WHEAT TOOK A DROP

FRIENDS OF THE MAY OPTION SUFFERED A DISAPPOINTMENT AT THE OUTSET

OPENING PRICES WERE LOWER

Just the Contrary Had Been Anticipated, Owing to the Business on the Curb—Chief Factor Was the Radical Change in the Character of Advices From Liverpool—Corn and Oats Followed.

	Close.	Prev. Day.
May wheat, Minneapolis	67¾-67⅞	68⅛-68¼
May wheat, Chicago	68⅜-68⅝	69¼-69⅜
May wheat, New York	73⅞	74⅝
May wheat, Duluth	68½	69

CHICAGO, March 23.—An unexpected decline at Liverpool today on account of the good prospect abroad weakened wheat, and May closed with a loss of ⅝c. Corn declined ⅛c and oats ⅛@¼c. Pork improved 7½c, and lard and ribs 5c each.

Friends of wheat suffered a dispappointment at the start, for in spite of considerable strength exhibited on the curb last night May wheat opened ⅛@¼c lower, at 69¼c. The chief factor in the weakness was the radical change in the character of the advices from Liverpool. That market at the opening, which responded only feebly to yesterday's strength here, commenced immediately to break, closing with a loss of 1¼c. With that discouraging situation to start on confidence was undermined and liquidation became urgent, forcing May down to 68⅝c.

Chicago received thirty-five cars, of which only one graded contract. Minneapolis and Duluth got 426 car loads, compared with 324 for the same day a year ago. Western primary market receipts amounted to 410,000, against 389,000 last year. Atlantic port clearances of wheat and flour equaled 597,000 bu. Reports from private sources of damage to winter wheat came in from all quarters where there was a general feeling, however, that the increased breadth of fall seeding would amply compensate for whatever damage has been done.

The Liverpool weakness was said to be due to freer offerings of wheat from Russia. At 68⅜@68½c the market was below the level of puts, and buying against these privileges, together with scattered covering by shorts on account of firm continental markets started an up-turn near the end, May wheat closing at 68⅝@68¾c.

Corn weakened with wheat, but later regained most of the loss. Small receipts and a fair shipping demand was responsible for the change of sentiment. Receipts were 77 cars. May opened ⅛c lower, at 35¼@35⅜c, declined to 34⅞@35c, then rallied to 35⅛@35⅜c at the close.

Oats were active and lower, with both the buying and selling scattered. There was a good cash demand from the East. Receipts, 89 cars. May began a shade lower, at 26⅝c; sold off to 26⅛@26¼c, and then improved to 26½c, the closing.

Under an improved foreign demand for lard, provisions ruled unexpectedly steady, notwithstanding the decline in grain. The chief business was the exchanging of May holdings for July or September at the differences current. May pork started 5c lower, at $8.85; improved to $9.10@9.12½, then reacted to $9.07½, the closing figure. The range in lard and ribs was small.

Estimated receipts Friday: Wheat, 38; corn, 90; oats, 139; hogs, 22,000.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open-ing.	High-est.	Low-est.	Closing.
Wheat—				
May	69¼	69¼	68⅝	68¾
July	68½	68½	67⅞	68⅛
Corn—				
May	35⅜	35⅜	35	35⅛
July	36	36	35⅝	35⅞
Sept	36½	36½	36¼	36⅜
Oats—				
May	26⅝	26⅝	26¼	26½
July	24⅞	25	24¼	24½
Mess Pork—				
May	8 95	9 12½	8 95	9 07½
July	9 12½	9 30	9 12½	9 25
Lard—				
May	5 30	5 35	5 27½	5 35
July	5 42½	5 47½	5 42½	5 47½
Sept	5 57½	5 60	5 57½	5 57½
Short Ribs—				
May	4 70	4 77½	4 70	4 75
July	4 82½	4 87½	4 82½	4 87½
Sept	4 95	5 00	4 95	5 00

