FINANCE AND TRADE.

No New Developments Among the Banks---Clearings, $2,200,000.

The New Syndicate—The Nickel Swindle—Interest Laws—Western Union.

The Produce Markets Tame and Generally Easier—Hogs Stronger.

An Early Decline, Followed by Firmness in the Afternoon.

FINANCIAL.

The banks are in a state little better than suspended animation. Counter transactions are small, and the discount business does not add enough to loans to replace the maturing paper that is paid. Merchants and other customers continue to meet their accruing obligations with commendable promptness, although business is dull. The supply of negotiable paper is light. Rates are 7@10 per cent. New York exchange was sold between banks at 50@75c per $1,000 premium.

The clearings were $2,200,000.

THE PROPOSED NEW SYNDICATE.

The Syndicate, which was recently organized for the purchase of Government bonds, included the First National Bank of New York, the American Exchange Bank, Kuhn, Loeb & Co., and a prominent banking house with connections in London. As is known, the Secretary of the Treasury declined the offer of the Syndicate to buy $10,000,000 4½ per cents at 101¼. His price was 103½. The Syndicate claim that the acceptance of their offer would have removed a great danger to the resumption of specie-payments. They apprehend under existing conditions a heavy importation of Government bonds, which will finally produce an export of gold. This would put a stop to the resumption of specie-payments. The acceptance of their offer would have enabled the Syndicate to so interest the London holders as to stop the importation of bonds and turn the tide of gold to this country.

THE NICKEL CHEAT.

The bullion value of the 5-cent nickel piece is 1½ cents. Secretary Sherman has publicly declared his preference for the nickel piece over the silver half-dime. It is charged that a nickel ring exists, for whose benefit the 5-cent nickel was originated and is kept in use. A prohibitory tariff is maintained so as to exclude foreign nickel, and by this coinage arrangement with the Government the proprietor of the sole nickel mine in the country gets a good price and a steady market for his product. The people of California refuse to accept the nickel coins, and ask why the gold and silver mines of the Pacific Coast are not entitled to a Government bounty as much as the nickel mine owned by Joseph Wharton.

INTEREST LAWS.

The passage of a law in New Jersey reducing the rate of interest to 6 per cent, and allowing no contracts at a higher rate, makes eight States which have adopted so low a rate without allowing the parties to settle upon a higher rate. In six States the legal rate is 6 per cent, with no restriction upon a contract rate, and in nine other States where the legal rate is 6 per cent the contract rate is limited to 8 or 10 per cent. There are in all fifteen States which do not limit the contract rate, and fix no penalty for usury.

TURKISH CURRENCY.

The amount of Turkish paper money afloat is said by the bankers of Constantinople not to be excessive. Fifteen years ago it was $30,000,000; it is now $60,000,000. This amounts to $3 for each inhabitant, while in Russia the proportion is $8, in Austria $9, and in Italy $11. The Turkish paper money is not a full legal-tender. The Turkish bankers have issued a memorial in which they proposed to make gold the sole standard, and use the present paper money as a fractional currency.

PROFITS OF A FOREIGN BANK.

The profits of the Belgian Societe Generale pour Favoriser l'Industrie Nationale last year were $807,274. It paid off several heavy mortgages out of the profits, not included in the above. On one operation, the sale of the Dendre-et-Waes bonds for $4,200,000, the profits of the bank were $2,400,000.

WESTERN UNION.

The upward movement in Western Union is supported by a story that the Western Union Company, through holding a controlling influence in the Atlantic & Pacific Company, will proceed at the next election to oust the Directors of the latter Company, install themselves or their representatives, and wind up the concern for the benefit of Western Union.

THE MASSACHUSETTS STAY LAW.

New York Evening Post.

There is considerable anxiety here in bank circles at the condition of things in Massachusetts. In a quiet way there is a steady liquidation going on there, especially in the savings banks, and this is the secret for the movement of the banks to secure what must be called a "stay law." We are told that of the 170 odd savings banks in the State, 120 odd are in favor of such a law, the practical working of which would create a power which could step in between depositors and their debtors—the savings banks—and regulate the amount which the depositors could draw. Of the $250,000,000 deposits in the savings banks there, about $130,000,000 (in giving these figures we have not the official reports before us, but believe them to be approximately correct) are invested in real-estate mortgages, the payment of which cannot be forced, and which cannot be sold so as to make the security available in the early future for the creditors of the banks. They also hold large lines of United States bonds and railroad mortgages. Nothing, however, can justify such a law as is proposed. If the banks are permitted by law to pay only such part of their debts as they can easily do, why should not merchants, or, what is more to the point, the depositors of these banks, also be privileged in respect to their debts? Several of our markets here are more than indirectly concerned in the turn that affairs take in Massachusetts.

THE RISE IN OPHIR.

