ADVANCE IN PRICES

TO BE EXPECTED IN THE STOCK MARKET, ACCORDING TO HENRY CLEWS

RAILROAD SHARES FAVORITES

This a Development of the Week in Speculation and Regarded as a Favorable Symptom — Little Manipulation of Cash Rates This Year for the April Settlement—Money Scare Is About Over.

NEW YORK, April 2.—(Special.)—Henry Clews in his stock letter says:

Speculation developed some new features. While the industrials seem to have lost none of their attractiveness to the more adventurous operators and have proved money-makers to the majority thus far, attention has again been diverted to the better class of railroad shares. This is a good symptom. The grangers have been advanced on talk of refunding plans that would inevitably enhance the value of their shares; the coalers rose on the practical assurance of harmonious working without the objectionable methods of consolidation; and the Vanderbilt properties were stimulated by rumors of consolidation with transcontinental lines, which, though having little foundation, served as a peg on which to manipulate values. The clique leaders supported their specialties most valiantly. Their followers have made handsome gains. Just how far the present masterly influences will carry the market cannot be safely predicted; but the speculative spirit is thoroughly aroused and is not likely to be satisfied by ordinary gains or effectually checked by ordinary setbacks.

Easy money and the difficulty of finding profitable employment for funds will be a powerful bull factor in the stock market after the crop money returns. As the better class securities rise to a 3½, 4 and 4½ per cent basis, the next best shares and bonds, many of which have been strengthened in position by business improvement, but neglected, will come into activity. The trade combination mania is likely to contribute to the ease of money, for the reason that many of them are carrying such large balances and making good profits that they are not borrowers, and not likely to be until these funds are distributed as dividends. When money settles down to permanently higher rates, then we may look for a declining stock market, but that contingency is not yet in sight.

The close of March usually witnesses considerable manipulation of the money rates, owing to April settlements. This year there has been less than usual, and the money market would in all probability have experienced no disturbance had it not been for the financing of Central Pacific and a number of important industrial deals which temporarily took out important sums. Foreign exchange has been firm, and some disposition was shown to anticipate the Philippine payment to Spain; though, as a matter of fact, this is likely to have very little effect here, as the transaction will be conducted with as little derangement as possible.

Spring usually witnesses a rising market. Something gets into the blood and temper of men which leads them to new ventures and fits of optimism. Trade becomes more active; traffic expands, and hopeful expectations usually predominate. This year such ideas are if anything more prevalent than usual. In April many influential absentees return from the South invigorated by a period of recuperation; and this is not a small factor. The most substantial foundation, however, for a bull market is the continuance of large railroad earnings. It must be remembered that gains now compare with large figures of a year ago, so that present results are the more satisfactory. Net earnings cannot be expected to show corresponding gains; many of the roads being obliged to meet large outlays for new equipment, etc., which later on will benefit shareholders.

As to the future of the market we expect advancing prices within the next sixty days. Violent fluctuations will probably occur, wiping out small margins; for the inducements to realize profits constantly increase, and stocks are much less concentrated than six months ago. The first advance was naturally much more substantial in character than those which follow. The public is now in the market, and having made money is in too strong a position to be bullied out of its holdings by any ordinary attack. This state of affairs, of course, cannot last indefinitely; speculation will inevitably be carried to excess, and severe reactions follow, but nothing of this sort is at present in sight. Those who buy cautiously at favorable opportunities backed by strong margins will be on the winning side. The year 1899 will surpass 1898 as a bull year; but squalls are much more likely to be experienced now than then; and small craft must be well ballasted and kept out of dangerous waters.

Stocks that are not actually rapid transit properties have tried to be rapid transit in their advance movement during the week so as to keep pace with the rapid transit leaders. This especially applies to Northwestern and New York Central. Their recent advance was certainly a rapid transit one.

The end of the money scare has now about been reached. Whatever has been required for the April settlements has been taken from the New York banks. Much of the amount lost thereby has been made up by the funds from neighboring cities to be loaned out in Wall street on time. While the New York banks may not accumulate funds in the next ten days, they are not likely to be drawn upon for any more from the out-of-town points. After the middle of the month the crop-moving money will commence to come back very rapidly, so that money will become plethoric for the entire summer and speculation will be materially encouraged thereby. I look to see a very active stock market from this time onward, and some stocks are liable to reach prices that may look ridiculously high, based not so much upon their dividend quality as upon their equity valuation.

NEAR MILLION MARK.

Several Important Changes in Stocks Were Recorded.

	Close.	Prev. day.
Bar silver, New York	59⅛	59¼
Call money, New York	5	6

NEW YORK, April 1.—There were several important changes in stocks on the dealings today in which nearly 1,000,000 shares changed hands. The Easter holidays in England rendered London no factor here, but the accumulation of a very large volume of purchasing orders over the Good Friday holiday brought forth much higher quotations at the opening. Subsequently heavy realizing caused a sharp setback to prices, but with the appearance of the bank statement, which the speculative element viewed as more favorable than expected, there was a material rally, and the final prices were at or near the best.

The dealings were much influenced by the buoyancy of Manhattan, which made an extreme gain of 15 points, 9 of which it held. The statement by a large holder of Manhattan that he had been offered 15 per cent above Thursday's price for his stock was interpreted as indicating that the Metropolitan railway sought control of the road. Shorts in Manhattan covered largely of lines that had been put out in expectation that the new issue of stock would depress the price. As they sought to cover the figures were marked up, with the result an extreme rise. The announcement that 5 per cent dividend per annum had been decided upon for Federal Steel, with the first quarterly dividend payable in July, brought forth enormous purchases, and a very wide opening, the extreme rise being 6 points.

The talk of issue of new stock to Brooklyn Transit holders at par to provide money for betterments and new acquisitions lifted the stock only a point.

Among the specialties Third Avenue rose 10 points and there were advances of 1¾@4½c in Tin Plate, People's Gas, American Steel, Union Bag and National Steel, the latter recording the extreme gain.