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour steady. No. 2 spring wheat, 67@68¼c; No. 3 spring wheat, 63½@66c; No. 2 red, 70@70½c; No. 2 corn, 34⅜c; No. 2 yellow corn, 34⅝c; No. 2 oats, 27½@28c; No. 2 white, 30½@31c; No. 3 white, 29½@30½c; No. 2 rye, 51½c; sample barley, 38@47c; No. 1 flaxseed, $1.17½; Northwestern, $1.21½; prime timothy seed, $2.32½; clover seed, $5.65. Mess pork, per bbl, $8.95@9; lard, per 100 lbs, $5.20@5.25; short ribs sides (loose), $4.45@4.80; dry salted shoulders (boxed), 4½@4¾c; short clear sides (boxed), $4.90@5. Whisky, distillers' finished goods, per gal, $1.26. Sugars, cut loaf, unchanged. Receipts—Flour, 13,000 bbls; wheat, 37,000 bu; corn, 146,000 bu; oats, 167,000 bu; rye, 2,000 bu; barley, 24,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 23,000 bbls; wheat, 23,000 bu; corn, 126,000 bu; oats, 260,000 bu; rye, 5,000 bu; barley, 6,000 bu. On the produce exchange today the butter market was firm; creameries, 14@18½c; dairies, 11½@18c. Eggs; fresh, 12½c. Cheese steady; creams, 10¾@12½c.

MINNEAPOLIS.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 23.—Wheat opened strong, but weaker.——May wheat opened at 68⅝c, against 68¼@68½c Wednesday, dropped to 67⅞c, firmed up to 68c, lost ⅛c, gained ⅛c, declined to 67½c and gradually advanced to 68⅛c by noon.——July wheat opened at 69⅛c, against 68⅞@69c Wednesday, lost ⅛c, gained ⅛c, dropped to 68¼@68⅜c, and by noon held at 69 1-16c.——The cash wheat market was strong and active at ⅛@¾c over the May future for No. 1 northern. Choice was fully ½c higher, perhaps for seed. Good No. 2 sold at May price, but all lower grades were a little slow.——May wheat closed at 67¾@67⅞c, and July at 68⅝@68¾c.

WHEAT—	Open-ing.	High-est.	Low-est.	Closing. Thurs.	Wed.
March	....	....	....	67¾	68½
May	68⅜	68⅜	67½	67¾-⅞	68⅛-¼
July	69⅜	69⅜	68⅝	68⅝-¾	68⅞-69

ON TRACK—No. 1 hard, 68⅝c; No. 1 northern, 67⅝c; No. 2 northern, 66¼c; March oats, 27⅛c; March corn, 30½c; flaxseed, $1.17.

Curb on May wheat 67⅞
Puts on May wheat.67¼-⅜, 67⅛, 67⅜, 67¼
Calls on May wheat 68⅜, 68¾, 68⅝

FLOUR.

The flour market is stronger than ever, millers being indifferent as to making sales on the present basis.

First patents .....$3 45@3 55
Second patents ..... 3 25@3 45
First clears ..... 2 65@2 75
Second clears ..... 3 75@4 00
Bran, in bulk .....$10 25@10 50
Shorts, in bulk ..... 10 25@10 50
Middlings, in bulk ..... 11 00@12 50

CORN—No. 3 yellow, 30¼@30½c; No. 3, 30¼c; No. 5, 29c.——OATS—No. 3 oats, 27@27⅜c for choice; No. 3 white, 27¼c.——FEED—Trade is excellent. Demand for all goods seems to be increasing.

Coarse cornmeal and cracked corn, in sacks, per ton, sacks extra, to jobbers only $11 75
No. 1 ground feed, 2-3 corn, 1-3 oats, 80-lb sacks, sacks extra 12 75

SAMPLE SALES.

No. 1 northern, 6 cars, choice..... 69¾
No. 1 northern, 5 cars, choice..... 69½
No. 1 northern, 32 cars 68¾
No. 1 northern, 6 cars, to arrive..... 68½
No. 1 northern, 4 cars, choice..... 69
No. 1 northern, 1 car, choice..... 69¼
No. 1 northern, 5,000 bu, to arrive.... 68¾
No. 2 northern, 7 cars 67½
No. 2 northern, 4 cars 67

STATE GRAIN INSPECTION.

