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South St. Paul Live Stock
And Outside Cattle Markets.

SOUTH ST. PAUL, March 28—Estimated receipts at the Union stock yards today—Cattle, 350; calves, 25; hogs, 1,600; sheep, 200; horses, 20; cars, 36.

Official receipts yesterday—Cattle, 728; calves, 186; hogs, 2,465; sheep, 814; cars, 64.

Receipts thus far in March, compared with the same period in 1901, are as follows:

	March 1902.	March 1901.	Gain.
Cattle	16,132	8,824	7,358
Calves	3,976	3,871	105
Hogs	46,813	40,628	6,185
Sheep	28,516	9,369	19,147
Horses	129	12	117
Cars	1,328	932	396

Receipts thus far in 1902, compared with the same period in 1901, are as follows.

	1902.	1901.	Gain.
Cattle	41,136	32,247	8,889
Calves	7,631	8,444	*813
Hogs	178,475	150,508	27,967
Sheep	135,631	65,336	70,295
Horses	286	411	*125
Cars	4,398	3,505	893

* Loss.

Hogs.

Comparative receipts:
Total for today (estimated) 1,600
A week ago 1,921
A year ago 1,522

Quotations—Light and light mixed, $6.50@6.60; mixed and butchers, $6.40@6.70; heavy, $6.30@6.75; boars, $2.50@3.50; stags, $4.75@5.50; underweights, $5.25@5.85; pigs, $4.75@5.25.

Market 10 cents higher and active at the advance. Prices ranged from $6.35, for common lights, to $6.70 for good heavy. Choice heavy would easily have sold at $6.75. Representative sales:

Hogs—					
No.	Wt.	Price.	No.	Wt.	Price.
75	189	$6.40	52	175	$6.40
73	196	6.45	83	209	6.50
86	200	6.50	75	218	6.55
12	291	6.60	77	245	6.65
23	261	6.65	68	267	6.70
29	199	6.75			
Pigs and Underweights—					
10	113	$5.30	16	125	$5.50
4	150	5.75			
Stags and Boars—					
1				540	$5.00

Cattle.

Comparative receipts:
Total for today (estimated) 375
A week ago 419
A year ago 271

Quotations: Choice butcher steers, $6.25@6.50; good, $5.50@6; common to fair, $4@5.25; choice cows and heifers, $5@5.50; good, $4@4.75; fair, $3.25@3.75; canners and cutters, $1.75@3; good to choice butcher bulls, $4.25@5; fair, $3.5@4; bologna, $3@3.25; good to choice veals, $4.50@5.25; common to fair, $3@4.25; good to choice feeding steers, $3.50@4.25; common to fair, $2.50@3.40; good to choice feeding steers, $3.10@4.25; common to fair, $2.50@3.40; good to choice stock steers, $3.25@4; common to fair, $2.50@3.10; steer calves, $2.50@3.50; good to choice stock cows and heifers, $2.75@3; common to fair, $2.25@2.65; heifer calves, $2.25@3; stock and feeding bulls, $2.50@3.50; good to choice milch cows and springers, $32@40; common to fair, $20@30.

Butcher cattle firm and active. Stock cattle trade continues dull and weak. Occasional catch sales are made, but the market cannot be judged by these. Representative sales:

