THE SPECULATIVE MARKETS.

High Prices in Cereals at the Opening, Followed by Declines.

CORN SITUATION VERY SENSITIVE.

Another Whirl in Provision Values--Cattle and Hogs are Quoted Slightly Lower and Weak.

CHICAGO, March 31.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The day on change opened with a very strong feeling in all the leading markets, with all circles ¾c to 1¼c up from last night and pork 15c to 25c up. First prices, however, were the highest of the morning, and declines followed in all pits. The sales the first hour for May were: Wheat, $1.05¾ to $1.04⅝; corn, 69⅛c to 68⅝c; oats, 55c to 54⅝c; pork, $13.10 off to $12.90; lard, $7.02½ to $6.95; ribs, $6.27½ to $6.20.

The wheat market was very sensitive all day. Not only scalpers but leaders were ready to jump at anything which looked like a bull or bear influence likely to affect the market. There are those who think wheat is on its way to $1.25, and quite as many who look upon it as dear above 90c, but for immediate action they are in doubt. The market started very strong and at a bound of 1⅛c to 1¼c from last night. The high prices of the session were made the first five minutes. The spurt was due to sensational bidding on the curb and war dispatches in papers and other outside influences. May started around $1.05¼ and sold $1.05⅝. July started at $1.04 to $1.04⅛. The action which followed was: May, $1.05⅝, off to $1.05¼, to $1.05¼, to $1.04⅞, to $1.05¼, to $1.04½ to $1.05¼, to $1.04¼, to $1.04½ an hour before the close; July, $1.04⅛, to $1.04, to $1.04⅛, to $1.03⅞, to $1.04, to $1.03½, to $1.04⅛, to $1.04¼, to $1.03½ at the same time. The low price of the day up to this time was the same as at the close last night for May at $1.04⅛, and low in July was ⅛c over last night, showing a closing up of ⅛c in two months. There was a fair showing of bull news early. Public Liverpool cables were 1/2d to ¾d up, while private cables reported a strong market, 1d up, and with an advancing tendency. The weather in England remains cold and indicates a late spring. Flour was also quoted higher at Liverpool, the first advance in some time. The increase on ocean passage was estimated at 125,000 bushels. New York again reported foreign houses buying new crop futures. Minneapolis had light receipts at 115 cars, with the price 1c or more up. Cash wheat there was quoted at $1.02¼ to $1.03, with good demand. Duluth had larger receipts at 112 cars, while Kansas City had but 12 cars. Explanation of the situation at San Francisco gave eight boats loaded with 85,000 bushels of wheat, twenty-four loading with 1,750,000 bushels and others waiting Mark Lane had a bullish statement regarding the exportable surplus of Russia, Austria and Hungary and import needs of France, Germany, Italy and Belgium. Later in the day London reported California wheat for prompt shipment 3d up and flour dearer. An order for 40,000 bushels of Turkish wheat for all rail shipment to New York was met with a sale of 15,000 bushels. During early trading the shorts were buyers and the long sellers. Later Schwartz, Mitchell and Norton-Worthington bought freely. The selling was led by Farnum, Cutler, S. V. White & Co., Logan, Milmine and others. The sharpest decline of the day, when the bottom prices were made, was due to rumors of financial troubles abroad, especially in Paris. The market recovered readily, however, and half an hour before the close was showing good strength at $1.05¼ for May and $1.04⅛ for July. The strength in wheat was well maintained at the close. May was at $1.04⅝@1.05, July $1.03¾, showing a gain from last night of ⅜c in May and 1c in July. March was $1.04½, to $1.02½, to $1.03⅜. Baker reported 40,000 bushels of No. 2 Turkish wheat sold to go to New York, all by rail. It was given out that 25,000 bushels of No. 2 spring wheat was sold here Saturday. St. Louis reported 40,000 bushels of white wheat sold, and New York reported five boats likely to be closed for export. Privileges in May wheat sold on the curb at $1.04 and $1.06⅝.