Railroads.	No. 1 Northern. hd.	No. 1 No.	No. 2 No.	No. 3 Rejd.	NG.
Great Nor	..	..	28	4	1
C., M. & St. P	2	58	7	2	..
M. & St. L	..	27	4	4	..
Soo Line	..	5	1	1	..
Northern Pac	..	9	..	..	..
C., St.P.,M.&O	..	27	7	2	1
Totals	2	154	27	13	6

OTHER GRAINS—No. 3 corn, 18; No. 4 corn, 1; no grade corn, 3; No. 2 oats, 1; No. 3 oats, 16; no grade oats, 3; No. 3 barley, 1; No. 5 barley, 1; No. 1 flax, 11; rejected flax, 2.

CARS INSPECTED OUT—Wheat—No. 1 northern, 32; No. 2 northern, 30; No. 3, 8; no grade, 9; No. 3 corn, 4; no grade corn, 1; No. 3 oats, 14; No. 2 rye, 5; No. 1 flax, 2.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 251 cars, 188,250 bu; corn, 20,520 bu; oats, 13,150 bu; barley, 5,100 bu; rye, 1,920 bu; flax, 7,500 bu; flour, 810 bbls; hay, 52 tons; fruit, 99,892 lbs; merchandise, 1,562,010 lbs; lumber, 24 cars; posts and piling, 3 cars; barrel stock, 4 cars; machinery, 231,720 lbs; coal, 859 tons; wood, 284 cords; lime, 1 car; cement, 100 bbls; household goods, 2,650 lbs; stone and marble, 1 car; live stock, 1 car; dressed meats, 92,000 lbs; sundries, 15 cars; car lots, 604.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 49 cars, 40,670 bu; corn, 5,460 bu; oats, 8,340 bu; barley, 2,600 bu; rye, 4,620 bu; flax, 7,920 bu; fuel oil, 88,920 lbs; flour, 41,433 lbs; millstuffs, 1,425 tons; fruit, 92,360 lbs; merchandise, 1,705,550 lbs; lumber, 21 cars; machinery, 641,500 lbs; brick, 21,000; ties, 5 cars; stone and marble, 1 car; live stock, 1 car; linseed oil, 50,670 lbs; oil cake, 24,000 lbs; railroad materials, 1 car; sundries, 14 cars; car lots, 717.

DULUTH.

DULUTH, Minn., March 23.—The market was sold off to 68⅜c at 10:40, up to 68¾c at noon, and at 12:30 was quoted at 68½c. Cash, 30,000 bu at unchanged premiums. Cash sales: 1 car No. 1 hard, 69¼c; 2,000 bu No. 1 northern, 67½c; 3,000 bu No. 1 northern, 67¼c; 10,000 bu No. 1 northern, 67c; 5,000 bu May flax, $1.21; 5,000 bu May flax, $1.20½. Car inspection—Wheat, 175; corn, 51; oats, 2; rye, 3; barley, 1; flax, 13. Receipts—Wheat, 116,402 bu; corn, 13,100 bu; flax, 14,142 bu; barley, 1,798 bu. Shipments—None. No. 1 hard, March, 68¾c; May, 70½c; July, 73⅝c; No. 1 northern, March, 66¾c; July, 69⅝c; oats, 26⅝@26¼c; rye, 50½c; barley, 37@40c; corn, 31½c; May, 32½c; flax, $1.18¾; May, $1.20¾. May closed ½c off at 68½c; spot No. 1 hard, 69c; No. 1 northern, 67c; No. 2 northern, 65½c; No. 3 spring, 60¼c; to arrive, No. 1 hard, 69c; No. 1 northern, 67c.

ST. PAUL GRAIN.

Quotations furnished by Jameson & Hevener, wholesale flour, grain, feed and seeds:

WHEAT—No. 1 northern, 68@69c; No. 2 northern, 66@67c.——CORN—No. 3 yellow, 31@32c; No. 3 corn, 29@30c.——OATS—No. 3 white, 27½@28c.——BARLEY AND RYE—Sample barley, 35@46c; rye, No. 3, 47½@48c; No. 1 flax, $1.13@1.16; timothy, 90c@$1.20; medium red clover, $3.30@4.——FLOUR—Patents, per bbl, $2.60@2.80.——GROUND FEED—$12.50@13. ——COARSE CORNMEAL—$11.50@.——BRAN—In bulk, $10.75@11.——SHORTS—In bulk, $10.50@11. HAY—Market very firm with good demand for choice upland, $6.50@7; slow sale for off grade hay, $3@5; according to quality; No. 1 timothy, $7@7.50; No. 2 timothy, $6@7.——STRAW—Rye, $3.50@4; oat, $3@3.50.