Butcher Steers—					
No.	Wt	Price.	No.	Wt.	Price.
1	1490	$6.75	8	1237	$5.00
40	969	5.50	16	1131	5.25
8	965	4.75	11	1201	4.65
4	890	4.40	5	1062	4.25
Butcher Cows and Heifers—					
2	1110	$4.65	1	1100	$4.50
1	1210	4.00	1	1640	3.75
2	1040	3.50	1	730	3.25
Cutters and Canners—					
1	1230	$3.00	1	770	$2.75
2	985	2.50	1	840	2.00
1	640	2.00	1	760	1.75
Butcher Bulls—					
1	1420	$4.75	1	1340	$3.80
1	1140	3.50	1	1040	3.00
Veal Calves—					
1	360	$2.50	2	340	$3.00
1	110	5.25			
Stock and Feeding Steers—					
17	598	$3.75	14	621	$3.75
2	865	3.65	1	700	3.50
3	753	3.00	16	1065	3.50
7	561	3.25	8	592	3.00
Steer Calves—					
19	415	$3.50	5	412	$3.50
5	360	3.00	7	330	3.00
Stock Cows and Heifers—					
1	540	$3.00	1	730	$2.60
1	640	2.50	1	570	3.00
3	483	2.60	2	675	2.65
Heifer Calves—					
1	360	$2.75	1	240	$2.50
Stock and Feeding Bulls—					
1	760	$3.25	1	910	$3.00
Milkers and Springers—					
1 cow and 1 calf					$28.50
1 cow					32.00

Sheep.

Comparative receipts:
Total for today (estimated) 260
A week ago 26
A year ago 698

Quotations: Fancy lambs, $6.25@6.50; good to choice fat lambs, $5.50@6; fair to good fat lambs, $5@6; feeding lambs, $4@5; thin buck lambs, $3@4; good to choice yearling wethers, $5@5.75; good to choice heavy wethers, $4.50@5.25; good wethers, $4@4.40; good to choice fat ewes, medium weight, $4.35@4.75; heavy-weights, $3.75@4.25; fair to good fat ewes, $3.75@4.25; common killers, $3.25@3.70; good to choice and feeding ewes, $2.60@3; fair to good, $2.25@2.50; common to old "skates," $1@2.

Western Feeders — Lambs, $4@5.25; ewes, $2.50@3.50; wethers, $3.50@4.50.

Receipts light and generally common in quality. No change in prices. Representative sales:

Killing Sheep and Lambs—

No.	Kind.	Wt.	Price.
47	ewes	122	$4.50
6	lambs	89	5.75
Stock and Feeding Sheep and Lambs—			
59	lambs	44	$4.00
196	lambs	40	3.50
45	old ewes	62	2.50

Among the shippers on the market were: J. S. Green, Red Wing; G. A. Norrish, Hastings; John Tingvall, River Falls; Herman Henet, Leonard; C. P. May, Norwood; Gus Hitter, Monticello; W. E. Le Barron, Lyle; Theodore Garrison, Minneiska; Goodrich & Harkness, Durand; Charles Hueber, Alma; Mohn & Donaldson, Morristown; F. D. Elwood, Elma; Furnbe & Johnson, Dawson; I. N. Brown, Boyd; E. Schmahl, Delhi; D. H. Flynn, Westbrook; W. W. Reeves, Milbank; P. P. Olson, A. M. Holton, Renville; Roester Bros. & Co., Otisco; Wittsack & Co., W. E. Feeney, Maple Lake; S. Foster, Lakota; J. Randgaard & Co., Danvers, Wheeler & Watkins, Beardsley; G. W. Rehfield, Brown's Valley; Brown & Ryan, Litchfield; C. W. Wheeler, Beardsley.

Midway Horse Market.

Minnesota Transfer, St. Paul, Minn.—Barrett & Zimmerman report that the clearance today was of a smaller proportion. While stock was plentiful, buyers were not as well represented as on the previous days of this week and buying was slow, and as a consequence of this, the prices dropped $10 a head on farm horses, drivers, and delivery horses. Values:

Drafters, extra	$145@215
Drafters, choice	130@145
Drafters, common to good	115@130
Farm mares, extra	120@135
Farm mares, choice	100@120
Farm mares, common to good	75@100

Chicago Live Stock.

CHICAGO, March 28.—Cattle—Receipts, 2,500; steady to strong; good to prime steers nominal at $5.50@7; poor to medium, $4.25@6.40; stockers and feeders, $2.50@5.25; cows, $1.25@5.50; heifers, $2.50@5.75; canners, $1.25@2.40; bulls, $2.50@5.10; calves, $2.50@6; Texas fed steers, $5@6.