There was a comparatively narrow movement in American Tobacco on the announcement of a 100 per cent common stock dividend, the stock retaining 1 point of the 3½c advance. The proposed increase of $35,000,000 in the capital stock of Continental Tobacco resulted in a recession of ⅝c in the common and 1½c in the preferred. There was a decline of 1½c each in Metropolitan and New York Air Brake.

The railroads averaged fractional advances, the strongest stocks in this group being New York Central, Burlington, Atchison preferred, Lackawanna and C. C. C. & St. L., which were lifted at one time 1@1½c. The extreme high prices in many stocks, particularly the specialties, were accompanied by lively bullish bidding up by pool brokers.

The bond market generally exhibited a good tone. U. S. old 4s reg. advanced ¼c in the bid price.

STOCKS.

Furnished by Charles H. F. Smith & Co., members of the New York stock exchange, Pioneer Press building, who have special wires to Chicago and New York. Closing prices are bid:

	S'l's	High	Low	—Closing— 1	30
Am. Malt	100	30	30	30	30
do pfd	100	83	83	83	83¼
A. S. & W	19200	66⅛	64⅜	65⅞	63⅝
do pfd	400	101⅝	100⅜	101	100½
Am. Express	100	140	140	140	140
Am. Tobacco	5700	227	224½	225	223½
do pfd				140	142
Am. Cot. Oil	600	36¼	36¼	36⅛	35¾
do pfd	100	93⅝	93½	93	92¾
Am. Spirits	900	14½	13¾	13¾	13½
do pfd	100	39	39	39	39
Adams Express	100	110	110	110	112
A., T. & S. F.	2100	22	21½	21½	21½
do pfd	25300	63⅛	62	63	61⅞
B. & O		58¾	58⅝	58	58½
do pfd	100	78	78	78	78½
B. R. T.	42400	131¾	132	132⅞	132¼
B. U. G	200	155	155	154	155
A. Lin. Oil pfd					62½
C., B. & Q		145¾	144	144⅞	144
Can. South	100	59	59	59	59½
Can. Pac	100	87	87	87	86⅞
C., C., C. & St. L.	1100	60⅞	60	60	59½
do pfd		96½	96½	96½	95
Ches. & Ohio	300	28	27⅞	27⅞	27⅝
C. & E. I	400	75	74	75	73½
do pfd					123
Col. South	100	7	7	7	7
do 1st pfd		54¾	54½	54½	54½
do 2d pfd	100	22	22	22	22
C., H. V. & T. pfd.	400	20	19	20	
C. F. & I		36½	36	36⅞	35½
do pfd					46¼
C. G. W	3800	16⅝	16	16⅛	16⅛
do pfd A		71½	71	70	70
do pfd B		37⅜	36½	36⅛	36⅛
C., I. & L	100	8½	8½	8½	8½
do pfd	300	44¾	44	43	44
Chi. Term		23	22½	22⅝	22¼
do pfd		53	52½	52⅝	52¼
Con. Ice	300	47½	47¼	47	47¼
do pfd	100	94	94	94	94
Con. Gas	100	205½	205½	205½	205½
Del. & Hud	500	115⅛	115	115½	115½
Del., L. & W	400	172	172	172	172
D. & R. G	300	22¾	22¾	22¾	22⅞
do pfd	100	75¼	75¼	75¼	75¾
D. M. & Ft. D	100	21	21	21	
Erie	100	13½	13½	13½	13¾
do 1st pfd	100	38⅛	38⅛	38⅛	38⅛
do 2d pfd	100	19	19	19	20
Fed. Steel	188900	73¾	70½	73¾	69⅜
do pfd	13200	91½	90	90⅝	89¾
Gen. Elec. Co	1200	117	116	116½	116⅞
G. N. pfd		193½	193	193½	191½
Glucose		71½	71½	71	71½
do pfd		108⅞	108⅞	108¾	109
Ill. Cen	1800	117½	117	117¼	116¾
Int. Paper		54½	54	54	53½
do pfd					82
Iowa Cen	100	11½	11½	11½	11¼
do pfd	200	47	47	46½	46
Jersey Cen	400	119¼	119	119½	118½
K. C., P. & G	100	10¾	10¼	10½	10⅜
Knick'b'er Ice	100	56¾	56¾	56	56
do pfd				78½	75½
Laclede Gas					53½
L. E. & W	100	68¾	68¾	69	69¼
Lake Shore				200	200
Louis. & Nash	2400	65⅞	63¼	65¾	65⅛
Lead	200	35½	35½	35	35
do pfd	100	112⅝	112⅝	112⅝	112⅝
Leather	700	7	6¾	6⅞	6¾
do pfd	4400	74	73	73¾	72⅞
Man. Con	106300	131	118	125	115¼
Met. Trac	1100	266¼	265	265	266
Mobile & Ohio		44¼	44	44¼	43¼
M., K. & T	100	14	14	14	13½
do pfd	4500	39⅝	39	39⅝	39½
Mo. Pacific	7100	49	48⅛	48⅝	48¾
N. P	2200	53¼	52⅝	53	52⅞
do pfd	900	80	79½	79¼	79¼
N. Y. C	7400	143¼	142⅝	143	141½
Nat. Biscuit	100	50⅝	50⅝	50⅝	51
do pfd	100	103¼	103½	103½	103¼
Nor. & West	100	18½	18½	18½	18¼
do pfd	200	66½	66	66½	66¾
N. Y. A. B		190	190	190	192
Northwestern	300	160	159	159¼	159½
do pfd	100	193	193	193	
N. Am	100	9¼	9¼	9¼	9¼
Omaha	100	96½	96¼	96½	96
do pfd	100	170	170	170	170
Ont. & West	200	27¾	27½	27¾	27½
Or. R. & N					44
Penn. Ry		135½	135⅝	135¼	134¼
Pac. Mail		49¾	49¼	49⅜	48⅞
People's Gas	20600	128¼	126	128	125
Pullman	200	161½	161½	160	161
P., C., C. & St. L.		60	58	59¼	58
do pfd	100	82¼	82¼	82¼	82
Reading	100	23½	23½	23½	23½
do 1st pfd	200	66⅛	64⅞	66	65⅝
do 2d pfd		36⅜	35½	36	35⅝
Rock Island	5100	119⅝	119	119¼	118½
Southern Ry	700	13	12⅝	12¾	12⅞
do pfd	1700	52	51⅝	51¾	51½
Southern Pac	900	35⅝	35	34⅞	35⅝
St. L. & S. W		12½	12	12½	12⅞
do pfd		35½	33	34	33½
St. L. & S. F	300	11¾	11½	11½	11⅞
do 1st pfd	100	71	71	71	71
do 2d pfd	100	40	40	40	40
Silver certificates					60
Stand. R. & T	100	11	11	11	11⅛
Stand. Dist	100	23¾	23¾	23¼	23
do pfd	100	74½	74½	74½	73
Sugar Refinery	14900	171⅞	168½	170	168
do pfd	200	117	117	117	117
St. Paul	1200	128¾	127⅞	128¼	127⅞
do pfd	100	171	171	170¼	170
St. J. & G. I. pfd.	100	13½	13½	13½	
T. C. & I	8000	55	54	54⅞	53⅞
Texas & Pacific	3700	22⅞	22⅛	23	22¾
Union Pacific	12700	48⅞	48	48⅝	48
do pfd	1800	81¾	81⅛	81¾	81½
U. S. Express					53
U. S. Rubber	1200	52½	52¼	51½	51½
do pfd	200	116½	116½	116½	116
Wabash	200	8	8	8	8⅛
do pfd	2300	24	23½	23½	23⅞
Western Union		94	93½	93¾	93½
Wheel. & L. E	900	11⅜	11⅞	11⅞	11¼
do pfd	100	32	32	32	32
Wells-Fargo Ex					125
T. C. R. T. Co	100	69½	69½	69	69¼
Cen. Pac	300	51¾	51½	51¼	51¾
Bag Paper		40¼	88	89¼	37¾
do pfd				85	86
Nat. Steel		56	52½	54	52
do pfd	300	93¼	93	93	93
Anc. M. Co		44⅝	43¾	43¾	43¼
Int. Silver	200	24	24	24	27½
Tin Plate		45¼	43¾	44⅞	43
do pfd	400	99½	94	94	94¼
Con. Tobacco	5200	54	53	53	54¼
do pfd	900	90	88	88	89