The corn market was unsettled and uncertain all day, with occasional spurts of activity and periods of dullness. As in wheat, high prices were made at the opening, when first prices were 1c or more over last night, with May at 69c to 69¼c; July, 66⅝c to 67c. Later in the day both months sold at 1⅛c under the extreme figures of the morning. The action for the leading months was as follows: May, 69¼c to 68⅝c, to 68⅞c, to 67⅞c, to 68⅛c, to 68⅛c at 1 o'clock; July, 67c, to 65⅝c, to 66⅞c, to 65½c, to 65⅞c, to 65⅝c, to 65¾c. The corn situation each day gets more interesting. While it is not believed that the bull clique will press the market to the extreme, it still remains a very sensitive market. The receipts today were lighter than the estimate at 188 cars, and for Wednesday the estimate was but 91 cars. Speculative trading was more nervous because of cash trade. Those wanting to make up a cargo cannot find enough in one place for the purpose. Some kinds of No. 3 corn sold today at 70c, regular No. 2 sold at ⅛c to ⅜c over May. The sales of No. 2 in store were reported at 1c over May. The market closed with March quoted at 68⅝c, May at 68¼c and July at 65¼c. May corn privileges sold at 67c for puts and 69⅛c for calls.

The oats market today was dull and governed principally by the action in corn. The opening was made at about ⅜c above yesterday's closing figures, but after making a slight advance the market weakened in sympathy with corn, and closed easier. May delivery opened at 55c, sold to 55⅛c, to 54c, to 54⅛c at the close. The range of June was from 53⅝c to 54⅝c, the closing price being 54⅛c. July sold from 53¼c to 51¾, to 52⅝c, closing at the latter amount. August delivery closed at 38½c and September at 36c. The receipts were 162 cars, of which 66 cars were contract.

The provision market started with a whirl again this morning, with lard and ribs a little changed and pork 15c to 20c up from last night. The first prices were generally the top for the day, and the close was at a decline from the close of Monday of 10c to 15c in lard, 20c in ribs and 17½c to 22½c in pork. May pork sold at $13.00 and $13.05, to $12.90, to $12.67½ to the close; July, $13.50, to $13.00, to $13.07½ to the close. Lard, $7.02½ to $6.87½, to $6.90 for May, and $7.30, to $7.12½, to $7.15 seller for July. Short ribs sold straight down 20c from $6.37½ to $6.07½ for May and $6.60 to $6.40 for July. Early dispatches reported hogs 10c up. Without the 10,000 at the yards this started pork, in connection with the war talk in the papers.

PRICES AT CHICAGO.

SOMMODITY.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yest'y
WHEAT—					
May.....	1 05¼	1 05⅝	1 04¼	1047-8	1 04¼
July.....	1 04⅝	1 04⅝	1 03⅝	1 03¾	1 02⅞
CORN—					
May.....	69	69	67⅝	68¼	68⅛
July.....	66¾	66¾	65⅛	65⅞	65½
OATS—					
May.....	55	55	54⅛	54⅛	54⅜
July.....	53¼	53¼	52	52⅜	52⅝
PORK—					
May.....	12 95	12 95	12 50	12 65	12 85-87
July.....	13 40	13 40	13 00	13 07½	13 30
RIBS—					
May.....	6 25	6 25	6 05	6074-10	6 22-25
LARD—					
May.....	7 02½	7 02½	6 87½	6 87½	7 00-2½
July.....					

PRICES AT ST. LOUIS.

COMMODITY	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y
WHEAT—					
May.....	$1 05¼	1 05½	$1 04¾	$1 04¾	1 04⅝
July.....	99⅝	99⅝	98⅝	98⅝-¾	97⅝
CORN—					
May.....	65⅛	65⅝	64⅞	64⅞	64¾
OATS—					
May.....				54	54

Notes and Gossip.

Duluth receipts: 68 cars wheat.

Minneapolis: 123 cars wheat received.

Estimated hogs at Chicago Wednesday, 30,000 head.

New York cars 12,000 packages flour and 22,500 bushels of wheat.

St. Louis receipts: Wheat, 35,000 bushels; corn, 52,000 bushels; oats, 11,000 bushels.

Last London cable quotes an advance in May wheat of 7½d; Berlin advances 2 marks.

St. Louis shipments: Wheat, 6,460 bushels; corn, 54,000 bushels; oats, 17,000 bushels.

Chicago car lots: Wheat, 88, 49 No. 2; corn, 188, 19 No. 2; oats, 162, 66 No. 2.