Hogs—Receipts today, 21,000; tomorrow, 22,000; left over, 4,000; 5@10c higher; closing easy; mixed and butchers, $6.15@6.50; good to choice heavy, $6.70@6.92½; rough heavy, $6.35@6.65; light, $6.25@6.65; bulk of sales, $6.45@6.75.

Sheep—Receipts, 4,000; sheep and lambs steady; good to choice wethers, $5@5.40; fair to choice mixed, $4.25@4.90; Western sheep and yearlings, $5.25@5.75; native lambs, $4.00@6.60; Western lambs, $5.25@6.65.

Official yesterday: Receipts—Cattle, 10,708; hogs, 30,589; sheep, 15,057. Shipments—Cattle, 4,473; hogs; 5,244; sheep, 2,794.

OTHER LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

St. Louis, Mo. — Cattle — Receipts, 300; steady to strong. Beef steers, $3.50@6.75; Texans, $3.55@6.25; stockers and feeders, $2.65@4.80; cows and heifers, $2.25@5.50. Hogs—Receipts, 2,000; 10c higher. Pigs, $6.25@6.50; packers, $6.25@6.75; butchers, $6.50@6.75. Sheep—Receipts 100; steady. Sheep, $5@5.50; lambs, $5.50@6.25.

Kansas City—Cattle—Receipts, 2,000; strong. Beef steers, $5.25@6.75; Texans, $4.80@6.30; stockers and feeders, $3.25@5.00; cows and heifers, $3.50@6.65. Hogs—Receipts, 6,000; 10@20c higher; heavy, $6.50@6.95; packers, $6.45@6.85; medium, $6@6.80; yorkers, $6.45@6.85; pigs, $6@6.40. Sheep—Receipts, 1,500; steady; sheep, $4.50@5.75; lambs, $6.40@6.75.

South Omaha, Neb.—Cattle—Receipts, 1,800; active and strong. Beef steers, $4.50@6.75; Texans, $3.75@5.25; cows and heifers, $3.50@5.85; canners, $1.50@2.75; stockers and feeders, $2.75@4.85. Hogs—Receipts, 6,800; 10c higher. Heavy, $6.60@6.75; mixed, $6.15@6.60; pigs, $5@5.75. Sheep—Receipts, 2,000; steady. Sheep, $3.75@6.00; lambs, $5.50@6.75.

HIDES, PELTS AND FURS.

Quotations furnished by D. Bergman & Co., 186 and 188 East Third street, St. Paul, Minn.

Hides—	No. 1.	No. 2.
G. S. natives, 25 lbs up	.07½	.06½
G. S. bulls and stags, flat	.07¼	....
G. S. branded	.07¼	.06¼
G. S. long-haired kip, 8 to 25 lbs	.07¼	.06¼
G. S. Veal kip, 15 to 25 lbs	.08½	.07
G. S. calfskins, 8 to 25 lbs	.10½	.09

Green hides and calf, not salted, 1c less per lb than above prices.

Dry hides and calfskins flint	.14	.12
Dry hides and calfskins, salted	.12	.10
Pelts—		
Dry sheep pelts, native per lb	.08	.09
Dry sheep pelts, teritory, per lb	.09	.11
Dry sheep pelts, shearlings, each	.05	.10
Green sheep pelts, March take off, each	.70 @	1.05
Tallow—		
No. 1 in cakes or bbls	.05½@	.06
No. 2 in cakes or bbls	.04¾@	.05
Furs—		
Bear, black, brown, grizzly	$10.50 @	28.00
Beaver	3.50 @	8.00
Fisher, as to size and color	2.75 @	9.00
Fox, black and silver gray	30.00 @	300.00
Fox, cross, as to size and color	3.00 @	12.00
Fox, red	3.00 @	5.50
Lynx	3.00 @	7.00
Marten, as to size and color	1.25 @	3.00
Muskrat, winter	.09 @	12.00
Muskrat, fall	.06 @	.09
Otter, as to size and color	5.00 @	13.00
Raccoon	.07 @	1.85
Skunk, black and short striped	.75 @	1.85
Skunk, striped	.25 @	.10
Wolf, brush and prairie, or coyote	.95 @	2.15
Wolf, timber	1.50 @	3.50

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, March 28.—Prime mercantile paper, 4½@5 per cent; sterling exchange nominal, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.87@4.87⅛ for demand and at $4.83½@4.85¼ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.86 and $4.88½; commercial bills, $4.84½@4.85½.

