $4.25@5.50; Texas steers, $3.60@4.70; calves, $4@7.50. Trade in hogs was active and prices ruled steady to 2½c higher. Fair to choice, $3.75@3.90; packing lots, $3.55@3.72½; mixed, $3.55@3.75; butchers, $3.60@3.85; light, $3.55@3.77½; pigs, $3.20@3.55. Business was fairly good in sheep and the market ruled steady at yesterday's decline. Poor to prime sheep, $2.50@4.50; ewes, $2.50@4; yearlings, $4.25@4.65; lambs, $4@5.05. Receipts—Cattle, 9,000; hogs, 40,000; sheep, 12,000.

SIOUX CITY, Io., Feb. 16.—Cattle—Receipts, 500; Wednesday, 1,208; shipments, 466; market very slow; best stockers about steady; others 15@25c lower; sales, 2 cows, av 900 lbs, $2; 3 cows, av 1,100 lbs, $3.25; stock heifers, av 520 lbs, $3.50; 8 stock heifers, av 421 lbs, $3.85; 2 bulls, av 780 lbs, $3; 2 bulls, av 1,100 lbs, $3.25; 2 bulls, av 730 lbs, $3.50; 8 stockers and feeders, av 707 lbs, $4.10; 8 stockers and feeders, av 723 lbs, $4.15; 10 calves, av 443 lbs, $4.; 50 calves, av 409 lbs, $4.75; 5 yearlings, av 596 lbs, $3.50; 10 yearlings, av 500 lbs, $4.40. Hogs—Receipts, 800; Wednesday, 1,950; market about steady; selling, $3.52½@3.65; bulk of sales, $3.55.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 16.—Cattle—Receipts, 3,000, including 1,500 Texans; market steady to easy; native shipping steers, $4.65@5.70; light and dressed beef and butcher steers, $3@4.35; stockers and feeders, $3@4.30; cows and mixed, $2@4.75. Hogs—Receopts, 1,200; steady; butchers, $3.75@4.85. Sheep—Receipts, 500; market steady to strong.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 16.—Cattle—Receipts, 6,000; market steady; native steers, $4@5.50; Texas steers, $3@4.45; Texas cows, $2.50@3.50; native cows and heifers, $2.50@4.25; stockers and feeders, $3@5; bulls, $3.20@4.50. Hogs—Receopts, 15,000; market opened weak, closed strong; bulk of sales, $3.60@3.75; heavies, $3.62½@4.62½; packers, $3.55@3.75; mixed, $3.50@3.72½; light, $3.40@3.60; Yorkers, $3.55@3.60; pigs, $3.15@3.40. Sheep—Receipts, 3,000; market firm; lambs, $4@4.90; muttons, $2.75@4.25.

SOUTH OMAHA, Feb. 16.—Cattle — Receipts, 3,000; market 5c lower; native beef steers, $4@5.25; Westerns, $3.75@4.75; Texas steers, $3.60@4.60; cows and heifers, 10@15c lower, $3.55@4.75; canners, $2.25@3.25. Hogs—Receipts, 8,200; market steady to strong; mixed, $3.55@3.60; light, $3.50@3.57½; pigs, $3@3.50; bulk of sales, $3.55@3.60. Sheep—Receipts, 5,000; slow, weak; native muttons, $3.80@4.25; Westerns, $3.65@4.25; stock sheep, $2.65@3.265; lambs, $4@4.90.

The Stock Markets.

	Close.	Prev. Day.
Bar silver, New York	59¾	59⅝
Call money, New York	2½	2@2¼

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Practically all prominent stocks advanced today, with gains in many cases material, and trading left off with the tone strong and prices at the best. Traders from time to time sought to bring about a reaction, but were dislodged from one position after another, and the upward movement became general. In fact the only active stocks of importance that were exceptions to the rule were Tobacco and Northern Pacific, the former suffering a loss of 3½ on the prospect of increased competition, and the latter with a decrease in earnings reported yesterday for the second week in February, which decrease was said to be due to storms. London houses reversed their policy on Northern Pacific and bought more than they sold of it and other stocks. Burlington, which was ex-dividended today, made an extreme advance of 7¼ on a large volume of trading, approximating 200,000 shares. The buying of this stock was largely by houses having Boston connections. The advance was stimulated by the statement of a prominent operator that he had purchased largely in the belief that a refunding plan would be announced in a few days.

The influence of Burlington permeated the whole list, but more particularly affected the other grangers, which were benefited to a point or over. Union Pacific was lifted nearly 2 points and the preferred over a point, while Central Pacific advanced 1 point on the report that an arrangement had been reached with the government commission for a settlement of its obligations to the United States. Metropol