Beerbohm's cable: Off coast wheat strong, Corn, nothing offering. On passage wheat and corn very strong. French markets very firm. Liverpool spot corn and wheat in moderate demand; No. 1 California, 8s 6d; Walla Walla, 8s 1½d; red winter, 8s 3d. Indian shipments to United Kingdom and coast, 50,000 quarters; last week, 25,000 quarters.

Henry Clews & Co. say: Following is an extract from a letter just received from our Paris correspondent: "I have made a thorough canvass among my correspondents in the interior. The result is that the state of the crops in the ground is in a frightful condition. France will have without any doubt a very bad crop and probably one of the worst of the century. Belgium, Holland and Spain seem to live under the same roof and the same can be said of a part of Germany."

Logan & Co., to Toncray & Bryan.—Wheat at the opening was irregular and excited. Our early cables confirms the damage to French crops and says the deficiency will be heavy, that stocks in United States are small and the advance is sustained. The quantity of lots is heavy and increasing, which counteracts speculation. The floating cargo trade in Louisiana is dullish and about 6 pence lower for the future months. There is still no demand for wheat here, and with fine weather high cables will lose their effect unless a demand comes soon. We regard the price as high, and recommend taking small profits on either side. Corn, in sympathy with wheat, opened excited; frequently the fluctuations were ⅛c without a transaction. The old bull party still buy it on breaks. Provisions were active at the opening, realizing was heavy. Sentiment is somewhat changed, and it may be prudent to take profits. We believe in higher prices, particularly on lard and ribs.

Kennett, Hopkins & Co. to S. A. McWhorter—There was a report on curb last evening that 400,000 bushels of wheat had been worked at Duluth for shipment and on this report sales were said to have been made as high as $1.05¾ for May. The reported engagement was not confirmed this morning, but cables were stiff and the market opened strong and excited and longs filling the demand. As soon as this was satisfied the market gradually eased off to yesterday's closing price. There were several little rallies from the bottom, each one apparently catching a good deal of long wheat, but late in the session on very strong cables the price rose to $1.05¼ for May. Floor traders say it goes upeasier than it goes down and hence they prefer scalping on the long side. Bears have been so severely punished they hesitate to sell short and with the speculative sentiment running mainly one way, it is comparatively easy to give prices a quick boost and take profits on rallies. These bullish conditions may prevail for some time yet, but the outlook for an abundant crop is so promising, and visible stocks show so little depletion, giving small indication of possible scarcity before another harvest, that it seems extremely improbable current prices can be maintained. Corn and oats—These have shown considerable animation at times, but there seems to be steady realizing on hard spots, and the feeling is growing that sales on good rallies will be profitable. It is the general expectation that receipts will increase as soon as the roads are again in good condition. The provision market is not as gamey as it was, and on every important advance now packers and large holders are ready to sell all and more than is wanted. This is a danger to the bulls. There were large realizings again today. The market closed weak near the bottom, and would probably sell lower on any decided break in grain.

McCormick & Co. to F. C. Swartz & Co.—The cables of the early morning showed not only strength, but higher prices. Liverpool noted ¼d advance and London 3½d. There still was the continuance of the strong feeling which had developed after the close of the market yesterday. The local crowd were free buyers, but the outside orders were small and failed to give support to the advance. A reaction took place on selling induced by disquieting rumors as to the foreign financial situation. The later advance came from a renewal of the strong cables which quoted a further advance, and on fresh news as to the serious damage to the French and German crops and an article in the Mark Lane Express showing the great needs of Europe was considered bullish. Receipts at eleven primary points were 283,000 bushels; shipments, 130,000 bushels. The close of wheat was strong with indications of a higher market tomorrow. The corn market was decidedly tame. The opening was higher, in sympathy with wheat, but an attempt on the part of longs to unload caused a sharp break. Receipts were small but met with slow sales. No. 3 yellow sold at same price as yesterday but No. 3 mixed showed a decline of fully 1 cent and half; oats were dull and cash market showed the same sluggishness which developed in corn. Provisions—In spite of small receipts of hogs and higher prices for them provisions opened dull and during the entire day have shown weakness. The shorts seem generally covered and outside operators seemed more inclined to realize on their long stuff than add to it. Packers appeared in the market in force, and as a rule taking the selling side. We must not be understood as being bears on provisions, but the action of the market indicates a probability of some further decline before a further advance. Heavy packing hogs sold today at $5.35, the highest figures of the season.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