Total sales, 645,057.

BONDS.

U. S. 3s	108	do 4s	94¼
do new 4s, reg.	129	N. Y. C. 1sts	114½
do coup	129	N. J. C. 5s	118¾
do 4s	112	N. C. 6s	130
*do coup	112½	do 4s	108
do 2ds	79½	N. P. 6s	117
do 5s reg	112½	*do prior	102¼
do 5s coup	112½	do gen 3s	68
District 3 65s	117	*NY., C. & St. L. 4s	106
Ala. class A	110	N. & W. 6s	130
do B	110	N. W. cons	142½
do C	100	do deb. 5s	123
do currency	100	O. N. 1sts	111½
*Atchison 4s	100¾	do 4s	102
do adj. 4s	83⅛	O. S. L. 6s, t. r.	128½
Can. So. 2ds	110	do 5s t. r.	111
C. & O. 4½	94¼	Reading 4s	98¼
Chi. Term. 4s	100	R. G. W. 1sts	97½
C. & O. 5s	119¼	*St. L. & I. M. c. 5s	119⅛
C., H. & D. 4½s	104⅝	St. L. & S. F. g. 6s	124
D. & R. G. 1sts	108½	St. P. con	168¼
do 4s	101⅜	St. P., C. & P. 1sts	121½
East Tenn. 1sts	105	do 5s	121
Erie gen. 4s	72¾	So. Ry. 5s	108
F. W. & D. 1sts, tr.	84½	S. R. & T. 6s	90
Gen. Elec. 5s	118½	Tenn. new set 3s	97½
G. H. & S. A. 6s	111	T. P. L. G. 1sts	113
do 2ds	110	do reg. 2ds	53⅞
H. & T. C. 5s	112	U. P., D. & G. 1sts	92
do con. 6s	110	Wab. 1st 5s	116
Iowa C. 1sts	100	do 2ds	97
La. new con. 4s	109¾	W. S. 4s	114¼
L. & N. Uni. 4s	96⅛	Va. centuries	84½
M. P. con. 6s	120	do deferred	9
M., K. & T. 2ds	68⅛	Wis. Cen. 1sts	67½

*Ex-interest.

WEEKLY BANK STATEMENT—New York, April 1.—The weekly bank statement shows the following changes: Surplus reserve, decrease, $3,082,575. Loans, increase, $469,300. Specie, decrease, $3,118,200. Legal tenders, decrease, $178,800; Deposits, decrease, $3,333,700. Circulation, increase, $49,800. The banks now hold $15,494,850 in excess of the requirements of the 25 per cent rule.

TREASURY STATEMENT—Washington, April 1.—Today's statement of the condition of the treasury: Available cash balance, $284,043,163; gold reserve, $245,413,706.

NEW YORK MONEY—New York, April 1.—Money on call firm, 5@6; last loan, 5. Prime mercantile paper, 3¼@4¼. Sterling exchange weak, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.86½@4.86¼ for demand and at $4.84¼@4.84½ for sixty days; posted rates $4.84½@4.85½ and $4.86½@4.87½; commercial bills, $4.82½@4.84. Silver certificates 60@60½. Bar silver, 59⅜c; Mexican dollars, 47½c.

BANK CLEARINGS.

St. Paul, $664,238.62.
Minneapolis, $1,398,093.
Chicago, $16,698,548.
New York, $95,447,954.

Bicycles for Japanese.

The Japanese are, as a rule, so small that it is necessary to build specially low bicycles for them.

MAY'S BIG ADVANCE

LOOKED SOMETHING LIKE THE DOLLAR-WHEAT CRY OF THE LEITER DEAL

CONDITIONS WERE DIFFERENT

Strength of the Market Was Based Almost Solely on the Reports of Weather Damage to the Winter Crop — Government and Expert Reports Failed to Corroborate Statement From the Country.