Statement of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—Today's statement of the treasury balances in the general fund exclusive of the $150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption shows:

Available cash balances	$174,588,478
Gold	92,556,701
Silver	19,353,229
United States notes	10,288,319
Treasury notes of 1890	158,568
National bank notes	9,774,471
Total receipts this day	1,809,357
Total receipts this month	42,700,393
Total receipts this year	415,201,859
Total expenditures this day	905,000
Total expenditures this month	36,425,990
Total expenditures this year	356,167,464
Deposits in national banks	118,359,597

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References — Stock Yards bank, South St. Paul; Security bank, Zumbrota; Hon. A. T. Koerner, state treasurer, Capitol building, St. Paul; A. C. Anderson, cashier, St. Paul National bank, St. Paul.

WIDOWED.

Your lonely room is still a sacred place,
The air you breathed is warm in my embrace,
The perfume of your presence lingers still
About the pillow where I lay my face.

I touch your garments, lightly, half afraid,
So ghostly art they in the teeming shade!
The candle flickers like a frightened soul
Upon the little altar where you prayed.
—Elsa Barker in the Bookman.

Produce and Fruit
... Markets ...

Commission Row, March 28.—Trade in the open market at today's meeting of the Produce exchange established the following prices in lots:

Butter—Creameries—		
Extras	.26½@	.27
Firsts	.23 @	.24
Dairies—		
Extras		.22
Firsts	.20 @	.21
Packing stock	.18 @	.18½
Cheese—		
Twins, fancy	.12 @	.13
Young America	.13 @	.13½
Brick, No. 1	.15 @	.16
Brick, No. 2	.12 @	.12½
Limburger	.14 @	.15
Swiss	.16 @	.17
Eggs—		
Fresh stock, cases included,		.13
Dressed Meats—		
Veal, fancy	.07½@	.08
Veal, common	.06½@	.07
Lambs, fall	.10 @	.10½
Lambs, milk, pelts on	.20 @	.22
Country-dressed hogs	.07 @	.0 ½
Dressed Poultry—		
Fancy dry-picked turkeys, small, per lb	.12 @	.12½
Spring chickens, fancy	[illegible]	[illegible]
Spring, mixed lots	.08 @	.09
Ducks	.10½@	.11
Geese	.09 @	.09½
Live Poultry—		
Turkeys	.08 @	.10
Mixed chickens	.09 @	.10
Cocks		.05
Geese		.08
Ducks	.08½@	.09
Fish—		
Sunfish and perch, lb	.02 @	.03
Pike		.05
Pickerel		.03
Whitefish		08

The following prices are those at which the commodities mentioned are selling to the retail trade. In large lots these prices may be shaded:

Beans—		
Fancy navy, per bu	2.00 @	2.10
Medium, hand-picked	1.50 @	2.00
Brown, fair to fancy	1.90 @	2.10
Peas—		
Yellow peas	1.25 @	1.50
Green peas	1.35 @	1.50
Potatoes—		
Fancy seed, per bu	1.00 @	1.50
Small lots	.80 @	.90
Car lots	.70 @	.80
New potatoes, bu		3.00
Sweets—		
Cobden, per bbl		6.50
Vegetables—		
Artichokes, dozen		2.00
Asparagus, dozen bunches		2.50
Beets, new, dozen bunches		.75
Beets, old bu		.65
Brussels sprouts, quart		.25
Cabbage, Holland seed, per 100 lbs		2.00
Cucumbers, dozen		1.75
Cauliflower, crate		3.00
Carrots, bu		.60
Celery, dozen bunches	.40 @	.50
Celery, California, crate	3.25 @	3.75
Egg plant, dozen	1.50 @	2.00
Lettuce, leaf, per dozen	.30 @	.35
Lettuce, head, Southern, per dozen		.75
Onions, dry, bu	1.50 @	2.00
Onions, Spanish, crate	2.00 @	2.25
Peppers, basket		.75
Parsnips, bu	.40 @	.50
Parsley, dozen	.25 @	.50
Pie plant, lb	.07 @	.08
Radishes, dozen bunches		.75
Spinach, bu		.75
Strawberries, per quart	.40 @	.45
Turnips, old, bu		.50
Tomatoes, 5-lb basket		.75
Wax and string beans, bu		6.00
Cranberries—		
Jerseys, per bbl		7.00
Boxes	2.25 @	2.50
Grapes—		
Malaga, bbl	7.00 @	8.00
Apples—		
Jonathans, fancy, bbl	6.50 @	7.00
Ben Davis	5.50 @	6.00
Lemons—		
California, per box	3.00 @	3.50
Jamaica limes, per 100		2.00
Oranges—		
California, per box	3.25 @	3.75
Tangerines, per box		3.50
Miscellaneous—		
Bananas	2.00 @	2.50
Honey, per lb	.11 @	.15
Popcorn, per lb		.03
Persimmons, per crate		1.00
Grape fruit, Florida, per box	9.00 @	9.50
Grape fruit, California, per box	4.50 @	5.00
Pineapples, crate		5.50
Fancy, dozen	3.50 @	4.00
Nuts—		
California walnuts, per lb		.13
Peanuts, raw		.06
Peanuts, roasted		.07
Brazils		.13
Pecans, medium		.12
English walnuts		.12
Almonds	.15 @	.16
Filberts		.15
Chestnuts		.10
Chestnuts, Italian		.08
Hickory, small, per bu		2.25
Hickory, large, per bu		1.75
Butternuts, per bu		1.00
Cocoanuts, per 100	2.25 @	2.75
Walnuts, black, per bu	1.50 @	1.75
Figs and Dates—		
California dates, 10-lb box		.75
Turkish figs, lb	.11 @	.14
Arabian, lb		.15
Fard dates, lb	.07 @	.08
Hallowee dates	.04 @	.06
Apple Cider—		
Sweet, per bbl		6.00
Sweet, per half bbl		3.50
Hard, common, per bbl	4.50 @	8.00
Hard, fancy, per bbl	9.00 @	10.00

Chicago Produce.

CHICAGO, March 28.—Butter steady; creameries, 20@27c; dairies, 19½@25c. Cheese firm; twins, 11¾@12c; dairies, 12@12½c; Young Americas, 12½@13c. Eggs steady; at mark, cases included, 13½@14c. Dressed poultry scarce but steady; turkeys, 10@15c; chickens, 10@12c.

GRAIN PRICES ARE STILL GOING DOWN

NEW YORK, March 28.—Bradstreets tomorrow will say: Trade activities have shifted from first to second hands this week. The wholesale and jobbing distribution of dry goods, clothing, hats and caps, millinery and shoes has been rather quieter, as was only natural in view of the culmination of the spring demand for Easter. Retail distribution, favored by spring weather, has been very active East and West, with a fair business at the South.

Among the industries, new demand for iron and steel has on the whole been less active, but production and shipment have gone forward at undiminished head speed. The building trades have taken a decided spurt in activity. Lumber is active at all markets at higher prices than ruled a year ago. The edge has rather been taken off cotton and cotton goods prices by the reaction in the raw material and the talk of further labor unsettlement, but values as a whole are steady.

Aggressive strength in prices is chiefly manifested by hog products, which it is declared have been manipulated by packers. A more reasonable explanation, however, is that the higher prices for beef and mutton have largely diverted consumption of hog products. Milder weather has relieved the strain on the coal trade somewhat, but strike talk has prevented weakness in prices.