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.——Price Current: Little freezing the past week over the wheat area. Weather not advancing growth much, but not unfavorable appreciably. General prospect practically unchanged. Moisture ample. Small interior grain movement.——Kansas City: The Hunter Milling company, Wellington, Kas., who are among the largest handlers of wheat in Kansas, buying at seventeen stations, write very discouragingly. One farmer plowing up but 40 acres. He planted 150. Another plowed up 75, planted 100; another plowed up 120, planted 160. Reports like these are hard to believe, but it is what we are getting.——New York: Corn Trade News says 190 steamers and sailing vessels loading and chartered up to March 6 for grain to Europe from Argentine and Uruguay. This is an increase of 44 vessels since Feb. 13 last.

LIVERPOOL, March 23.—Wheat, spot firm. Futures quiet; March 5s, 4¾d; May 5s, 3⅞d; July 5s, 3⅝d. Corn, spot firm; American mixed new 3s, 5¾d; do old 3s, 7¼d. Corn futures quiet; March nominal; May 3s, 4¾d; July 3s, 4⅝d.

WHEAT CROP DIVISION—Washington, March 23.—The division of the wheat crop for 1898, between spring and winter wheat is estimated by the agricultural department as follows: Spring wheat, 18,310,430 acres harvested; 292,656,673 bu; 16.0 average yield; winter wheat, 25,744,848 acres harvested; 382,492,032 bu; 14.9 average; total, 44,055,878 acres harvested; 675,148,705 bu; 15.3 average.

KANSAS CITY, March 23.—Wheat steady; May, 63c. Cash closed No. 2 hard, 64@66c; No. 3, 62@65c; No. 2 red, 75c; No. 3, 70@73c. Corn steady; No. 2 mixed, 32¼@32½c; No. 2 white, 34½c. Oats, ½c higher; No. 2, 32c. Rye steady, 52½c.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 23.—Flour dull. Wheat easier, No. 1 northern, 70c; No. 2 northern, 67½c; No. 2 spring, 66@67c. Oats steady, 29½@30c. Rye lower; No. 1, 55c. Barley firm; No. 2, 47c; sample, 42@46c.

NEW YORK, March 23.—Flour—Receipts, 13,758 bbls; exports, 8,444 bbls; quiet but steadily held at old prices. Wheat—Receipts, 76,000 bu; exports, 231,096 bu; spot steady; No. 2 red, 81⅛c, f. o. b., afloat and to arrive; options ¾@½c net decline; March, 80½@81¾c, closed 80¾c; May, 73 9-16@74 11-16c, closed 73⅞c; July, 72⅝@73⅜c, closed 72¾c; September, 70⅝@71¼c, closed 71c. Corn—Receipts, 125,557 bu; exports, 160,675 bu; spot steady; No. 2, 42⅛@43⅜c, f. o. b., afloat, new and old; options ¼c decline; March closed 41¾c; May, 40@40¼c, closed 40⅛c; July, 40¼c, closed 40⅛c. Oats—Receipts, 62,400; exports, 50,191 bu; spot steady; No. 2, 33c; No. 2 white, 36@36c; track, mixed, Western, 32@34c; track, white, 35@39c; options slow.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

National German-American bank to F Weyerhauser, lts 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19, blk 1, Summit Park add... $9,000
Margaret D Edwards et al to H G Hall, lt 5, blk 1, Palace add..... 750
Seventh Street Building association to G. W. Sherwood, n 38 ft lts 14 and 15, blk 2, E M Mackubin's Second add 800
Brainard Kellogg et ux to W. E. Stewart, part lts 21 and 22, Park Place 2,300
M H Harrington et ux to C A Reed, sw ¼ lt 2, Irvine's Outlots..... 1,000
B Bohn et ux to D Bohn, lt 18, Roman's re n ½ blk 2, Nelson's add... 500
J Donovan et ux to J Ilk, lt 3, blk 2, Winter's add 400
Annie E Simonton and husband to Mabel F Simmons, lt 20, blk 4, Rugg's add 800
Eight transfers, total.....$15,050

Chas. L. Haas

Commission Company.