	Sat. Close.	Prev. Sat.
May wheat, Minneapolis	70⅝	69½
May wheat, Chicago	72¾	70¼
May wheat, Duluth	71¾	70⅛
May wheat, New York	78⅞	76¾

The above figures show that May wheat has had a strong week of it. The rise was due almost solely to the reports that were received from the country, through farmers and special emissaries sent out mates puon the probable yield of the winter by commission merchants to make estiter article. For a time there were whispers of "dollar wheat," but there was never more than a whisper, for the reason that the reports of bad weather damage were not verified in such a convincing way as to give buyers full confidence. That the unseasonable weather was not such as was desirable for the good of wheat in the ground was admitted, but that the damage was as excessive as the reports received made it was never believed by the bear element. Buying orders were rather heavy during the early part of the week, and that helped the bulls to advance the price of the May article, but not as rapidly as had been anticipated by some of the more sanguine and enthusiastic. The advance was not broken till the close of the week. Even then the decrease in prices was not large nor alarming.

CONTRADICTORY REPORTS.

The principal cause for the falling off in strength was the issuance of Thoman's report, and the government figures, both of which failed to note the tremendous damage done winter wheat by unseasonable cold weather, as indicated in the statements made upon the authority of those who had been over the wheat belt and the farmers in the region where the wheat must come from. Saturday the first effect of returning confidence in a fair crop made itself manifest in a falling off in prices, just when a further advance was expected. In fact the May article opened at a higher figure than the close Friday, and there were indications of a continued advance up to the noon hour, when prices began to sag, and the close was at ⅝c to ½c below the closing figures of Friday. In addition to the unexpected slump in prices, there was a decided feeling of uneasiness among the bull element that must wear off before the opening today or there may be a further slump recorded.

CORN SYMPATHIZED.

Corn followed right in the wake of wheat, and Saturday's close found it weak and lower. So marked was the decline in corn that it affected the provisions maket, and dealings were lighter than any previous day of the week. There is no longer talk of the keeping quality of the corn in farmers' bins. The question has resolved itself into one of the price of the article for its own value, at the time of sale, and not upon its keeping quality. That there is a great deal of corn in the country has all along been conceded, but the bull element has advanced the argument that what corn was in the bins was of a quality that would not permit of exportation. This has helped to hold corn up. Now it is admitted that as wheat goes so will corn, and dealers are regarding the future of the market from that standpoint. should wheat take another upturn today, or this week, it is believed that corn will quickly follow. Oats are in sympathy with wheat and corn, and, consequently, lower.

STOCKS STEADIER.

The week closed with stocks steadier than they have been for a fortnight. Dealings in the leading securities, both Industrials and railroads, have been phenomenally large, while prices have jumped skyward in many stocks. But there has come a change, and the close of the past week found the market in a more quiet condition than it has been during the entire month of March. The sudden advance in money rates had much to do with this change. And yet stocks are by no means dull, nor is there anything to indicate that there is a slump due. On the contrary, the bull element is as confident as ever that there will be a continuance of the strength that has prevailed for such a prolonged period, and that the proper thing to do is to keep what you have, and buy more. There has been a sudden change in trade conditions. The phenomenal conditions that prevailed for more than a month—in fact, since the beginning of the year, were absent last week. This was attributed to bad roads and the heavy buying in January, and a resumption of activity is looked for at the opening of the present month's business.

SOUTH ST. PAUL LIVE STOCK.

The receipts of live stock at the union stock yards, South St. Paul, last week were: Cattle, 1,050; calves, 874; hogs, 7,110; sheep, 6,443; horses, 10; cars, 194. The receipts for the previous week were: Cattle, 2,105; calves, 1,581; hogs, 9,727; sheep, 3,228; horses, 62; cars, 234. This shows a loss of 1,055 cattle, 707 calves, 2,617 hogs, 52 horses and 40 cars and a gain of 3,215 sheep.

The killings by Swift & Co. for last week were: Cattle, 390; calves, 35; hogs, 8,094; sheep, 804. The killings for the previous week were: Cattle, 680; calves, 25; hogs, 9,111; sheep, 615. This shows a loss of 290 cattle and 1,017 hogs and a gain of 10 calves and 189 sheep.

The receipts for the month of March were as follows: Cattle, 8,018; calves, 4,802; hogs, 35,472; sheep, 22,987; horses, 136; cars, 930.

The killings by Swift & Co. for the month were: Cattle, 2,617; calves, 135; hogs, 34,291; sheep, 4,262.

The last week in March is one that will long be remembered by the commission men of South St. Paul. Beginning with the opening day the receipts contained a big majority of common and off colored cattle, canner cows and thin steers. Before the middle of the week the yards were flooded with this stuff. It was not in demand at any price and had the receipts been heavy the latter part of the week much of it would undoubtedly have been carried over. With little or nothing else on hand, commission men devoted their entire time to getting the yards cleared of this common stuff and the result was that very little was left Saturday, but the prices realized were extremely low apparently, although the stuff brought all it was worth considering the quality.

There was a scarcity of butcher ctatle all through the week and with the exception of a few head nothing was marketed that could be called better than medium in quality. Good butcher cattle are in demand at South St. Paul and shippers can realize prices, providing they send in the right kind of stuff, that will certainly make them come again.

Good to choice stock cattle, calves and feeders are also in demand and will sell as high at South St. Paul as any other point. The common stuff will bring as much there as at any other point, but it is not in demand and is not wanted there or anywhere else.

The hog market last week was a good one. Steady prices prevailed all week and everything found a ready sale. The range between South St. Paul and Chicago was so close that shippers in territory tributary to this point could not have helped but lose money by going through.

Sheep and lambs were active all week at stronger prices with not near enough in to meet the demand. Butchers were compelled to go to the feeding pens a part of the time for necessary supplies.

SOUTH ST. PAUL HORSE MARKET.