NEW YORK, March 31.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—There was much speculation last night and on the street this morning as to what caused the excellent up-turn in stocks yesterday and whether the advance was likely to be continued. The action of the market this morning was a disappointment. There was a burst of activity and a show of strength, and then a decline all through the list. Rumors of a combination or deal between the sugar trust and its opposition caused an opening of sugar stock at an advance of 1⅝ per cent, while the regular list, as compared with last night's figures, was generally only slightly higher. The momentum of the opening carried prices upward during the first five minutes trading, but the improvement over opening prices was confined in almost all cases to less than ⅝ per cent. Sugar rising ⅝ and Wheeling and Lake Erie preferred 1⅝ to 73. The advance, however, brought stocks upon the market and the offerings soon forced a decline to small fractions below first prices. No marked movement occurred, however, beside that in Wheeling and Lake Erie except a rise of 1 per cent in St. Paul and Duluth preferred. The market toward the end of the hour showed a steadily decreasing volume of business, with slowly declining prices. The succeeding hour brought no new feature, simply a further decline, leaving prices generally ⅛c under the close of yesterday. The closing hours of the stock market were without special feature in the list. Burlington recovered to 83¼ at one time but closed ¾ net loss at 79⅞. At the close other losses for the day were: Chicago Gas ¾, Rock Island ¼, Missouri Pacific and Union Pacific each ⅝. Northwestern closed with a gain of ⅝. Trading was moderate.

Kennett, Hopkins & Co., to S. A. McWhorter—The dem and from the interest which exerted so strong influence yesterday in advancing prices appeared to have been satisfied by yesterday's purchases and general disposition to buy stocks was blunted by the advance which the market has sustained. There were a few orders in the hands of the commission brokers at the opening to buy but there was also free realizing from traders who had bought a few days ago and who saw better profits at current prices than they had been able to obtain for a good while. The disposition is to wait until it is decided whether the Nebraska maximum freight rate bill will become effective by the signature of the governor, or by his neglecting to take any action upon it. It is understood he received the bill last Saturday and has five days in which to consider and act upon it. It is admitted on all sides that the bill if it becomes a law will materially affect the revenues of western roads. Sugar spurred up early at the opening on the statement in the morning papers that the American sugar refinery company have made a deal with Claus Spreckles by which he would cease operating his Philadelphia refinery and confine his business to the Pacific coast. The report, however, has not been confirmed, but on the contrary has in a kind of a dubious way had doubts thrown on it. It looks as if something of the kind would take place, but insiders would not admit it. The stock closed 1⅛ per cent below the highest price and at the lowest price of the day. The whole market was dull in the afternoon and closed barely steady. Money, steady; sterling exchange rates lower. Money closed at 4 per cent.

NEW YORK STOCKS

Stocks.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yest
Manhattan.....	106	107	106	107	104⅞
Wabash pfd	18⅝	18⅝	18⅝	18⅝	18⅝
Erie.....					19
Canada So.....					50⅝
Pacific Mail.....	36½	36½	36½	36½	37
Lake Shore.....	109⅝	109⅝	109⅝	109⅝	110⅝
L & N.....	75	75	74⅝	74⅝	74⅝
Lead Trust.....	19⅝	19⅝	18⅝	19⅝	18⅝
C. C. C.....	60⅛	60⅝	60⅛	60⅛	60⅝
Northwest'n.....	106	106	105⅝	105⅝	106⅝
Mo. Pac.....	67½	67⅝	66⅞	66⅞	67⅛
Union Pac.....	45⅝	45⅝	45	45	45⅝
N. Pac. pfd.....	72	72	71⅝	71⅝	71⅝
N. Pac. com.....	27⅝	27⅝	27⅛	27⅛	27⅝
C., B. & Q.....	80½	80⅝	79⅝	79⅝	79⅝
Rock Island.....	69⅝	69⅝	69⅛	69⅝	69⅝
St. Paul.....	56⅝	57	56⅝	56⅝	57
S. Paul pfd.....	110⅝	110⅝	110⅝	110⅝	.....
West. Union.....	80⅝	80⅝	80⅝	80⅝	80⅝
D., L. & W.....	135⅝	136	135⅝	136	137
Am. Sugar Ref.....	80⅛	80⅝	79⅝	79⅝	78⅝
Jersey Cent.....	115⅝	115⅝	115⅛	115⅝	115⅝
New Engl'd.....	35½	35½	35⅛	35⅛	35
Rich. Term'l.....	17⅝	17⅝	17⅝	17⅝	18
Atchison.....	28	28	27⅝	27⅝	27⅝
Chicago Gas.....	44	44⅝	43⅞	43⅞	44
Reading.....					30⅝
Del. & Hud.....	133⅝	133⅝	133⅝	133⅝	133⅝
No. Am.....	17⅝	17⅝	17⅝	17⅝	17⅝
Silver.....	99¼	99¼	99¼	99¼	98
A. C. Oil.....	24⅝	24⅝	24⅝	24⅝	24⅝
N. Y. Cent.....	102⅝	102⅝	102⅝	102⅝	103⅛