WEEKLY MARKET LETTER.

CATTLE—All kinds are bringing good, fair prices, as compared with other markets, taking the quality and kind into consideration. Some good steers have sold up to $4.75 per 100; they were fat enough, but lacked quality, several other loads selling at $4.10@4.50, which had quality, but lacked flesh.

Our beef market on steers is 10c lower than last Monday, while Chicago shows a decline of fully 25c. Our best cows and heifers are selling steadily with last week's prices.

We quote: Best steers, $4.50@5; fair to good, $4.40@4.60; medium to fair, $4.10@4.35.

Cows and heifers, best quality, $3.50@4; medium to good, $2.90@3.40; common cows, somewhat better than canners, selling at $2.40@2.75; canners, $1.50@2.25.

Fat bulls, good to extra, $3.25@3.75; fair to medium, $2.85@3; common bolognas, $2.25@2.75; stock bulls, light weights, $3.25@3.50.

Stockers and Feeders—Good to best feeders, weighing 800 to 1,000 lbs, $3.75@4.25; stockers, 500 to 700 lbs, best quality, $4@4.25; good, fair quality, $3.50@3.80; common, $3@3.25.

Our calf market is somewhat lower on steers, although best grades, weighing about 300 lbs, that would show breeding, either Polled Angus, Hereford or Shorthorn, would sell up to $4.85. However, we have not had anything this week that sold over $4.65, as they were not what we would call the best. Medium to good calves sold $4.25@4.50, while some off colors sold as low as $3.

HOGS—The receipts of hogs in Chicago yesterday were about 23,000; market ruled about steady, closing weak.

The receipts here yesterday were about 1,500, not enough coming to supply the demand. The packers here want more hogs and are willing to pay very close to Chicago prices for them. Our hogs are selling higher than at any other Western market at the present time, bringing the same prices as they did one week ago, bulk going at $3.70, with some choice lots at $3.75.

We advise watching the provision market close, and being governed accordingly. We do not look for a much higher range of prices unless the provision market shows a little more strength.

SHEEP—There has been another advance of about 50c per 100 in the fat lamb market. Best light weights sell at $5.50; feeding lambs are in good demand at $4.25@4.75, good yearling wethers selling around $4.75; fat ewes, $3.75@4.25; mixed, $4.25@4.75.

Yours respectfully,
CHAS. L. HAAS COM. CO.

CATTLE FAIRLY ACTIVE

SOUTH ST. PAUL BUYERS AFTER GOOD STOCK HEIFERS AND LIGHT CALVES

HOGS OPENED UP STRONG

Sheep and Lambs Were in Demand at Steady Prices, but the Market Was Dull, Owing to Light Receipts—Butcher Stuff Common to Fair and Sold Well—Other Live Stock Markets.

SOUTH ST. PAUL, March 23.—The receipts at the Union stock yards today were: Cattle, 350; calves, 325; hogs, 1,350; sheep, 175.

The receipts by cars over the various railroads were as follows:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.	Mix.
C., S. W.	..	2	..	1
C., M. & St. P.	..	3	..	5
C., St. P., M. & O.	5	3	1	1
Great Northern	6	2	..	2
Northern Pacific	1	..	..	1
M. & St. L.	1	1	..	..

The shipments were as follows: Cattle, 250; calves, 500; hogs, none; sheep, none.

The shipments by cars were: Cattle, 17; hogs, none; sheep, none. The cattle market was fairly active considering the conditions that prevailed. Much of the stuff in was common and aside from butcher cattle buyers did not seem to want anything but good stock heifers and light calves. The butcher stuff in was common to fair and sold well. Stockers and feeders seemed to be out of demand and were very dull. The common stuff was almost unsalable. Hogs opened the day strong at yesterday's prices, but closed weak. The range of butchers was $3.60@3.70 with the bulk going at $3.70. Sheep and lambs, in demand at steady prices. Trading dull owing to light receipts.