The rise and fall of Ophir is thus sketched by the San Francisco *Bulletin* of March 14:

The advance in Ophir has been short lived, and the decline must be regarded as evidence that it was not well founded. On Saturday last the best price was $53.25; on Monday it was $58; on Tuesday it rose to $64; on Wednesday the best price was $50.00; and this morning $48 was the highest offered at the regular Board, and considerable sold at $45.25 to $47.

GOLD AND GREENBACKS.

Gold was 100⅝@101⅛ in greenbacks.

Greenbacks were 99⅛@98⅞ cents on the dollar in gold.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE.

	Sixty days.	Sight.
Sterling	487½	489½
Belgium	515	512½
France	515	512½
Switzerland	515	512½
Germany	95⅛	96¼
Holland	39⅞	40¼
Austria	....	46
Norway	....	27¼
Sweden	....	27¼
Denmark	....	27¼

GOVERNMENT BONDS.

	Bid.	Asked.
United States 6s of '81	106⅝	107
United States 5-20s of '65, Jan. and July	104⅛	104⅜
United States 5-20s of '67	106⅞	107⅛
United States 5-20s of '68	108⅞	109
United States 10-40s	104⅞	105⅛
United States new 5s of '81	104	104⅜
United States 4½s	102⅝	103⅛
United States 4 per cent coupons	101⅛	....

LOCAL SECURITIES.

	Bid.	Asked.
City Railway (South Side)	150	....
City Railway (West Side)	175	....
City Railway (North Side)	120	125
Traders' Insurance Company	....	116
Chicago Gas-Light & Coke Company	150	....
West Division R. R. 7 per cent certif's	....	*104⅛
Lincoln Park 7 per cent bonds	*98	....

*And interest.

BY TELEGRAPH.

NEW YORK.

To the Western Associated Press.

NEW YORK, March 21.—Gold opened and closed at 101⅛, with sales during the day at 101. Carrying rates, 3@4½.

Silver at London, 54 5-16 pence. Here silver bars are 120 in greenbacks and 118¾ in gold. Silver coin, ⅝@1 discount.

Governments are firm.

Railroad bonds are strong.

State securities are dull.

The stock market was irregular, except for coal shares, which were strong, advancing 3 for Morris and Essex, 1⅜ for Lackawanna, and 1¼ for Delaware & Hudson. After 1 o'clock there was a reaction in these shares of ¼@⅜. The general list fell off ¼@1¼ at the opening, and, after recovering again, became heavy, and touched the lowest prices after the second call. The principal activity was in Lake Shore, which dropped under large sales from 65⅛ to 64⅛, rallied to 65⅛, and still later touched 63½. The Western shares generally weakened somewhat in sympathy with the decline in Lake Shore, but a recovery was soon afterward made, and prices resumed an upward tendency, the market closing strong at an advance of ¼ to 1½ from the lowest figures. Erie sold up from 10¾ to 11½, and closed at 11¼. The Northwestern stocks were well supported, and continued the favorites of speculation. The reaction during the afternoon was caused by some sales to realize and the effort of operators (believed to be the Twenty-third street party) to make a turn in the market. Transactions were 184,000 shares, of which 2,400 were New York Central, 9,000 Erie, 50,000 Lake Shore, 17,000 Northwestern common, 8,000 Rock Island, 10,000 St. Paul common, 2,400 preferred, 47,000 Lackawanna, 5,000 Delaware & Hudson, 6,000 Morris & Essex, 5,000 Michigan Central, 2,400 Pacific Mail, and 7,000 Western Union.

Money market easy; 1½@5, closing at 1½.

Prime mercantile paper, 4@6.

Customs receipts, $380,000.

The Treasurer disbursed $197,000.

Clearings, $12,000,000.

Sterling steady; long, 487; short, 489.

GOVERNMENTS.

Coupons, '81	106⅝	New 4½s	102¾
Coupons, '65, new	107	New 4 per cent	101⅛
Coupons, '67	104⅜	10-40s reg	105
Coupons, '68	108⅞	Coupons	105
New 5s	104⅛	Currencies	118⅜

STOCKS.

W. Union Tel	79¼	C., C., C. & I	28¼
Quicksilver	17	New Jersey Central	18⅜
Quicksilver pfd	28½	Rock Island	102⅛
Pacific Mail	18⅜	St. Paul	40⅛
Mariposa Land	1⅛	St. Paul pfd	72⅞
Mariposa pfd	1⅜	Wabash	15⅛
Adams Express	101⅛	Ft. Wayne	90
Wells-Fargo	86	Terre Haute	4⅛
American Express	48⅛	Terre Haute pfd	12
United States Ex	50	Chicago & Alton	68⅛
N. Y. C., ex. div	105⅜	Chicago & Alton pfd	98
Erie	12⅛	Ohio & Mississippi	8⅛
Erie pfd	24	D., L. & W	51⅜
Harlem	144	A. & P. Telegraph	18⅛
Michigan Central	63⅛	Missouri Pacific	1⅛
Panama	128	C., B. & Q	100⅛
Union Pacific	72	Hannibal & St. Jo	10⅛
Lake Shore	63⅛	Central Pacific bonds	106
Illinois Central	73	Union Pacific bonds	106⅛
Cleve. & Pitts	72	U. P. land-grant	106
Northwestern	41⅜	U. P. Sinking Fund	95⅛
Northwestern pfd	68⅛		

STATE BONDS.