Rather less activity in iron and steel is noted, but no loss of price firmness is observable.

Iron Market Still Strong.

The peculiar situation of the foundry pig iron market is shown by the fact that prices of that grade are $1 higher per ton than Bessemer. Finished iron and steel has been active, implement and wagon manufacturers buying heavily of steel bars which are nominally $2 per ton higher.

Despite the fact that tin plate mills are booked for five months ahead, the leading interest continues to take orders at $4 per box. Testimony to the activity in hardware is well nigh unanimous. Chicago reports demand active beyond all precedent. Jobbers in cutlery and builders' hardware at New York report inability to secure supplies fast enough.

The analysis of the cotton market, given a week ago, to the effect that the market was on a dead center and that the position appeared to be over-bought, was confirmed this week by the sharp break of nearly one-third of a cent in futures and of one-fourth of a cent in spots, brought about by tired, long liquidation. A more cheerful tone developed at the decline, however, and covering in anticipation of the holidays recovered a portion of the loss. Wool is quiet. Mills are busy on previous orders. Men's wear clothing is dull. Boots and shoes are dull and new business is smaller. Shipments for the season are a trifle smaller than last year. Leather is quiet and hides are dull and easy.

The leading cereals are irregularly lower after an apparently futile effort at bulling prices. Last week's decline brought in considerable export business in wheat, and some revival was reported even in corn. Steady buying and talk of a squeeze in corn were reflected sympathetically in wheat.

Talk of a Corner in Corn.

The talk of a corner in July corn was aided by the small supplies of contract grades, but the tendency to take profits in anticipation of the holiday's weakened prices, which generally closed lower than a week ago. Wheat crop advices have on the whole been very good, though isolated reports of damage in Kansas and Oklahoma have been received. These, however, do not agree with Bradstreet's reports of liberal rains in the Southwest and the improved feeling in business circles generally in that section.

Wheat, including flour, exports for the week aggregate 2,904,010 bushels, against 4,326,304 bushels last week and 4,494,635 bushels in this week last year.

Wheat exports, July 1, 1901, to date (thirty-nine weeks) aggregate 194,399,041 bushels, against 149,923,424 bushels last season.

Corn exports aggregate 139,205 bushels, against 339,891 bushels last week and 3,582,943 bushels last year. July 1, 1901, to date, corn exports are 24,134,170 bushels, against 143,966,337 bushels last season.

Business failures in the United States number for the week 183, as against 197 last week, 189 in this week last year, 178 in 1900, 190 in 1899 and 226 in 1898.

Failures in Canada for the week number 22, as against 26 last week and 28 a year ago.

$1.00 Per Berth to Chicago Via "The Milwaukee."

During March and April "The Milwaukee" line will operate tourist sleeping cars between the Twin Cities and Chicago twice each week in each direction.

Tourist cars will leave Twin Cities on 8:35 p. m. train every Wednesday and Saturday, arriving Chicago 9:30 following morning.

Rate per double berth, $1.00.

Westbound tourist cars will leave Chicago Tuesdays and Fridays.

$50 to California and Return.

The Minneapolis and St. Louis R. R. will sell tickets April 20-27, May 27-June 8, good for sixty days, at $50. The only line with morning sleeper from Minneapolis making direct connection with through trains at Omaha and Kansas City. For full information call on W. L. Hathaway, C. T. A., No. 1 Wash. Ave. So., Minneapolis, or F. P. Rutherford, C. T. A., 398 Robert St., St. Paul.

NEW YORK, March 28.—R. G. Dun's weekly review of trade tomorrow will say:

Favorable weather greatly facilitated Easter retail trade, the volume of transactions in all lines of wearing apparel being of exceptional magnitude. Activity was by no means restricted to the specialties, however, the general distribution of merchandise exceeding that of previous seasons with prices well maintained. A distinct evidence of the vigor of legitimate trade is found in the decline of only 21.4 per cent in bank exchanges at New York, notwithstanding the fact that transactions at the stock exchange were not more than a third of those in the corresponding week last year, while at other leading cities clearings exhibited a gain of 9.8 per cent over last year, and 31.5 per cent over 1899.

