THE SPECULATIVE MARKETS.

Short Sellers in the Wheat Pit Sorely Disappointed.

BULLS AGAIN IN THE LEAD.

Corn Rather Dull Notwithstanding a Falling Off in Receipts—Oats Barely Steady—Provisions Bearish—Hogs Brisk.

CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKET.

CHICAGO, May 16.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—When the wheat crowd came down this morning with the decline of Tuesday uppermost in their minds and found weak cables from abroad, dispatches of a rather bearish tone from the northwest and other bearish news from different quarters, it began business quite comfortable in the opinion that it was to be another great day for short selling. All these calculations were completely upset. July wheat opened at 88⅝c and touched 87¾c. There were enough buying orders in the market, however, to stop the decline at this point and to turn the movement the other way. Before 10 o'clock July options sold at 89¾c and at that hour closed at 89⅛@89⅝c. At night the the crowd in a disgruntled and unhappy manner, acknowledged that its plans had been completely upset. There was a bull point early, that July wheat would in any event be stopped at 87¾c. It took a good deal of buying by Cudahy and Linn at the opening to stop the decline at 87¾c. Figures from Liverpool showed an increase in wheat on passage of nearly 2,500,000 bushels. This influenced a great deal of early selling, but the buying of the bull coterie was enough to absorb everything offered and to be vigorous after the crowd had been relieved of all they had. In half an hour after the opening the phase had so changed, that from 87¾c July wheat was at 88⅝c. Not only was the price of wheat changed, but the look of the pit was also changed. The faint-hearted bulls took courage and became buyers again. Neither cables nor small exports, nor fine weather nor anything else outside of the pit counted. There was plenty of bull muscle and the price kept up. Primary market receipts—138,000 bushels—were small. Worst telegraphed that in a ride between here and St. Louis he saw that 30 per cent of the acreage had been plowed up. In the pit, besides buying by Cudahy & Linn, which was most conspicuous, Hutchinson, Roche, Lindbloom and Bloom were on the same side, but there was a great big trade and these were only leaders. Kennett was the largest individual seller, putting out about 500,000 bushels at 89¾c. Spreaders, in getting out of unprofitable straddles between July and August and July and December, advanced the nearer option. August got to a discount of 1c and this created some silly talk of a July wheat corner.

The arrivals of corn—278 cars—were a little under expectations. In the lot there were only 140 cars of No. 2—a trifle over 50 per cent. Charters were large—284,000 bushels—but there did not appear to be much vigor in the pit. Even the May option was without special interest, the shorts not being subjected to any unusual pressure. It opened at 59⅛c, sold between 59⅛c and 58⅝c and at 1 o'clock closed at 59c. July opened at 57⅝c, sold between 57⅞c and 57¼c and closed at 57⅜c. No. 3 grade sold at 56½c, within 1¼c of July, which is an evidence of an especially sharp consumptive demand.

Oats acted very like corn, hardly keeping steady. The receipts were 186 cars, and the estimates for Thursday 197. May opened at 35⅜c, sold between 35⅛c and 34½c, and at 1 o'clock closed at 34⅜c. July opened at 33⅝c, sold between 33⅜c and 33⅛c and at 1 o'clock closed at 33⅜c. Vessel room was chartered for 94,000 bushels.

The provision trade was bearish in its movements. Early in the day there was a spurt of strength but it brought out too free offerings to be lasting and the product fell to a lower level in price all around. Hogs were also in better supply and easier. In the way of speculation there was no new feature. English houses were inclined to sell on bulges and some pork was also sold by a representative of the late Fowler-Swift syndicate. Deliveries later than August received less attention than usual while in the cash movement there was no particular improvement. Based on last night's closings pork rested at 1 o'clock at a decline of 7½@10c and short ribs at a depreciation of 2½c. Lard was unchanged to 5c lower.