George W. Wentworth, of the South St. Paul horse exchange, makes the following report:

The horse market has been better the past week than at any time since the opening of the spring trade. The demand for farm mares and chunks still continue good at prices ranging from $60 to $125, according to quality and appearance. Drafters, of good quality, meet with some inquiry, as well as fancy drivers of good weight and quality.

ROGERS & ROGERS,

Live Stock Commission Merchants,

SOUTH ST. PAUL.

Weekly Market Letter.

CATTLE—There was a fair run of cattle this week, and all the good quality sold readily. The bulk of the receipts were of the common kind, which sold very low, but most all cleaned up. There were one or two orders for common stuff, and they were soon filled.

Good cattle of all classes are bringing as good prices at this market as at any in the country. We need more good, fat stuff.

Canners have sold lower than at any time in the past month. There is no demand for them.

There is a very strong demand for stock heifers, and they are bringing almost as much as steers; in fact, off-colored heifers are bringing more than the same class of steers.

We again caution shippers on the wide difference in the prices of common and good cattle. This is true in butcher as well as stock cattle.

We quote: Best fat steers, $4.50@5.10; fair to good fat steers, $4.25@4.75; common fleshy steers, $3.75@4.25; best fat cows and heifers, $3.50@4.25; fair to good, fat cows and heifers, $3@3.50; medium fleshy cows, $2.50@3; canners, $1.25@2.25; stock cows, $2.25@3; best stock steers, 500 to 1,100 lbs, $3.75@4.25; fair to good stock steers, $3.40@3.75; common and "tailings," $2.25@3.25; fair to best steer calves, $4.40@5; medium to fair steer calves, $3.75@4.25; common and "tailings," $2.50@3.50; best heifers, $3.40@3.75; fair to good heifers, $3@3.40; common heifers, $2.50@3; best stock bulls, $2.90@3.40; bologna bulls, $2.25@2.75; good to best fat bulls, $3@3.75; milch cows, $20@45.

HOGS—The hog market was steady and fluctuated within a narrow range during the entire week. Saturday there was a light run in Chicago, only 10,000, and the market was 5c higher and closed strong. We look for a stronger market the first of the week Bulk of sales here for the week were $3.60@3.65, with $3.72½ for the "top."

SHEEP—Sheep and lambs have been steadily advancing for the past ten days.

We quote: Best muttons, $4.25@4.50; medium to fair, $3.75@4; good breeding ewes, $3.50@3.85; "culls," $3@3.25; best lambs, $5.25@5.40; medium, $4.75@5.

Daily market conditions will be furnished on application.

We solicit correspondence. Yours truly,

ROGERS & ROGERS.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

SOUTH ST. PAUL, April 1.—The receipts at the Union stockyards today were: Cattle, 35; calves, 25; hogs, 425; sheep, 108.

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

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.	Mixed.
C. G. W	1	2	..	..
C., M. & St. P		1	..	..
C., St. P., M. & O		1	4	1
M. & St. L		1	..	..

The shipments were as follows: Cattle, none; calves, none; hogs, none; sheep, 256.

The shipments by cars were: Cattle, none; hogs, none; sheep, 10.

The week closed with an extremely light run of cattle and trading was dull as the left-over stuff had been pretty well cleaned out. There were only a few head of better than medium cattle offered and no butcher cattle, except some common stuff were on the market. Good cattle of all kinds are quoted steady. The hog market was steady with theb ulk of the butchers selling at $3.60@3.65. Some choice bunches topped the market at $3.70. The range was $3.60@3.70. The run was light and the quality ranged from common to choice. Sheep were quoted steady with nothing doing as all the sheep in were consigned to feeders.

Hogs—Comparative receipts:

Total for today 425
A week ago 2,175
A year ago 502

Quotations — Butchers, $3.60@3.70; packers, $3.35@3.40; stags and rough, $2@2.65; pigs, $3.25.

Market steady with a light run of mixed quality. Some choice hogs topped the market at $3.70 with the bulk selling at $3.60@3.65. The range was $3.60@3.70. Representative sales:

Butchers—

No.	Wt.	D'k'ge.	Price.	No.	Wt.	D'k'ge.	Price.
63	219	80	$3 65	48	178	40	$3 60
57	215	..	3 62½	88	204	..	3 65
41	186	..	3 70	45	211	..	3 60
15	313	80	3 70				
Packers—							
3	297	..	$3 35	8	430	..	$3 35
8	303	..	3 35	8	343	..	3 35
Stags and Rough—							
1	100	..	$2 50	1	510	..	$2 00
Pigs—							
15	112	..	$3 10	4	152	..	$3 40
6	112	..	3 25	3	123	..	3 25
7	124	..	3 25				

Cattle—Comparative receipts:

Total for today 60
A week ago 90
A year ago 114

Quotations—Good to choice butcher steers, $4.50@5; fair to good, $4@4.50; fat stags, $3.75@4.25; oxen, $2.50@4; good to choice fat cows and heifers, $3.50@4.10; medium to good, $2.50@3.40; canners, $1.50@2.40; fat bulls, $3@3.60; bologna and feeding bulls, $2.25@3; common to choice, steer calves, $3@4.85; common to choice heifer calves, $2.75@3.80; good to choice stockers and feeders, $3.75@4.25; common to good, $2.75@3.75; scrubs. Jerseys and Holsteins, $2@3; veal calves, $5@6; milkers and springers, $25@40.