Hogs—Comparative receipts:
Total for today 1,350
A week ago 900
A year ago 920

Quotations—Butchers, $3.50@3.70; packers, $3.35; stags and rough, $2@2.70; pigs, $3.25. The market opened strong at yesterday's prices and during the early hours the bulk of the butchers sold at $3.70 with a range of $3.60@3.70. Toward the close prices weakened considerably and the last offerings went at $3.65. The quality was generally fair. Representative sales:

Butchers—

No.	Wt.	Dgs.	Price	No.	Wt.	Dgs.	Price
75	214	80	$3 70	72	205	80	$3 67½
82	212	80	3 67½	69	208	..	3 70
82	203	..	3 70	27	205	..	3 70
66	165	..	3 65	40	230	..	3 70
50	225	..	3 70	16	200	..	3 70
63	230	40	3 70	63	210	..	3 70
148	192	..	3 70	39	230	..	3 65
43	254	..	3 70	80	195	..	3 65
11	206	..	3 65	77	192	..	3 55
12	188	..	3 65				

Packers—

4	375	..	$3 35	1	420	..	$3 35
2	440	..	3 35	3	373	40	3 35
4	412	..	3 35	4	235	..	3 35

Rough—

1	580	..	$2 00	1	480	..	$2 00
1	150	..	2 50				

Pigs—

20	109	..	$3 25	3	126	..	$3 25
10	113	..	3 25	5	106	..	3 25
3	130	..	3 25				

Cattle—Comparative receipts:
Total for today 675
A week ago 425
A year ago 432

Quotations—Good to choice butchers' steers, $4.50@5.25; fair to good, $4@4.50; good to choice fat cows and heifers, $3.50@4.25; medium to good, $2.25@3.50; canners, $1.50@2.25; fat bulls, $3.25@3.75; bologna and feeding bulls, $2@3; common to choice steer calves, $4@4.85; common to choice heifer calves, $3@3.50; good to choice stockers and feeders, $3.75@4.25; medium to good, $2.75@3.75; scrubs, Jerseys and Holsteins, $2@3; veal calves, $5@6; milkers and springers, $25@45. The market was steady on butcher cattle and stock heifers. Even the good quality in other kinds seemed to drag and the common and poor stuff of all kinds was almost unsalable. The butcher cattle in were only medium. The receipts included lots of common and off colored stuff. Representative sales:

Butcher Cows and Heifers—

No.	Wt.	Price.	No.	Wt.	Price.
1	1330	$3 25	1	1220	$3 25
1	1350	3 10	3	1147	3 25
2	1050	2 60	5	1024	2 75
2	1120	2 65	1	1020	2 70
1	1160	3 15	2	925	3 00

Stock Cows and Heifers—

7	375	$3 50	1	620	$3 50
5	584	3 50	2	920	2 75
2	260	3 50	3	410	3 50
3	480	3 65	1	560	3 25
2	505	3 40	1	680	3 00
11	309	3 50	1	580	3 40
18	315	3 50	1	750	3 40
1	560	3 35	25	640	3 50
23	382	3 50	2	850	3 00
6	367	3 50	28	640	2 50
5	400	3 60	2	920	3 00
2	225	3 50	2	720	3 00
5	354	3 50			

Stockers and Feeders—

5	644	$3 70	11	335	$4 50
29	650	3 85	11	357	4 25
18	345	4 50	3	337	3 65
2	375	4 00	2	620	3 25
6	362	3 50	3	1000	3 90
2	625	3 90	6	822	3 90
14	475	4 40	2	440	3 75
1	970	4 05	13	288	4 65
2	795	3 00	6	315	4 35
21	345	4 50	3	293	3 25
57	304	4 25	4	275	4 25
14	438	4 00	3	533	3 70
8	363	4 00	5	290	4 55
5	310	4 50			