AFTERNOON SESSION.—Wheat excited and higher; July opened at 89⅝c, sold at 89⅞c up to 90⅛c sparingly, closing at 90⅜c bid. Seller May closed at 88⅛c, June closing at 89⅝c, August closing at 89⅝c, December closing at 91⅛c. Corn steady; May closed at 59c, June closing at 57⅝c; July sold at 57⅝c@57⅞c, split to 57⅜@58c, closing at 57⅞c, August closing at 57⅞@58c. Oats were steady early, but closed stronger; May closed at 35c, June closing at 34⅛c bid; July sold at 33⅞c and at 33⅞@34c on the split, closing at 33⅞@34, August closing at 29¼c bid. Pork closed 2½c higher, or at $14.30, for May and June, $14.40 for July, $14.50 for August and $14.57½ for September. Lard was a shade easier and closed at $8.45 for May, $8.45@8.47½ for June, $8.50 for July, $8.52½ for August, and $8.57½ for September and October. Short ribs were unchanged; May closed at $7.57½, June at $7.60, July at $7.67½, August at $7.77½ and September at $7.85.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

CHICAGO, May 16.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—CATTLE—Trade was rather slow but prices were about the same as yesterday. Receipts show a considerable increase over last week, yet it should be remembered that Chicago is receiving about all the cattle coming to distributing markets. Consequently salesmen were justified in making an effort to get more money for their property, even if they did not succeed. There were a few lots of fine, ripe, old-fashioned steers on sale and the quality averaged good. The arrivals of Texas cattle consisted of sixty cars, largely light and common stock. Salesmen generally reported a slight downturn, making a decline of 20@25c for the week so far, on poor and common. All classes of natives, especially cow stock, had have to compete with Texas, share in the decline of the latter, so that choice and canning stock may be quoted 15@25c lower than last week, with a chance of going lower. The stocker and feeder trade shows no signs of improvement. Only a few are arriving and only a few are wanted. Poor to fair, $3.90@4.30; medium to good, $4.40@4.75; choice to fancy beeves, $4.90@5.25; cows, inferior to fair, $1.70@2.50; good to choice, $2.90@3.65; stockers and feeders, $2.60@4.00; Texas cattle, weaker; receipts, 1,200. Grass cows, $2.20@2.40; steers, $2.70@3.60; fed steers, $3.50@4.35; veal calves, $3.00@5.00.

HOGS—Business was brisk, with a downturn of about a nickel on heavy and mixed; light sorts unchanged. Best heavy made $5.70@5.75; mixed, $5.55@5.60; light, $5.50@5.55. The Underwood string of fancy heavy selected consisting of about 560 head, averaged 275 lbs and cost within a range of $5.70@5.75. Jones & Stiles bought about 700 light-light, ranging in averages of 125 to 140 lbs at $5.25@5.40, and averages of 150 to 175 lbs sold at $5.50@5.55.

FINANCIAL.

NEW YORK, May 16.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—STOCKS—Fair activity characterized the market, opening sales being at declines of ½@¾ from yesterday's close. After the first flurry subsided a better tone developed, and properties that had been weakest became strongest, and, although business fell off perceptibly, there was sufficient buying to aborb all offerings and cause an upward movement on all active stocks except Richmond Terminal, which for some unexplained cause, went contrary to the expectations of its friends and lost 1¼. Stock was in good demand in the loan crowd, the same was also true of Oregon Transcontinental but there appeared to be more of the former offered than parties who have been boosting were inclined to absorb. St. Paul and Lackawanna were exceptionally strong and headed the advance by gaining ¾. Manhattan came into prominence about noon by jumping up 2¼ per cent, with small trading. A report from the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy meeting in Chicago that the old board of directors had been re-elected and that they had sustained the course of the management during the strike caused a sharp demand from shorts and an advance of 1½ was recorded. Atchison came in for more attention from shorts and advanced 1⅛, but receded ⅝. The short interest in this property is still said to be large. It was reported that Cammack was covering his shorts in the general list, but he emphatically denied that he had bought a share of stock during the day. London closed stronger, with most of the early loss regained. This had a stimulating effect and, coupled with the placing of a new $7,500,000 Baltimore & Ohio loan in London, created increased buying. During the last hour business improved and fair advances were recorded all along the line, last sales being at nearly outside figures, and gains were recorded of ¼@1¼ points, the latter being for New England. Burlington and Rock Island each gained 1 point, Northwestern ⅝, Manhattan 1⅝, St. Paul ⅜, Lake Shore ⅜, Lackawanna and Reading ⅝, Oregon Transcontinental ¼. The only decline of consequence was 1⅝ on Richmond Terminal, due to selling by inside parties who bought yesterday. Money was easy at 1@1½. Bar silver, 91⅜; in London, 42. Total sales 163,069 shares.

GOVERNMENTS.—Government bonds were dull but steady.

YESTERDAY'S QUOTATIONS.