The run of cattle was light and owing to the fact that the yards were practically clear of left-over stuff trading was dull Only a few scattering head of butcher cattle were in and there was nothing better than common. Quotations are steady on good cattle of all kinds. Representaltive sales:

Butcher Cows and Heifers—

No.	Wt.	Price.	No.	Wt.	Price.
1	880	$2 75	1	1020	$3 30
1	1000	3 00			
Stock Cows and Heifers—					
1	930	$3 50	1	560	$3 25
Stockers and Feeders—					
4	785	$3 50	2	210	$4 75
Thin Cows and Canners—					
1	840	$2 50	1	910	$2 00
Butcher Steers—					
2	1000	$4 00	1	1080	$3 80
Bulls—					
1	830	$2 00	1	1140	$2 70
2	1400	3 05	1	1400	3 00
4	572	3 00	1	910	2 65
Veal Calves—					
1	260	$4 00	1	130	$5 50

Milkers and Springers—

1 cow $35 00
3 cows and 1 calf 85 00

Sheep—Comparative receipts:

Total for today 1,030
A week ago 2,050
A year ago .... None

Quotations—Wethers, heavy, $4.20@4.40; wethers, yearlings, $1.40@5; fat ewes, $4@5.25; mixed ewes and wethers, $4@4.25; stock ewes, $3.25@3.50; choice fat lambs, $5.25@5.60; common lambs, $4.50@4.75.

Quotations steady on good sheep with a dull market. All the sheep in were consigned to feeders. Representative sales:

No.	Wt.	Price.
17 stockers	91	$3 60

Day's Sales—

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep
Swift & Co.	5	435	..
Staples & King	6	..	..
Hass Bros.	..	41	..
F. E. & L. James	..	..	17
Kerr	5	..	..
L. M. Weston	4	..	..
Steele	31	..	..
Unclassified, late sales	25	..	..

Milch Cow Exchange—South St. Paul, April 1.—Market was a little dull owing to light receipts. Prices on good milkers were steady. Representative sales:

No.	Price.
1 cow	$34 00
1 cow	32 00

Among the Shippers—The following were on the market: Rea Bros., Omaha, four loads of sheep; J. S. Green, Red Wing, hogs; G. P. Babcock, River Falls, cattle, calves and hogs; F. W. Hubbard, Kilkenny, hogs; H. C. Mundal, Madelia, hogs; Gilbert & Gibbons, West Concord and Mantorville, two loads cattle, calves and hogs; L. M. Weston, Claremont, hogs.

MIDWAY HORSE MARKET—Minnesota Transfer, St. Paul—Barrett & Zimmerman's report: The market the past week was practically unchanged in activity compared with the previous week; the dealings being of large volume at prices quoted below. The demand throughout the week was steady and firm, and satisfactory to shippers. The trade as a whole has no tendency to weakness. Manitoba and Dakota dealers are very aggressive in procuring good farm stock. Mules and drivers held a very satisfactory pace with the outlet of farm horses. The heaviest drafters had a more moderate disposal. The nominal value of serviceable sound horses from 4 to 8 years as follows:

Drafters, choice to extra	$115 to	$160
Drafters, common to good	80 to	100
Farm horses, choice to extra	100 to	125
Farm horses, common to good	50 to	75
Mules, 1,250 lbs	75 to	100

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Quotations on grain, hay, feed, etc., furnished by Jameson & Hevener, grain and seed merchants:

WHEAT—No. 1 northern, 71@72c; No. 2 northern, 70@71c.—CORN—No. 3 yellow, 31@32c; No. 3, 27@28½c.—BARLEY AND RYE—Sample barley, 35@40c; rye market strong, 50@51c for No. 2.—SEEDS—Flax, $1.18@1.20; timothy seed, 85c@$1.10; clover, $3.20@4.—FLOUR—Patent per bbl, $3.60@3.90; straight, $3.40@3.60; rye, $2.60@2.80.—GROUND FEED — $13 — COARSE CORNMEAL—$12@12.50—BRAN — Bulk, $10.50@11.—SHORTS—$10.50@11. — HAY —No. 1 upland, $6.50@7; other grades, $3.50@5; No. 1 timothy, $7@7.50.—STRAW—Rye, $3.50@4; oat, $3@3.50.

MISCELLANEOUS.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS—New York, April 1.—The imports of dry goods and general merchandise at the port of New York for this week were valued at $11,241,677. The imports of specie last week were $256,323 in gold and $52,789 silver. Exports of specie from this port to all countries for this week aggregate $1,015,827 silver bars and coins, and $246,550 gold.

LAWYERS' SURETY COMPANY OF NEW YORK.

Principal office, New York, N. Y. (Organized in 1892.) Joel B. Erhart, President. Joel Rathbone, Secretary. Attorney to accept service in Minnesota, Insurance Commissioner. Cash capital, $500,000.

INCOME IN 1898.

Premiums Received—	
Surety	$77,872.72
Total premium income	$77,872.72
From interest, dividends and rent	22,547.86
From all other sources	3,293.22
Total income	$103,713.80

DISBURSEMENTS IN 1898.

Claims Paid (net)—	
Surety	$10,180.16
Net paid policy holders	$10,180.16
Commissions, salaries and expenses of agents	5,917.11
Salaries of officers, employes and examiners' fees	38,710.33
All other disbursements	27,998.22
Total disbursements	$82,805.82
Excess of income over disbursements	$20,907.98

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1898.

Value of real estate owned	$18,000.00
Mortgage loans	540.00
Bonds and stocks owned	691,803.40
Cash in office and in bank	2,442.23
Accrued interest and rents	3,730.58
Deferred and unpaid premiums	11,247.46
Total admitted assets	$727,763.67

LIABILITIES.

Reinsurance reserve	$42,040.94
All other liabilities	2,678.98
Capital stock paid up	$500,000.00
Total liabilities, including capital	$544,719.92
Surplus beyond capital and other liabilities	$183,043.75

RISKS AND PREMIUMS, 1898.

Surety—	
Amount at risk beginning of year	$38,859,602.00
Written or renewed during year	45,260,102.00
Premiums received thereon	100,883.31
Amount at risk end of year	40,850,042.00
Losses incurred during the year	$10,180.16

No business in Minnesota in 1898.

State of Minnesota,
Department of Insurance.
St. Paul, March 24, 1899.

I, the undersigned Insurance Commissioner of the State of Minnesota, do hereby certify that the Lawyers' Surety Company, above named, has complied with the laws of this State relating to insurance, and is now fully empowered, through its authorized agents, to transact its appropriate business of Surety Insurance in this State for the year ending January 31st, 1900.