Demands for an eight-hour day after May 1 by the blast furnace men was the most disturbing feature in the iron and steel industry, and this is not causing much alarm, as an agreement will probably be reached during the intervening month. Production is now beyond all previous records, and the movement of coke is heavy, although the early opening of lake navigation may withdraw some of the transporting facilities which cannot be spared.

Demand for Implement Stock.

Buying has been notably active in bars for implement makers, and producers have sold their entire outputs so far ahead that new business is not sought. Many plans for immediate structural work have been abandoned, owing to the insufficient supply of available material. On the other hand, there are reports of reselling contracts for rails and other supplies by consumers who have secured larger deliveries than will be needed. The appearance of this speculative element would be ominous if quotations were more excessively inflated. Aside from the advance in bar iron at Pittsburg to $1.80 and foundry iron at Chicago to $18.50, there are no important price changes. Southern furnace products having decided to postpone the contemplated advance.

A severe reaction occurred in cotton, due entirely to the excessive speculative purchases, which made the market top-heavy. A slight recovery in coffee from the bottom price must be attributed to aggressive option buying, as the statistical position is not improved. Brazil receipts exceeding last year's high record to date by over a third.

A temporary reduction in refined sugar was quickly restored, as the market for raw grades became very strong. Meats again advanced in the face of easier grain, a helpful influence being the largest single order ever placed for the British army.

Lower Prices in Cereals.

Weakness appeared in the cereals early in the week, when there was a certain unanimity about encouraging weather reports and increased acreage. Subsequently there was partial recovery owing to less cheerful news from Kansas and Oklahoma, but the net result for the week was a decidedly lower range of prices. Wheat exports materially declined from the satisfactory record of 4,677,499 bushels last week, to only 3,088,042 bushels this week, which compares with 3,936,832 in the same week last year. There was a decrease in Western receipts to 2,747,094 bushels, against 4,052,508 a year ago, but the difference in arrivals of corn were less striking, 1,976,064 bushels, against 2,682,918 a year ago. Atlantic shipments of the minor cereal were only 138,344 bushels, compared with 2,946,461 in 1901. According to an analysis of the official returns by a Liverpool authority, there will be only 13,000,000 bushels of wheat in this country at the close of the crop year, but the statement is based on exports for the last four months of half as much as the record-breaking shipments of the preceding eight months, which is extremely improbable.

Further alteration in the figures should be made to allow of the underestimate of the total crop.

Failures for the week numbered 205 in the United States, against 206 last year; 22 in Canada, against 29 last year.

Bank Clearings.

NEW YORK, March 28.—The following table, compiled by Bradstreet, shows the bank clearings at the principal cities for the week ended March 27, with the percentage of increase and decrease, as compared with the corresponding week last year:

		Inc.	Dec.
New York	$1,293,423,459	.....	20.1
Chicago	164,205,810	20.0	.....
Boston	124,271,273	.....	10.6
Philadelphia	111,337,164	15.7	.....
St. Louis	52,229,260	28.9	.....
Pittsburg	41,615,167	4.2	.....
Baltimore	21,254,551	.....	14.2
San Francisco	33,594,370	68.1	.....
Cincinnati	19,367,850	6.3	.....
Kansas City	17,585,458	23.6	.....
Cleveland	11,532,129	.....	8.0
Minneapolis	10,810,062	33.7	.....
New Orleans	11,600,512	.....	5.6
Detroit	8,456,246	4.0	.....
Louisville	8,955,253	18.8	.....
Indianapolis	9,415,623	51.6	.....
Providence	6,621,600	22.8	.....
Omaha	7,387,158	16.5	.....
Milwaukee	6,464,376	30.8	.....
Buffalo	4,883,353	1.7	.....
St. Paul	5,414,986	34.1	.....
Seattle	2,811,194	24.2	.....
Washington	3,387,624	24.5	.....
Des Moines	1,928,466	20.5	.....
New Haven	1,556,976	31.5	.....
Sioux City	1,572,756	32.4	.....
Tacoma	1,198,312	7.8	.....
Spokane	1,498,729	75.4	.....
Helena	460,639	.....	30.4
Fargo	352,391	11.0	.....
Sioux Falls	325,438	1.2	.....
Totals, U. S.	$2,063,748,166	.....	10.5
Outside N. Y.	770,324,707	12.1	.....
CANADA.			
Montreal	$18,925,227	10.2	.....
Toronto	15,261,507	39.8	.....
Winnipeg	2,600,902	56.2	.....
Halifax	1,562,117	17.9	.....
Vancouver, B. C.	760,789	4.8	.....
Hamilton	864,266	30.9	.....
St. John, N. B.	541,470	.....	13.4
Victoria, B. C.	521,687	27.0	.....
*Quebec	1,101,788	.....	.....
Ottawa	1,703,022	.....	.....
Totals, Canada.	$41,137,965	22.5	.....