U. S. 4s registered	127	C. & N. W.	108⅝
U. S. 4s coupon	127	do preferred	142
U. S. 4½s registred	106⅜	N. Y. Central	106
U. S. 4½s coupon	107⅜	O. R. N.	94½
Pacific 6s of '95	121	P. T.	25¼
Canada Southern	50	Pacific Mail	34½
Central Pacific	32¼	O. D. & E.	19
Chicago & Alton	134	Pullman Palace Car	146
C., B. & Q.	115	Reading	61⅛
D., L. & W.	129⅝	Rock Island	109
D. & R. G.	18	St. L. & S. F.	28¾
Erie	24¾	do preferred	67⅝
do preferred	55	C., M. & St. Paul	72¾
Illinois Central	120	do preferred	114¾
L. E. & W.	11	St. P. & O.	38
K. & T.	13¾	do preferred	109
Lake Shore	91⅝	Texas Pacific	20⅝
L. & N.	56⅝	Union Pacific	53¾
Michigan Central	79¼	W., St. L. & P.	13
Missouri Pacific	76¾	do preferred	25½
Missouri Pacific	24⅜	W. U. Telegraph	76½
do preferred	51⅜		

MONEY ON CALL—Easy at 1@2 per cent; last loan 1½, closed offered at 1½ per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—4½@6½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Quiet but steady at $4.86 for sixty day bills; $4.88¼ for demand.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

Chicago, May 16.—Following are the 2:30 closing prices:

Flour—Firm; winter wheat, sacks, $2.50@3.60; in bbls, $2.75@4.40; spring wheat, in sacks, $1.75@3.85; in bbls, $3.50@4.50; rye flour, in sacks, $2.70@2.90; in bbls, $2.90@3.10.

Wheat—Active, especially early, and feeling was strong. Opened ⅜c lower and rallied and advanced closing over 1c higher than yesterday; cash, 88⅜c; June, 89⅝c; July, 90⅜c.

Corn—Quiet but was occasionally moderately active; opened ¼c below yesterday's closing and closed about same as yesterday; cash, 59c; June, 57 11-16c; July, 57⅞c.

Oats—Unsettled, declined early and at close had recovered considerable of the decline; cash, 35c; June 34¼c; July, 33 15-16c.

Rye—Quiet at 64½c.

Barley—75c.

Prime timothy—$2.35.

Flax-seed—$1.45.

Whisky—$1.18.

Pork—Fairly active, unsettled and about steady; cash and June, $14.30; July, $14.40.

Lard—Steady and moderately active; cash, $8.42½; June, $8.47½; July, $8.50.

Dry Salted Meats—Shoulders, $6.00@6.25; short clear, $8.10@8.15; short ribs, $7.57½.

Butter—A shade easier; creamery, 21@24c; dairy, 19@22c.

Cheese—Lower; full cream cheddars and flats, 8⅝@9c; young Americas, 9@9½c.

Eggs—Firm; fresh, 12¾@13c.

Hides—Unchanged; green hides 4½c; heavy green salted, 5½c; light green salted, 6c; salted bull, 4½c; green bull, 3½c; green salted calf, 8c; dry flint and dry calf, 12@13c; dry salted, 10c; deacons, 30c each.

Tallow—Unchanged; country, 4¾@5c; No. 2, 4½c; cake, 4¾@5c per lb.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	32,000	9,000
Wheat bu	27,000	34,000
Corn, bu	204,000	251,000
Oats, bu	298,000	37,000
Rye, bu	3,000	3,000
Barley, bu	7,000	14,000

New York, May 16.—Wheat—Receipts, 13,800; exports, 42,000; cash very dull and nominal; options feverish and unsettled; opened heavy, but later broke ¼@1½c, then the bulls began a raid, leading to a rise of ¾@1c, closing firm at about the best figures; No. 2 red, $1.00@1.00⅛c in elevator, $1.02½@1.02¾ delivered, $1.00½@1.00¾ f. o. b; June closing at 98½c.

Corn—Receipts, 115,000; exports, 46,500; cash grades about 1c lower; options weakened early and broke ⅜@⅝c, later advanced ⅝@1⅜c, closing at a shade under best figures; ungraded, 65⅛@68¼c; No. 3, 65¼c in elevator, 66⅝c delivered; No. 2, nominal at 68c in elevator; June closing at 66c.

Oats—Receipts, 32,000; exports, 925; market a shade easier; mixed western, 38@41c; white western, 43@47c.