The following are the closing quotations:

U. S. 4s registered	121⅝	Northern Pacific	27
U. S. 4s coupons	122⅝	do preferred	71⅝
U. S. 4½s registered	*102	C., N. & W.	103⅝
U. S. 4½s coupons	*102	do pref'd (ex div.)	131
Pacific 6s of '95	*110	New York Central	102⅝
Central Pacific	29⅝	P., D. & E.	19⅝
Chicago & Alton	134	Rock Island	69⅝
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy	79⅝	C., M. & St. P.	56⅝
D., L. & W.	*135⅝	do preferred	109⅝
Illinois Central	95½	St. Paul & Omaha	24⅝
L. E. & W.		do preferred	73⅝
Kansas & Texas	11	Union Pacific	44⅝
Lake Shore	109⅝	W., St. L. & P.	9⅝
Michigan Central	91	do preferred	18⅝
Missouri Pacific	66⅝	Western Union	80⅝

*Ex-dividend.
†Bid

MONEY ON CALL—Closed offered at 2½ per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—5@7 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Steady; sixty-day bills, $4.85¾; demand, $4.88¼.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET

CHICAGO, March 31.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—CATTLE—Business was rather slow than otherwise and prices, if not lower, were were rather weak on nearly all classes of steers, some salesmen quoting prices decidedly lower, while the bulk only claimed a steady market. Good and choice steers were scarce and buyers generally were quite indifferent. The English markets are down to the low water mark, and nearly everything shipped from this country is losing money. Cow stock of all classes ruled steady, and there was little or nothing new in stockers or feeder trade. The top today was $5.10 for one load of 1509-pound steers, and the remainder of good cattle sold within a range of $5.00 to $5.90; others, $4.75@4.95; common, $3.75@4.50; cows and heifers, $1.50@4.15.

HOGS—Trade was fairly active, with prices steady to strong on prime heavy and butcher weights, but medium, especially common medium, may be quoted 20@25c lower than yesterday morning. Good packing grades were scarce and the demand light, some of the big houses were out of the market altogether. Pigs of 100 lbs average and over were in large numbers, considering the light run and sold at "go-as-you-please" prices. Rough, coarse and common sold at $3.50@4.50; good mixed, $4.75@4.90; prime heavy and butcher weights, $4.95@5.15; light, $4.60@4.80; pigs, $4.00@4.50.

The Wool Market.

BOSTON, Mass., March 31.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The demand for wool has been fair and prices have been steady and firm. Ohio and Pennsylvania fleeces have been rather quiet at 31@33c for X, and at 33@34c for XX and above. Michigan X can be bought at 29c, though some holders quote 30c. Combing and delaine selections have been firm and are in steady demand. No. 1 combing selling at 40@42c. Ohio fine delaine at 37@37c, and Michigan fine delaine at 35@36c. Territory wools have been firm, selling at 60@65c clean for fine, 58@62c for fine medium, and 55@55c for medium. Texas, California and Oregon wools keep sold up and are firm. Pulled wool continues in good demand with choice supers selling at 40@50c, fair to good supers at 38@38c, and extra at 62@65c. Australian wools have been active and firm at 46@54c as to quality. Foreign carpet wools have been firm.

Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, March 31.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The following are the mining stock quotations:

Alice	150	Mount Diablo	175
Adams Con	150	Plymouth	180
Belcher	230	Savage	275
Best & Belcher	725	Sierra Nevada	275
Bodie	110	Standard	120
Gould & Curry	340	Yellow Jacket	300
Homestake	800	Union Con	375
Horn Silver	280		

Coffee Options.

NEW YORK, March 31.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—COFFEE—Options opened steady and unchanged to 5 points advance, and closed dull and unchanged to 5 points up. The sales were 46,750 bags, including April, $17.00@17.45; May, $17.30; June, $17.00@17.05; September, $15.95@16.00; October, $16.35@16.45; December, $16.40. Spot Rio quiet and easy; No. 7, $18.50.

PRODUCE.

CHICAGO, March 31.—Wheat—Close—Steady; cash, $1.04; May, $1.04¾@1.05; July, $1.0 ¾.

Corn—Steady; cash, 68½c; May, 68¼c; July, 65¾c.

Oats—Steady; cash, 53¾c; May, 54½c.

Pork—Steady; cash, $12.90; May, $12.67½.

Lard—Steady; cash, $6.75; May, $6.87½@6.90.

Short Ribs—Steady; cash, $6.00; May, $6.10.

Rye—Steady at 85½@88c.

Barley—Nominal at 58c.

Prime Timothy—Steady at $1.27@1.28.

Flax—Steady at $1.20½.

Whisky—$1.16.

Flour—Firm with slight advance asked.

Bulk Meats — Shoulders, $5.00@5.10; short clear, $5.20@5.25; short ribs, $5.05@5.05.

Butter—Easier; creamery, 18@27½c; dairy, 16@25c.

Cheese—Steady; full cream cheddars, 10¾@11¼c; flats, 11¼@11¾c; Young Americas, 11@12c.

Eggs—Lower; fresh, 16@17c.

Hides—Steady; heavy green salted, 6c; light green salted, 5¾c@6c; green hides, 4½@5½; salted bulk, 4¾c; green salted calf, 8c; dry flint, 8c; dry salted, 6@7c; dry calf, 8@9c; deacons, 25c each.

Tallow—Steady; No. 1 solid packed, 4c; No. 2, 3¾@3½c; cake, 4¼c.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour.....	16,000	10,000
Wheat, bu.....	17,000	45,000
Corn, bu.....	91,000	88,000
Oats, bu.....	154,000	140,000

NEW YORK, March 31.—Wheat—Receipts, 57,000 bushels; exports, 23,000 bushels; spot higher, irregular; No. 2 red, $1.17½@1.17¾ in elevator; $1.19¼ afloat; No. 3 red, $1.11; ungraded red, $1.06⅞@1.17¾. Options closed ⅛@⅜c over yesterday, No. 2 red, May closing at $1.19¾.

Corn—Receipts, 108,000 bushels; exports, none; spot weaker; No. 2, 79½@80c in elevator; 81½@81⅝c afloat; ungraded, 79@82c. Options ⅛@½c higher, May closing at 74⅜c.

Oats—Receipts, 80,000 bushels; exports, none; spot unsettled, weaker; spot No. 2 white, 60¾@62c; mixed western, 58@62c; white western, 60@66c. Options weaker; May closing at 59⅜c.

Sugar—Raw, firmer; fair refining, 5 7-16@5 5¼c; centrifugals, 96 test, 5⅞c. Sales: Muscovado, 89 test, 5⅛c; muscovado, 89 test, 3⅝c C and F; centrifugals, 87 and 89 test, 2 13-16@2 15-16c C and F; refined dull.

Petroleum—United closed, April, at 72¾c.

Eggs—Firmer; western, 21c.

Pork—Firm; new mess, $13.75@14.00; extra prime, $11.50@12.50.

Butter—Lower; western dairy, 13@20c; western creamery, 20@26c; Elgin, 27c.

Cheese—Firm; skims, 6½@10c.

ST. LOUIS, March 31.—Close—Wheat—Higher; cash, $1.05¼; May, $1.04¾ bid.

Corn—Higher; cash, 65c; May, 64⅜c.

Oats—Firm; cash, 54½c; May, 54c.

Pork—Easier at $12.50.

Lard—Easier at $6.65.

Whisky—$1.16.

Butter—Quiet and unchanged.

KANSAS CITY, March 31.—Wheat—Steady; No. 2 hard, cash and March, 91c asked; No. 2, cash, 95c bid.