J. A. O'SHAUGHNESSY,
Insurance Commissioner.

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FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND.

Principal Office, Baltimore, Md. (Organized in 1890.) Edwin Warfield, President. H. E. Bosler, Secretary. Attorney to Accept Service in Minnesota, Insurance Commissioner. Cash Capital, $1,000,000.

INCOME IN 1898.

Premiums Received—	
Fidelity and surety	$819,123.57
Total premium income	$819,123.57
From interest, dividends and rents	104,273.98
From all other sources	52,235.95
Total income	$975,633.50

DISBURSEMENTS IN 1898.

Claims Paid (Net)—	
Fidelity and surety	$278,841.89
Net paid policy holders	$278,841.89
Dividends to stockholders	100,000.00
Commissions, salaries and expenses of agents	194,915.63
Salaries of officers, employes and examiners' fees	$6,920.00
All other disbursements	166,306.09
Total disbursements	$826,983.61
Excess of income over disbursements	$148,649.89

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1898.

Value of real estate owned	$600,000.00
Bonds and stocks owned	1,801,567.00
Cash in office and in bank	146,470.45
Deferred and unpaid premiums	113,253.30
Total admitted assets	$2,661,290.75

LIABILITIES.

Claims adjusted and not paid	$2,336.06
Claims in process of adjustment and known	7,268.74
Claims resisted and disputed	31,748.72
Aggregate of unpaid claims	$41,353.52
Reinsurance reserve	485,798.55
Capital stock paid up	1,000,000.00
Total liabilities, including capital	$1,527,152.07
Surplus beyond capital and other liabilities	$1,134,138.68

RISKS AND PREMIUMS 1898.

	Amount at Risk Beginning of Year.	Written or Renewed During Year.
Fidelity	$103,775,239	$140,358,370
Surety	37,312,155	27,786,230
Totals	$141,087,394	$168,144,600
	Premiums Received Thereon.	Amt. at Risk End of Year.
Fidelity	$612,332.08	$106,308,061
Surety	246,643.63	50,234,710
Totals	$858,975.71	$156,542,771

Losses incurred during the year. $220,852.03

BUSINESS IN MINNESOTA IN 1898.

	Risks Written.	Premiums Received.	Losses Paid.
Fidelity	$667,700	$5,064.47	......
Surety	329,000	4,822.67	$296.35
Totals	$996,700	$9,887.14	$296.35
		Losses Incurred.	Amt. at Risk End of Year.
Fidelity		......	......
Surety		$296.35	$2,243,164
Totals		$296.35	$2,243,164

State of Minnesota,
Department of Insurance.
St. Paul, March 24, 1899.

I, the undersigned Insurance Commissioner of the State of Minnesota, do hereby certify that the Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland, above named, has complied with the laws of this State relating to insurance, and is now fully empowered, through its authorized agents, to transact its appropriate business of Fidelity and Surety Insurance in this State for the year ending January 31st, 1900.

J. A. O'SHAUGHNESSY,
Insurance Commissioner.

HARTFORD STEAM BOILER INSPECTION AND INSURANCE COMPANY.

Principal Office, Hartford, Conn. Organized in 1866. J. M. Allen, President. J. B. Pierce, Secretary. Attorney to accept service in Minnesota, Insurance Commissioner. Cash capital, $500,000.

INCOME IN 1898.

Premiums Received—	
Steam boiler	$938,821.92
Total premium income	$938,821.92
From interest, dividends and rents	97,790.24
From all other sources	3,384.58
Total income	$1,039,996.74

DISBURSEMENTS IN 1898.

Claims Paid (Net)—	
Steam boiler	$55,725.72
Net paid policy holders	$55,725.72
Dividends to stockholders	60,000.00
Commissions, salaries, and expenses of agents	317,192.78
Salaries of officers, employes and examiners' fees	372,662.01
All other disbursements	85,813.14
Total disbursements	$891,393.65
Excess of income over disbursements	$148,603.09

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1898.

Value of real estate owned	$58,432.91
Mortgage loans	301,000.00
Bonds and stocks owned	1,682,591.00
Cash in office and in bank	100,790.72
Accrued interest and rents	6,982.67
Deferred and unpaid premiums	246,726.68
Total admitted assets	$2,396,523.98

LIABILITIES.

Claims in process of adjustment and known	$16,984.27
Aggregate of unpaid claims	$16,984.27
Reinsurance reserve	1,329,202.73
Capital stock paid up	500,000.00
Total liabilities including capital	$1,846,187.00
Surplus beyond capital and other liabilities	$550,336.98

RISKS AND PREMIUMS 1898.

Steam Boiler—	
Amount at risk beginning of year	$274,330,707.00
Written or renewed during year	119,728,589.00
Premiums received thereon	1,067,183.96
Amount at risk end of year	280,000,096.00
Losses incurred during the year	$61,007.17

BUSINESS IN MINNESOTA IN 1898.

Steam Boiler—	
Risks written	$1,719,550.00
Premiums received	16,863.72
Losses paid	281.83
Losses incurred	36.25
Amount at risk end of year	5,271,771.00

State of Minnesota,
Department of Insurance.
St. Paul, March 25, 1899.

I, the undersigned Insurance Commissioner of the State of Minnesota, do hereby certify that the Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company, above named, has complied with the laws of this State relating to insurance, and is now fully empowered, through its authorized agents, to transact its appropriate business of Steam Boiler Insurance in this State for the year ending January 31st, 1900.