Coffee—Spot, fair; Rio, firm at $15.75; options rather easier, but moderately active, closing firm; sales, 96,750 bags; May, $13.60@13.90; June, $12.90@13.20; July, $12.35@12.55; August, $11.55@11.90; September, 10.95@11.30; October, $10.70@10.90.

Petroleum—United closed firm at 88⅜c.

Eggs—Higher and in fair demand; western, 14@14½c.

Pork—Dull but steady; mess quoted at 14.00@14.50 for old; $15.00@15.25 for new.

Lard—Varied but little, ruling strong and weak, and closing firm but quiet; western steam, spot, $8.77½@8.88½.

Butter—Steady and in fair demand; western, 17@26c.

Cheese—Quiet and unchanged.

St. Louis, May 16.—Wheat—Higher; cash and May, 92c; June, 93¼c.

Corn—Strong; cash, 55⅝c; May, 55½c.

Oats—Easier; cash and May, 35½c.

Pork—$15.00.

Lard—$8.12½.

Whisky—$1.18.

Butter—Firm; creamery, 21@22c; dairy, 18@20c.

AFTERNOON BOARD—Wheat, strong and higher; May, 93c asked; June, 93⅜c; July, 91c. Corn, firm; May, 55½c bid; June, 55c; July, 55½c bid. Oats, nothing done; May, 36c asked.

Minneapolis, May 16.—Wheat—Receipts, 116 cars; shipments, 65 cars; local trading was very dull at first, but improved some afterward. Closing quotations—In store: No.1 hard, cash and May, 87¾c; June, 88c; July, 89½c. No. 1 northern, cash and May, 86¼; June, 86⅝c; July, 87¾c. No. 2 northern, cash and May, 84¾c; June, 85c; July, 86½c. On track—No. 1 hard, 88c; No. 1 northern, 88¼c; No. 2 northern, 86¼c.

Flour—Unchanged: patents, in sacks to ship in car lots, $4.20@4.40; in barrels, $4.45@4.55.

Milwaukee, May 16.—Wheat—Buoyant; cash, 86c; June, 86¼c; July, 87⅜c.

Corn—Easier; No. 3, 56½c.

Oats—Dull; No 2 white, 38c.

Rye—Quiet; No. 1, 65⅝c.

Barley—Tame; No. 2, 68½c.

Provisions—Steady; pork, May, $14.30@14.35.

Cincinnati, May 16.—Wheat—Strong; No. 2 red, 96c.

Corn—Less active demand; No. 2 mixed, 61c.

Oats—Easier; No. 2 mixed, 37½c.

Rye—Firm; No. 2, 72c.

Provisions—Pork, easy at $14.25; lard, in fair demand at $8.00.

Whisky—Quiet at $1.12.

Liverpool, May 16.—Wheat—In poor demand; holders offer freely.

Corn—Quiet and lower; mixed western, 5s 8¾d per cental.

Kansas City, May 16.—Wheat—Dull but steady; No. 2 soft, cash, 85c bid.

Corn—Weak and lower; No. 2, cash, 50c bid; July, 52c.

Oats—Nominally steady; cash, on track, 33c; No. 2 white, 36½c.

New Orleans, May 16.—Corn—Fair demand and higher; white, 67c; mixed, 61@67c; yellow, 68c.

Oats—Excited and higher; No. 2, 45c.

Corn Meal—In good demand at full prices, selling at $3.15.

Hog Products—Good demand and a shade higher; pork, $15.00; lard, $7.75.

Bulk Meats—Shoulders, $6.50; long clear and clear rib, $7.87½.

LIVE STOCK.

Chicago, May 16.—The Drovers' Journal reports as follows:

Cattle—Receipts, 7,500; steady and strong except for heavy grades; poor to good, $3.90@4.75; beeves, $4.90@5.25; cows, $1.70@3.65; stockers and feeders, $2.60@4.00; Texas cattle, $2.20@4.85.

Hogs—Receipts, 18,000; slow and 5c lower; mixed, $5.40@5.65; heavy, $5.55@5.75; light, $5.40@5.60; skips and culls, $4.00@5.10.

Sheep—Receipts, 4,000; market steady; wooled, $4.10@6.25; shorn, $3.00@5.75; Texans, wooled, $4.75@5.60; shorn, $2.35@4.60. lambs, $5.00@7.00.

Kansas City, May 16.—Cattle—Receipts, 2,000; shipments, 600; market active and strong to 5c higher for beeves; stockers and feeders dull; good to choice corn-fed, $4.30@4.75; common to medium, $3.25@4.25; stockers, $2.00@2.90; $3.00@3.60.