Corn—Higher; No. 2, cash, 65c; March, 64⅛@64⅜c.

Oats—Stronger; cash, 51½c bid.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 31.—Wheat—Market slow and 1c higher. Receipts, 125 cars; shipments, 79 cars. Close: No. 1 hard, March, $1.04; on track, $1.05½; No. 1 northern, March and April, $1.03¾@1.02; on track, $1.00@1.01.

CINCINNATI, March 31.—Wheat—Higher; No. 2 red, $1.07.

Corn—Higher; No. 2 mixed, 73c.

Oats—Higher; No. 2 mixed, 58c.

Whisky—$1.16.

MILWAUKEE, March 31.—Wheat—Nervous; No. 2, spring, on track, cash, $1.00; May, $1.00⅛.

Corn—Firm at 70c.

Oats—Quiet; No. 2 white, 55c.

Provisions—Higher; pork, May, $13.17½.

LIVERPOOL, March 31.—Wheat—Firm and demand fair; holders offer sparingly.

Corn—Strong and demand fair; mixed western 6s 3d per central.

LIVE STOCK.

CHICAGO, March 31.—Cattle—Receipts, 5,000; market slow and weak; steers, top price, $5.10; others, $3.75@5.00; cows and heifers, $1.50@5.15; Hogs—Receipts, 18,000; market fairly active and steady; rough and common, $3.50@4.50; good mixed, $4.70@4.90; prime heavy and butcher weights, $4.95@5.10; light, $4.60@4.80.

Sheep—Receipts, 5,000; market active but steady; natives, $4.50@5.75; westerns, $5.35@5.75; lambs, $5.50@6.15.

ST. LOUIS, March 31.—Cattle—Receipts, 1,500; shipments, 400; market higher; fair to fancy native steers, $5.00@5.05; stockers and feeders, $3.00@4.25.

Hogs—Receipts, 4,400; shipments, 800; market higher; heavy, $4.85@5.00; mixed, $4.60@4.90; light, $4.70@4.85.

KANSAS CITY, March 31.—Cattle—Receipts, 3,400; shipments, 700; market strong and higher; steers, $3.85@6.15; cows, $2.25@4.35; stockers and feeders, $3.00@4.25.

Hogs—Receipts, 9,000; shipments, 650; market higher; all grades, $3.20@4.75.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK.

OMAHA, March 31.

CATTLE—Estimated receipts of cattle 2,700 as compared with 611 yesterday and 2,548 Tuesday of last week. The receipts during March have been 49,951 as compared with 47,657 last month. The market was active and higher. Desirable grades of beeves and butchers' stock were 10c higher, others strong to 10c higher. Good feeders were in demand at strong prices, poor ones are neglected. All sold.

HOGS—Estimated receipts of hogs 3,200 as compared with 2,765 yesterday and 6,336 Tuesday of last week. The receipts during March have been 145,221 as compared with 130,661 last month and 75,361 during March of last year. The market was active and 5@10c higher. All sold early. The range of the prices paid was $4.55@4.75, the bulk selling at $4.60@4.60. Pigs, $3.00@3.25; lightlights, $4.00@4.25; light, $4.35@4.60; heavy, $4.55@4.75; mixed, $4.50@4.60. The average of the prices paid was $4.55 as compared with $4.45½ yesterday and $4.17½ Tuesday of last week.

SHEEP—Estimated receipts of sheep 800 as compared with 386 yesterday and none Tuesday of last week. The receipts during March have been 16,251 as compared with 12,421 last month. The demand for choice muttons continues good and prices are firm. Natives, 2.75@5.10; westerns, $2.50@4.85.

Disposition of Stock.

Showing the number of cattle, hogs and sheep bought by the packers and other buyers on the market as shown by the books of the Union stock yards company:

CATTLE.

Buyers.	No.
Swift & Co.	1,169
The G. H. Hammond company	273
The Omaha Packing Co	12
Shippers, feeders an d other buyers	1,240

HOGS.

The Cudahy packing company	609
The Omaha packing company	464
Swift & Co.	817
The G. H. Hammond company	505
Shippers, feeders and other buyers	1,005

SHEEP.