*Not included in totals because of no comparison for last year.

The Reporter's Revenge.

New York Herald.

"Do you see that man?"

And I observed a rather lonesome person wandering aimlessly about the capitol. Regret was stamped upon his face, and his whole attitude was that of a man who had tried and failed, and who had no intention of ever trying again.

"Well, that is a former representative who called the correspondent of the leading paper in his district a liar. The correspondent did not pursue the ordinary method of retaliation by attacking him in his articles whenever opportunity offered. He simply refused for two years to mention his name in his correspondence. The people at home began to wonder what they sent a man to congress for, anyway, and finally came to the conclusion that a representative who couldn't get his name in the paper couldn't be of much account in Washington. It took 1,400 ballots to beat him when he came up for renomination, but they did it all right."

Shooting Tournament Kansas City, Mo., March 31-April 5, 1902.

For this occasion the Chicago Great Western Railway will, March 29 and 30, sell excursion tickets to Kansas City, good to return April 7th, at one fare for the round trip. For further information apply to J. N. Storr, City Ticket Agent, corner Fifth and Robert streets, St. Paul.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Board of Fire Commissioners.

St. Paul, Minn., March 21, 1902.

Special meeting of the Board was held this day at 8 p. m.

Present—Commissioners Brace, Clarkin, Freeman, Schweizer and President Warner.

The meeting was called for the purpose of taking up and approving the annual reports for the year 1901. After hearing the reports read, the recommendations set forth in report of Assistant Electrical Inspector F. D. Varnum were taken under consideration.

On motion the Board concurred in the following recommendations: "That an ordinance be drawn up and presented to the City Council requiring the City Railway Company to place all of their feed wires within the down-town district underground; also that they be required to install proper switches or other approved devices at convenient points by which the current could be shut off from any section of their trolley wires by an officer of the Fire Department if found necessary during a fire; also that an ordinance be passed to extend the underground district and requiring all aerial wires within that district to be removed within a specified time."

On motion, the reports were referred to a committee consisting of Commissioners Freeman, Schweizer and Brace to act with the President of the Board to scrutinize, put in shape and submit such recommendations therein as is deemed necessary and report their action at a meeting subject to the call of the President.

Adjourned.

REUBEN WARNER, President.
WM. O'GORMAN, Secretary.

SPECIAL MEETING.

Board of Fire Commissioners,
St. Paul, Minn., March 26, 1902.

Special meeting of the Board was held this day at 8 p. m.

Present—Commissioners Clarkin, Freeman, Schweizer and President Warner.

Absent—Commissioner Brace.

The meeting was called for the purpose of hearing the report of the committee to whom was referred annual report of the Board for 1901. The committee submitted recommendations for improvements to the department, a detailed statement of which accompanies said report.

On motion, the report of said committee was adopted and the recommendations contained therein concurred in, and ordered incorporated in the annual report to be forwarded to the City Council.

Adjourned.

REUBEN WARNER, President.
WM. O'GORMAN, Secretary.

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