Hogs—Receipts, 14,000; shipments, 3,400; market fairly active, but a shade easier; common to choice, $4.25@4.55; skips and pigs, $2.50@4.00.

National Stock Yards, East St. Louis, May 16.—Cattle—Receipts, 1,800; shipments, 500; market active and strong; choice heavy native steers, $4.50@5.00; fair to good native steers, $4.10@4.60; butchers' steers, medium to choice, $3.20@4.15; stockers and feeders, fair to good, $2.40@3.60; rangers, ordinary to good, $2.20@4.20.

Hogs—Receipts, 6,600; shipments, 600; market active but lower; choice heavy and butchers selections, $5.50@5.65; packing, medium to prime, $5.30@5.50; light grades, ordinary to best, $5.20@5.55.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK.

Cattle.

Wednesday, May 16, 1888.

There was not as much life in the cattle trade as on yesterday, although the market was fairly active and a good many cattle changed hands. The receipts only wanted a few loads of being as heavy as yesterday and the general quality of the cattle was fair, although there were no sales of cattle reported equal to those which brought $4.60 yesterday. The market was strong at yesterday's prices and a large proportion of the desirable cattle were sold before the close.

Hogs.

About the same number of hogs were on sale to-day as were here yesterday. A few loads sold early in the morning at nearly steady prices, but the general market was fully 5c lower, and in many cases the more common grades of hogs were 10c lower. The market was very uneven and a wide range of prices will be noticed for hogs of about the same average weight. The quality of the hogs was hardly as good and there were no heavy loads equal to the tops yesterday. The market closed stronger, with the hogs all sold.

Sheep.

There were none on the market.

Receipts.

Cattle	1,900
Hogs	6,800

Prevailing Prices.

The following is a table of prices paid in this market for the grades of stock mentioned.

Prime steers, 1300 to 1500 lbs	$4.20	@4.60
Prime steers, 1100 to 1300 lbs	3.90	@4.30
Fat little steers, 900 to 1050 lbs	3.75	@3.90
Common to choice cows	2.00	@3.50
Common to choice bulls	2.00	@3.25
Fair to choice light hogs	5.00	@5.20
Fair to choice heavy hogs	5.35	@5.45
Fair to choice mixed hogs	5.20	@5.30

Representative Sales.

CATTLE.

No.	Av.	Pr.
2 cows	1010	2.00
1 cow	800	2.25
1 cow	900	2.25
1 cow	1080	2.50
1 bull	1450	2.50
1 bull	1400	2.75
1 cow	1520	3.00
4 cows	912	3.00
1 cow	780	3.00
2 cows	1050	3.25
1 bull	1750	3.25
1 bull	1570	3.25
18 cows	1188	3.35
1 bull	1350	3.35
1 cow	1200	3.50
12 steers	712	3.50
1 bull	1980	3.50
2 steers	1250	3.50
6 steers	813	3.60
3 steers	940	3.65
8 steers	933	3.75
40 steers	1111	3.77½
21 steers	1012	3.85
21 steers	1060	3.90
35 steers	1117	3.90
81 steers	1207	3.90
12 steers	1093	3.95
42 steers	1095	3.95
6 steers	946	3.95
19 steers	1114	4.00
17 steers	1014	4.00
20 steers	1105	4.00
3 steers	1266	4.00
37 steers	1129	4.00
21 steers	1140	4.00
4 steers	1255	4.00
20 steers	1110	4.00
67 steers	1073	4.00
20 steers	1097	4.05
35 steers	1135	4.10
57 steers	1208	4.10
18 steers	1161	4.10
39 steers	1187	4.10
20 steers	1087	4.12½
8 steers	1237	4.15
15 steers	1123	4.15
61 steers	1302	4.20
22 steers	1325	4.20
65 steers	1187	4.20
21 steers	1180	4.20
53 steer	1249	4.25
19 steer	1247	4.27½
84 steers (Bay State)	1386	4.30
38 steers	1417	4.35
18 steers	1258	4.35
34 steers	1500	4.40
20 steers	1247	4.45

HOGS.