Thin Cows and Canners—

2	925	$2 00	1	1050	$1 75
1	980	2 25	1	950	2 00
1	1010	2 10	1	830	1 50

Butcher Steers—

17	1208	$4 50	8	1309	$4 40
9	1050	4 10			

Bulls—

1	1390	$3 00	1	540	$3 25
1	670	3 00	1	680	2 50
1	1180	3 30	4	570	2 75

Veal Calves—

1	260	$3 25	1	110	$5 25
1	120	5 50			

Stags and Oxen—

1	1640	$2 75	1	1410	$3 00
1	980	3 00			

Milkers and Springers—

3	cows	$100 00	1	springer	$29 00
1	cow	32 00	1	cow	37 50
1	c and 1 c	26 00	1	cow	36 00
1	cow	38 00	1	c and 1 c	34 00
1	cow	30 00			

Sheep—Comparative receipts:
Total for today 175
A week ago 775
A year ago .....None

Sheep and lambs steady and in demand. Trading was dull, owing to light receipts and no offerings from the pens. Representative sales:

No.	Wt.	Price.	No.	Wt.	Price.
19	lambs	$5 00	45	stockers	$3 50
110	stockers	4 40			

Day's Sales—

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Swift & Co	56	1,207	135
Staples & King	1	16	..
Haas Bros	..	63	..
W. E. McCormick	10	87	..
Slimmer & Thomas	149	..	..
Pope	18	..	..
Berry	33	..	..
Sopher	50	..	..
Gilbertson	43	..	..
Spalding	28	..	..
Carroll	64	..	..
Van Hoven Co	31	..	..
G. Marshall	10	..	..
Kerr	33	..	..
Steele	7	..	..
W. D. Moore	32	..	..
Lloyd	34	..	..
Chappel	65	..	..
Brown	12	..	..
R. F. Quick	..	..	45
Unclassified sales	25	..	..

MILCH COW EXCHANGE—South St. Paul, March 23.—Lytle & Raeburn's Report—Good milkers were in fair demand at steady prices. Buyers were liberal in picking them out. Common stuff continues unsalable except at extremely low prices. Representative sales:

No.	Price.	No.	Price.
2 cows	$78 00	1 cow	$35 00
2 cows	67 50	1 cow	25 00

AMONG THE SHIPPERS—The following were on the market: C. O. Allen, Twin Valley, cattle and calves; E. P. Stokes, Monticello, cattle and calves; H. F. Damman, Plato, cattle, calves and hogs; Sanby & Scheffer, Stephen, 3 loads cattle and calves; L. P. Sorenson, Grove City, cattle, calves and hogs; C. Odell, Willmar, 2 loads cattle, calves and hogs; L. H. Larson, Shelby, cattle and calves; D. H. McGuire, Mondovi, 2 loads cattle and calves; M. Kinsella, Glasgow, 2 loads cattle and hogs; Geo. Schaub, Wabasha, hogs; Theo. Bruber, Red Wing, cattle and hogs; L. Wooders, Red Wing, cattle, calves and hogs; P. T. French, Nerstrand, cattle and hogs; Evans & Crooks, Elma, hogs; F. D. Elwood, Elma, hogs; O. R. Singlemas, Starbuck, cattle and hogs; Ryan & Hoban, Waseca, hogs; Wm. Jentz, East Henderson, 2 loads cattle and hogs; F. Bigot, Springfield, hogs; C. A. Johnson, Springfield, hogs; Miller & Steele, Porter, hogs; C. H. Piper, Lake Crystal, 2 loads cattle; E. E. Perrigo, Forest City, cattle; Hector Lumber and Supply company, cattle and hogs; Person & Burchard, Milan, hogs; S. K. Thurston, Vernon Center, sheep; John Hegerle, St. Bonifacius, hogs; Karels Bros., New Germany, hogs.

MIDWAY HORSE MARKET—Minnesota Transfer, St. Paul—Barrett & Zimmerman's Report—All classes of offerings were inactive, demand orders for carload lots consisting of farm horses, were liberally placed and the bidding at the special sale was very brisk. Receipts of the best grades of horses and mules were large, supplying the market satisfactorily to meet the wants of the buyers. The nominal value of serviceably sound horses, from 4 to 8 years, is as follows:

Drafters, choice to extra .....$100@130
Drafters, common to good ..... 75@ 90
Farm horses, choice to extra..... 85@125
Farm horses, common to good... 50@ 65
Mules, 1,250 lbs ..... 70@ 90