Swift & Co.	—
The Cudahy packing company	—
The G. H. Hammond company	—
The Omaha Packing Co	—
Shippers, feeders and other buyers	262

For the Month of March.

Showing the number of head of cattle, hogs and sheep bought by the packers and leading buyers on the market as shown by the books of the Union stock yards company for the month ending Tuesday, March 31, 1891:

CATTLE.

Swift & Co.	15,997
The G. H. Hammond Co	5,793
The Cudahy Packing Co	4,291
Omaha Packing Co	228
Other buyers	21,526

HOGS.

The Cudahy Packing Co	60,117
Omaha Packing Co	37,644
Swift & Co.	26,201
The G. H. Hammond Co	12,794
Others	35,712

SHEEP.

Swift & Co.	5,403
The Cudahy Packing Co	1,426
The G. H. Hammond Co	1,294
Omaha Packing Co	186
Others	392

Representative Sales.

STEERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1..	540	$3 00	1..	1110	$4 00	12..	1217	$4 00
1..	570	3 25	21..	1047	4 00	12..	1191	4 00
5..	892	3 50	1..	750	4 00	23..	1344	5 00
2..	985	3 75	8..	1035	4 00	5..	1268	5 00
20..	1081	3 85	84..	925	4 12½	12..	1171	5 00
6..	996	3 85	20..	1136	4 15	42..	1174	5 05
20..	1000	3 90	1..	1320	4 15	22..	1121	5 05
4..	830	4 00	75..	1147	4 25	37..	1186	5 05
5..	806	4 00	48..	836	4 25	5..	1286	5 10
1..	990	4 00	2..	775	4 25	21..	1149	5 15
1..	960	4 00	4..	907	4 25	19..	1226	5 15
22..	956	4 00	8..	1119	4 35	4..	1175	5 15
18..	1096	4 35	9..	1062	4 70	4..	940	5 20
12..	930	4 40	37..	1076	4 70	38..	1342	5 25
15..	928	4 40	20..	917	4 70	8..	1270	5 25
3..	906	4 50	25..	1060	4 70	16..	1279	5 30
6..	1151	4 55	77..	1101	4 70	19..	1181	5 30
39..	1016	4 55	18..	1063	4 75	18..	1257	5 35
19..	1039	4 60	19..	1124	4 75	26..	1282	5 35
28..	1194	4 60	19..	1103	4 80	18..	1288	5 40
16..	1078	4 60	6..	1048	4 80	76..	1325	5 40
3..	1075	4 65	3..	1216	4 80	54..	1331	5 45
7..	1014	4 65	29..	1317	4 85	64..	1176	5 75
11..	1087	4 70	21..	1153	4 90			

STEERS AND HEIFERS.

18..	1104	4 70						
7..	777	3 70						

MIXED.

COWS.

1..	750	1 25	1..	910	2 00	2..	1140	3 00
61..	1000	1 25	8..	815	2 00	1..	1280	3 00
1..	770	1 45	1..	1100	2 00	4..	977	3 00
2..	960	1 50	1..	950	2 00	9..	952	3 00
1..	770	1 50	1..	1100	2 00	2..	945	3 00
4..	812	1 65	1..	1183	2 00	4..	815	3 25
6..	716	1 65	36..	953	2 05	1..	1140	3 25
2..	1000	1 65	13..	877	2 15	4..	1000	3 25
1..	1040	1 75	7..	1042	2 20	8..	1084	3 40
4..	745	1 80	2..	1060	2 20	10..	1104	3 45
23..	800	1 85	5..	1054	2 25	2..	885	3 50
3..	766	1 90	1..	780	2 25	1..	920	3 50
24..	827	1 90	1..	1120	2 25	13..	978	3 50
3..	1040	2 00	4..	862	2 25	3..	900	3 70
1..	790	2 00	19..	861	2 45	6..	1043	3 70
1..	1000	2 00	1..	850	2 50	1..	1280	3 75
2..	920	2 00	1..	840	2 75	1..	1150	3 75
2..	950	2 00	8..	1062	2 75	11..	1105	3 75
6..	785	2 00	4..	985	2 75	7..	1092	3 85
5..	806	2 00	12..	978	2 90	1..	1060	4 00
4..	1010	2 00	1..	1050	3 00	3..	1180	4 00

BULLS.

2..	1405	2 20	2..	1260	2 85