No.	Av.	Shk.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Shk.	Pr.
86	181	120	5.00	75	232	160	5.25
9	133	—	5.00	69	237	40	5.25
85	180	160	5.05	66	226	200	5.25
80	167	80	5.05	72	245	—	5.25
6	218	40	5.05	70	239	120	5.25
88	164	40	5.10	77	249	80	5.25
85	196	240	5.10	65	224	—	5.25
91	191	120	5.10	75	232	160	5.25
35	180	80	5.10	75	219	40	5.25
88	200	120	5.10	70	239	120	5.25
75	183	160	5.10	73	253	40	5.25
77	203	80	5.15	88	218	80	5.25
58	259	200	5.15	59	224	120	5.25
79	239	640	5.15	80	211	240	5.25
69	215	280	5.15	72	214	80	5.25
79	205	120	5.15	77	210	120	5.25
74	219	240	5.15	76	223	240	5.25
82	197	240	5.15	79	222	—	5.25
85	203	120	5.15	56	210	—	5.27½
73	222	80	5.15	69	214	40	5.30
82	221	160	5.15	63	221	—	5.30
65	234	160	5.15	65	241	40	5.30
76	207	60	5.15	64	246	160	5.30
81	187	160	5.15	60	226	160	5.30
69	221	40	5.17½	66	257	200	5.30
66	235	200	5.17½	73	229	80	5.30
64	214	120	5.20	78	244	320	5.30
70	233	—	5.20	73	244	80	5.30
69	229	240	5.20	66	227	280	5.30
82	237	240	5.20	70	236	80	5.30
66	253	280	5.20	69	243	80	5.30
83	228	200	5.20	72	249	—	5.30
71	242	160	5.20	65	278	120	5.35
85	233	200	5.20	61	263	120	5.35
81	207	240	5.20	66	243	—	5.35
67	231	240	5.20	58	275	80	5.35
85	158	280	5.20	72	247	120	5.35
77	207	200	5.20	64	277	120	5.35
66	255	200	5.20	67	256	120	5.35
82	212	160	5.20	64	259	200	5.35
64	206	120	5.20	54	254	40	5.35
68	216	120	5.20	63	250	240	5.35
65	239	280	5.25	67	258	120	5.35
68	255	40	5.25	62	261	120	5.37½
76	248	280	5.25	134	255	80	5.40
63	223	160	5.25	61	273	40	5.40
68	233	120	5.25	12	271	—	5.40
69	237	160	5.25	58	267	—	5.45
71	209	—	5.25				

Live Stock Sold.

Showing the number of head of stock sold to the leading buyers on the market to-day.

HOGS.

G. H. Hammond & Co	445
Omaha Packing Co	807
Armour & Cudahay P. Co	4,283
Harris & Fisher	72
J. P. Squire & Co	903
Kingan & Co	671
E. L. Lambert	425
Speculators	622

CATTLE.

Swift & Co	23
T. A. More	20
G. H. Hammond & Co	325
A. Jackson	118
Burnside & Meek	100
T. D. Gore	20
A. M. Crone	42
S. Dreifuss	105
Stevens H. & Co	33
J. Deacon	160
D. Murphy	79
C. C. C.	19
W. F. Dutton	38
J. Carlin	6
J. Roth	1
J. Hill	2

Live Stock Notes.

Mr. Kiene, the well-known shipper of Albion, was in with cattle and hogs.

Judge Wortendyke, Milford, a prominent sheep raiser and politician, was looking over the yards.

The Rock Island hauled 117 cars of stock east last night, of which 78 cars were from the yards.

W. N. Richardson, Red Cloud, a very heavy shipper and feeder, has been spending a few days here.

Joseph Farren, of Winside, who fed thirty-four head of cattle, was on the market today and sold at $4.40.

Mr. Dutton, of the firm of Reno, Sheets & Dutton, was in from Petersburg and marketed a load of hogs at $5.45.

T. A. Moore, Silver Creek; August Arrigens, Howard, and Mr. Butler, Crescent, Ia., were among those who came in with hogs.

The building to be occupied by the Union Rendering company is rapidly nearing completion. It is very nearly enclosed and the company is already putting in their machinery. The dimensions of the building are 50x120.

J. T. McMannis leaves the Nebraska Rendering & Refrigerator company to-day, having resigned some two weeks ago, and accepted a position with Palmer, Richmond & Co., live stock commission merchants. Mr. G. A. Kinkel will look after his interests at the yards. Mr. McMannis enters upon the duties of his new position on Thursday.