SOUTH OMAHA, March 23.—Cattle—Receipts, 2,000; market slow to shade lower; native beef steers, $4@5.40; Western steers, $3.80@4.70; Texas steers, $3.60@4.60; cows and heifers, $3.50@4.15; canners, $2.50@3.30; stockers and feeders, $3.80@4.80; calves, $4@6.75; bulls, stags, etc., $2.60@3.80. Hogs—Receipts, 7,200; market steady to strong; bulk of sales, $3.60@3.65. Sheep—Receipts, 5,000; market steady to easy; yearlings, $4.60@5; Western muttons, $4@4.60.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 23.—Cattle—Receipts, 4,500; best steady, others weak to 10c lower; native steers, $4.10@5.50; Texas steers, $3.55@4.80; Texas cows, $2.75@3.50; native cows and heifers, $3@4.40; stockers and feeders, $3.25@5.25; bulls, $2.65@5.30. Hogs—Receipts, 12,000; market opened strong, closed weak; bulk of sales, $3.50@3.65; heavy, $3.55@3.65; packers, $3.55@3.75; mixed, $3.45@3.65; lights, $3.30@3.60; Yorkers, $3.55@3.60. Sheep—Receipts, 2,000; market strong; lambs, $4.65@6.50; muttons, $3@4.90.

CHICAGO, March 23.—The sale of cattle today was slow and prices suffered a further decline of 10c for undesirable lots. Fancy cattle, $5.70@5.80; choice steers, $5.30@5.65; medium, $4.60@4.95; beef steers, $3.55@4.55; stockers and feeders, $3.50@4.75; bulls, $2.60@4; Western fed steers, $4.30@5.50; Texas steers, $3.70@4.90; calves, $3.50@7.15. As usual, the early demand for hogs was especially strong and prices ruled 2½c higher for choice butcher and heavy weights; subsequently there was a weaker feeling and the improvement was lost. Fair to choice, $3.82½@3.95; packing lots, $3.55@3.80; mixed, $3.60@3.82½; butchers, $3.65@3.90; lights, $3.55@3.85; pigs, $3.25@3.70. Owing to the large supply of sheep there was an attempt on the part of buyers to put prices lower, but it did not succeed very well, and competition for good stocks caused such offerings to sell at recent prices. Poor to prime sheep brought $3@5, chiefly $4.40 and upward; yearlings, $5@5.25; export heavy sheep were salable at $4.85; inferior to choice lambs in fleece sold at $4@5.90, largely at $5.40@5.85. Receipts—Cattle, 11,000; hogs, 26,000; sheep, 19,000.

ST. PAUL MARKETS.

PRODUCE—Butter, eggs and potatoes selling at firm prices. Other produce steady.

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

Apples—Per Bu—Russet, $4.75@5.25; Baldwin, $4.75@5.50; Greening, $4.75@5.25; other varieties, $4@5.

Beans—Per Bu—Fancy, $1.35@1.50; dirty lots, 60@65c; brown, fancy, $1.25; medium, hand-picked, $1.20.

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

Butter—Per Lb—Creameries, extras, 19½c; creameries, firsts, 18c; creameries gathered cream, 16@18c; dairies, extras, 15c; firsts, 15@16c; roll and print, 13@14c; packing stock, 11@12c.

Cabbage—Home-grown, $3.

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@3.75.

Cranberries—Bell and bugle, $6.75@7; bell and cherry, $8@6.50; Cape Cod, $6.75@7.

Eggs—Fresh, subject to loss off, new, cases included, 11½c; seconds, 9c.

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, $5.25@7; brant, per doz, $4@4.50.

Hogs—Clean—Per Lb—Heavy, 4½c; light, 4½@6c; 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; Messinas, 300s to 360s, $3.75.

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

Mutton—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, 5@6c; peanuts, roasted, 6@7c; walnuts, 8@9c; walnuts, small quantities, 9@10c; walnuts, California, soft shell, sacks, 100 to 110 lbs, 9½@10c; walnuts, hard, less quantities, 12c; black walnuts, per bu, $1.

Onions—Per Bu—Silver Skins, 40@50c; Red Globe, 55@60c