J. A. O'SHAUGHNESSY,
Insurance Commissioner.

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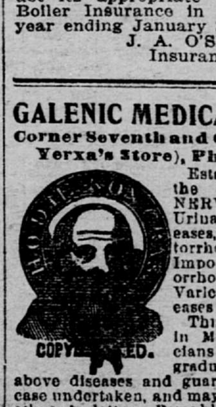

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Ticket Office 365 Robert St. 'Phone 98

a(*)Daily. bEx. Sun.	Leave.	Arrive.
Chicago "Day" Express	a8:15am	a10:15pm
Chicago "Atlantic" Ex.	a4:30pm	a11:45am
Chicago "Fast Mail"	a6:55pm	a1:45pm
Chicago "Pioneer Limited"	*8:10 p.m.	*7:50 a.m
Chicago via Pr. du Chien div	b4:40pm	b11:15am
Peoria, via Mason City	a4:40pm	a11:15am
Red Wing and Rochester	b3:00pm	b11:45am
Dubuque via La Crosse	b8:15am	b10:15pm
St. Louis and Kansas City	a8:35am	a6:25pm
Milbank and Way	b8:20am	b6:30pm
Aberdeen and Dakota Ex.	a7:05pm	a8:15am

NORTHERN PACIFIC TICKET OFFICE 5th & Robert Sts. Union Station, St. Paul. Milwaukee Station, Minneapolis. Dining and Pullman Cars on Winnipeg and Coast Trains.

	Leave	Arrive
Puget Sound Mail, Daily; Fargo, Butte, Helena, Spokane, Tacoma, Seattle and Portland	8:55am	2:00pm
Oregon Express, Daily; Fargo, Butte, Spokane, Tacoma, Seattle Portland	10:45pm	7:30am
Dakota and Manitoba Express, Daily; Fergus Falls, Crookston, Grand Forks, Grafton & Winnipeg	8:00pm	7:10am
Fargo Local, Daily except Sunday; St Cloud, Brainerd and Fargo	8:15am	5:25pm

THE GREAT NORTHERN

Ticket Office—199 East Third St. 'Phone 1143.

Leave.	a Daily. b Except Sunday.	Arrive.
b8:30am	F'gs Falls, Fargo, G'd F'ks	b5:05pm
b8:30am	...Willmar, via St. Cloud...	b5:05pm
a9:00am	...Great Northern Flyer...	a2:00pm
b9:15am	(Willmar, S. Falls, Y'kton.) (..S'x. City. Brown's Val..)	b5:35pm
b4:35pm	.Excelsior and Hutchinson.	b11:35am
a7:05pm	Breck. Fargo, G'dF'ks W'pg	a7:45am
a8:30pm	..Montana-Pacific Express..	a7:30am

EASTERN MINNESOTA RAILWAY.

b9:00am a11:15pm	Duluth and West Superior	b6:20pm a7:10am

Sleeper for 11:15 p. m. train can be occupied at any time after 9 p. m.

"North-Western Line"—C., St. P., M. & O.

Office, 395 Robert St. 'Phone 480.

Leave.	a Daily. b Ex. Sunday.	Arrive.
a8:15am	..Chicago "Day Ex."...	a10:15pm
a4:30pm	..Ch'go "Atlantic Ex."...	a11:00am
a6:55pm	..Chicago "Fast Mail"...	a8:00am
a8:10pm	.Ch'go "N. W. Limited".	a7:50am
b9:25am	.Dul., Superior, Ashl'd.	b5:05pm
a11:00pm	.Dul., Superior, Ashl'd.	a6:50am
b7:40am	..Mankato, Sioux City..	b4:40pm
a10:00am	Sioux City, Omaha, ... Kansas City	a6:55pm
b4:50pm	Mankato, New Ulm, ... Elmore	b10:05am
a7:45pm	Sioux City, Omaha, ... Kansas City	a7:25am

ST. PAUL & DULUTH R. R.

From Union Depot. City Office, 396 Robert St.

Leave.	a Daily. b Except Sunday.	Arrive.
a9:00am b2:15pm a11:15pm	DULUTH WEST SUPERIOR	a7:15am b2:30pm a6:30pm

Sleeper for 11:15 train ready 9 p. m.

For Stillwater, a9:00 am., a12:10, b2:15, b4:05, a6:10 pm. For Taylor's Falls, b9:00 am., b4:05 pm.

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8:15am	..Chicago, except Sunday..	12:15pm
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*Daily. †Except Sunday.	Leave.	Arrive.
Dubuque, Chicago, Waterloo, Marshalltown, Des Moines, St. Joseph and Kansas City	†8.10 am *8.10 pm *11.20pm	†8.30 pm *7.50 am *12.50pm
Mantorville Local	*3.55 pm	*10.45 am

M., ST. P. & S. S. M. R'Y.

Leave.	EAST.	Arrive.
7:20pm	..Atlantic Limited (daily)....	8:45am
9:40am	..Pembine Local (ex. Sun.)..	6:05pm
	WEST.	
8:45am	....Pacific Limited (daily)....	6:40pm
6:00pm	St. Croix Falls Local, except Sunday. From Broadway ....Depot, foot Fourth St....	9:15am
5:15pm	.Glenwood Local (ex Sun.).	9:30am

WISCONSIN CENTRAL

City Office, 373 Robert St. 'Phone No. 694.

Leave St. Paul	All Trains Daily.	Arrive St. Paul.
8:00am	Eau Claire, Chippewa Falls, ...Milwaukee and Chicago...	8:15am
7:40pm	Ashland, Chippewa Falls, Oshkosh, Mil. and Chicago.	4:10pm

M. & St. L. Depot—Broadway & 4th.

MINNEAPOLIS & ST. LOUIS R.R.

"ALBERT LEA ROUTE."

Leave.	a Daily. b Except Sunday.	Arrive.
b9:15am	Mankato, Des Moines, Cedar ....Rapids, Kansas City....	b6:30pm
b8:45am	....Watertown, New Ulm....	b4:55pm
b5:00pm	......New Ulm Local	b10:20am
a7:00pm	Des Moines & Omaha Lim.	a8:10am
a7:00pm	..Chicago & St. Louis Lim..	a8:10am
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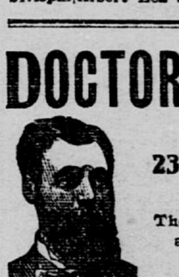

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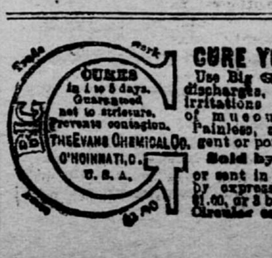

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