The following among others were in with cattle: N. M. Goodell, Western; A. B. Fredrick, Central City; D. C. Bring, Kearney; S. A. Nelson, Bertrand; J. E. Thompson, Council Bluffs; Ed. Sievers, Cedar Creek; Jeppe Jergensen, Minden; L. L. Darling, Decatur; S. A. Guthrie, Clarks; Peter Diedricksen, E. H. Cowles, Gibbon; O. & A. Gunnerson, J. H. Bear and William McCombe, Aurora.

Back Number Markets.

The Western Merchant, in a late issue, makes the following statement:

The Omaha Republican quotes groceries and commission goods from 10 to 100 per cent higher than Chicago prices and 10 to 200 per cent in some instances above this market. It quotes corn syrups and omits sugar syrups, and prices them from 5 to 8 cents above the market. Quotes sugar in two locations in the paper with a radical difference in prices and neither correct. In fact the entire market page is a series of blunders and if the paper has any country circulation the interest of our jobbers are seriously damaged by such gross carelessness.

OMAHA WHOLESALE MARKET.

Produce, Fruits, Nuts, Etc.

Wednesday, May 16.

The following quotations are wholesale and not retail. Prices quoted on produce are the rates at which round lots are sold on this market. Fruits or other lines of goods requiring extra labor in packing cannot always be supplied on outside orders at the same prices quoted for the local trade. Rates on flour and feed are jobbers' prices. Prices on grain are those paid by Omaha millers delivered. All quotations on merchandise are obtained from leading houses and are corrected daily. Prices on crackers, cakes, etc., are those given by leading manufacturers.

Trade was rather quiet and without feature. Eggs were a shade lower, and poultry and butter unchanged. Vegetables are unsettled, with prices according to the stocks on hand. Fruit is dull.

BUTTER—Fancy creamery roll butter, 25@26c, with solid packed at 20@22c; choice country butter 15@16c, common grades 12@14c.

CHEESE—Full cream, 13@14c.

EGGS—Strictly fresh 11@11½c.

STRAWBERRIES—$4.00@4.50 per case.

BEETS—50c per doz.

POTATOES—Choice home grown, 75@85c; Utah and Colorado stock, $1.10@1.25; low grades, 55@65c.

POULTRY—No dressed fowl in the market; live chickens, $4.00@4.50 per doz; turkeys, 9@11c per lb; geese, $6.00@7.50 per doz; ducks, $3.00@3.25.

SPINNAGE—$1.50 per bl.

RHUBARB—2c per lb.

ONIONS—Native stock $1.25@1.50, Spanish per box of 5 lbs $1.75@2.00, California onions 3½@4c per lb.

LEMONS—$3.75@4.50 per box; fancy, $4.50@5.50.

ORANGES—California Riverside, $3.75@4.00; Messina, $4.50@5.50; Los Angelos, $3.00@3.25; Los Angeles Navals, $4.00; Riverside Navals, $6.00.

ASPARAGUS—8c per lb.

CUCUMBERS—90c@$1.00 per doz for choice.

LETTUCE—30@35c per doz.

CELERY—California stock, $1.50 per doz.

RADISHES—30c per doz.

STRING BEANS—$1.75@2.00 per bu.

GREEN PEAS—$2.25 per bu.

TOMATOES—$3.00@3.50 per bu.

PINE APPLES—$3.00@3.50.

BANANAS—Common medium, $2.50@3.00 per bunch; choice, $3.00@3.50.

TURNIPS—Rutabagas, 55@60c.

DATES—Persian, 6½@7c per lb.

CIDER—Choice Michigan cider, $4.50@6.50 per bbl. of 32 gal.

POPCORN—Choice rice corn is quoted at 3@4c per lb., other kinds 2½@3c per lb.

CARROTS—New stock, 40@45c per doz.

CABBAGES—3@3½c per lb. for California.

CAULIFLOWER—Good stock, $2.25@2.50 per dozen.

BEANS—Good stock, $2.60@2.75; California beans, $2.25@2.40.

PIGS—In layers, 13@15c; cake, 10c per lb.

NUTS—Peanuts, raw, 6½@7c; Brazil nuts, 13c; almonds, Tarragona, 22c; English walnuts, 15@18c; filberts, 18c; Italian chestnuts, 15c; pecans, 15c.

HONEY—16@21c for 1 lb frames; canned honey, 10@12c per lb.

PARSLEY—30c per doz.

GREEN ONIONS—15@20c per doz.

PURE MAPLE SYYUP—$1.25 per gal.

SALSIFY—25c per bunch.

Grocer's List.

REFINED LARD—Tierce, 7⅝c; 40-lb square cans, 7⅝c; 50-lb round, 7¾c; 20-lb round, 8c; 10-lb pails, 8⅛c; 5-lb pails, 8¼c; 3-lb pails, 8⅜c.

SYRUPS—New Orleans molasses, per bbl., 37@46c per gal.; corn syrup, 36c; half bbls., 38c; 4 gal. kegs, $1.55; sorghum, 38c.

PROVISIONS—Hams, 10⅝@10¾c; breakfast bacon, 10@10¼c; bacon sides, 8¾@8⅞c; dry salt, 7⅞@8¼c; shoulders, 7@7¼c; dried beef, 10@11c.

PICKLES—Medium in bbls, $5.75; do in half bbls, $3.40; small in bbls, $6.75; do in half bbls, $3.90; gherkins, in bbls, $7.75; do in half bbls, $4.40.

CANNED GOODS—Oysters, standard, per case, $3.10@3.85; strawberries, 2-lb, per case, $2.85@3.90; raspberries, 2-lb, per case, $@2.85 2.90; California pears, per case, $4.70@4.80; apricots, per case, $4.25@4.35; peaches, per case, $5.60@5.75; white cherries, per case, $6.00; California plums, per case, $4.50@4.60; blueberries, per case, $2.10@2.20; egg plums, 2-lb, per case, $2.50; pineapples, 2-lb, per case, $3.20@5.75; 1-lb salmon, per doz, $1.80@1.85; 2-lb gooseberries, per case, $3.25@3.35; 2-lb string beans, per case, $1.75@1.80; 2-lb Lima beans, per case, $1.60@1.65; 2-lb marrowfat peas, $2.50@2.60; 2-lb early June peas, per case, $2.85; 3-lb tomatoes, $2.40@2.50; 2-lb corn, $2.30@3.40; sardines, imported ¼, 12@15c per box; domestic ¼, 6½@6½c; mustard, 9½@9¾c.

JELLIES—30lb pails, $1.25 @1.50.

SALT—Per bbl in car load lots, $1.40.

ROPE—Seven-sixteenths, 10½@10½c.

CANDY—Mixed, 9@11c; stick, 9@9½c.

HOLLAND HERRINGS—68@70c per keg.

MAPLE SUGAR—Bricks, 12½c per lb; penny cakes, 13@14c per lb.

BROOMS—Extra, 4-tie, $2.60; parlor 3-tie, painted handles, $2.25; No. 1, $2.00; No. 2, $1.75; heavy stable, $4.00.

STARCH—Mirror gloss, 5¾c; Graves' corn, 6½c; Oswego gloss, 7c; Oswego corn, 7c.

TEAS—Japans, 20@55c; Gunpowder, 20@60c; Young Hyson, 22@55c; Oolong, 20@65c.

POWDER AND SHOT—Shot, $1.45; buckshot, $1.70; Hazard powder, kegs, $5.00; half kegs, $2.75; one-fourths, $1.50; blasting kegs, $2.35; fuses, 100 ft, 45@75c.

SUGAR—Granulated, 6⅛@7c; conf. A, 6⅝@7c; white extra C, 6⅛@6⅜c; extra C, 6⅛@6⅜c; yellow C, 5¾@5⅞c; cut loaf, 7¾@7⅞c; powdered, 7⅞@8¼c; New Orleans, 5¾@5¾c.

COFFEE—Ordinary grades, 16@17c; fair, 17@18c; prime, 18@19½c; fancy green and yellow, 22@23c; old government Java, 28@30c; interior Java, 25@28c; Mocha, 28@30c; Arbuckle's roasted, 20¼c; McLaughlin's XXXX, 20¼c; Dilworth's, 20c; Red Cross, 20c; Alaroma, 19¾c.

WOODENWARE—Two-hoop pails, per doz, $1.40; three-hoop pails, $1.65; No. 1 tub, $7.00; No. 2 tub, $6.00; No. 3 tub, $5.00; washboards, electric, $1.50; fancy Northern Queen washboards, $2.75; assorted bowls, $2.75; No. 1 churns, $9.50; No. 2 churns, $8.50; No. 3 churns, $7.50; butter tubs, $1.70; spruce, in nests, 70c per nest.

TOBACCO—PLUG—Lorillard's Climax, 45c; Splendid, 44c; Mechanic's Delight, 44c; Leggett & Meyer