Tennessee 6s, old	38⅛	Virginia, new	30
Tennessee 6s, new	36⅛	Missouri, 6s	105⅛
Virginia 6s, old	29		

CLEARING-HOUSE REVIEW.

Special Dispatch to The Tribune.

NEW YORK, March 21.—The *Public* says exchanges of last week shed a hopeful gleam over the seventeen leading cities, for the two weeks ending March 16, as compared with the corresponding weeks last year, show the small loss of 5 5-10 per cent, as follows: Losses—New York, 6 1-10; Philadelphia, 18 4-10; Chicago, 11 2-10; New Orleans, 1 2-10; Cincinnati, 4 4-10; Baltimore, 2 9-10; St. Louis, 12 3-10; Louisville, 8 5-10; Pittsburg, 11 4-10; Cleveland, 21 1-10; Syracuse, 17 4-10. Gains—Boston, 6-10; San Francisco, 40 8-10; Milwaukee, 35 1-10; Indianapolis, 23-10; New Haven, 1 8-10; Lowell, 2 8-10. The decline at New York, New Orleans, and Louisville is due entirely to the transactions of the first week of March. A gain appeared in the second week. Milwaukee does remarkably well, because the wheat movement is large this year, and was unusually small in 1877. The increase at Boston is probably due to the improvement in the foreign trade. Some of the manufacturing towns are also showing greater activity. On the whole the returns are better, prices considered, than they have been for many weeks. Unquestionably the passage of the Silver bill has given new hope and confidence to some, and in part because the bill passed was no worse, and in part because it is still expected to prove better in effect than it really will. This hope goes far to make good business, and it is clear that whether well or ill-founded, hope has actually revived in some quarters, and a better business may follow.

SAN FRANCISCO.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 21.—Following are the closing quotations at the Stock Board:

Alpha	7⅛	Leopard	11⅛
Belcher	3⅛	Mexican	8⅛
Best & Belcher	17	Northern Belle	13⅜
Bullion	5	Overman	20⅛
Consolidated Virginia	20	Ophir	4⅛
California	28	Raymond & Ely	1⅛
Chollar	27	Silver Hill	8
Caledonia	1⅛	Savage	20
Crown Point	5⅛	Segregated-Belcher	20
Exchequer	3	Sierra Nevada	3
Gould & Curry	6⅛	Union Consolidated	5⅛
Hale & Norcross	7	Yellow Jacket	8⅛
Imperial	2⅛	Eureka Consolidated	38
Julia Consolidated	7	Grand Prize	6⅛
Justice	3⅛	Alta	5

FOREIGN.

LONDON, March 21—5 p. m.—Consols, money, and account, 95 5-16.

United States bonds—'65s, 103⅞; '67s, 107⅞; 10-40s, 105⅛; new 5s, 105⅛.

Erie, 10⅞; preferred, 24½; Illinois Central, 76; Pennsylvania Central, 28.

The bullion in the Bank of England decreased £55,000 during the past week. The proportion of the bank's reserve to its liability is 36 per cent.

PARIS, March 21.—Rentes, 110f 22½c.

The specie in the Bank of France increased 12,400,000 francs during the past week.

LONDON, March 21.—One of the oldest banks in Prague (Bohemia), the Grund, has suspended.

REAL ESTATE.

The following instruments were filed for record Thursday, March 21:

CITY PROPERTY.

DeKoven st, 200 ft e of Halsted st, n f, 25x100 ft (improved), dated March 21	$1,500
Rockwell st, 222 ft s of Fulton st, w f, 48x120 ft, dated March 19	950
Archer av, 39½ ft n e of Deering st, s e f, 25x100 ft (improved), dated March 20	4,500
DeKoven st, 110 ft e of Clinton st, n f, 50x100 ft, dated March 1, 1877	300
Rockwell av, 350 ft s of North av, e f, 100x125 ft, dated March 20	800
Townsend st, 104 ft n of Hobbie st, e f, 28x108 ft (improved), dated Feb. 8	3,000
Townsend st, 104 ft n of Hobbie st, e f, 20x108 ft (improved), dated Feb. 15	3,000
Rumsey st, 283 ft n of Chicago av, e f, 50x130 ft, dated March 20	1,400
Murray st, n w cor of Twenty-eighth st, e f, 21 3-10x125 ft, dated March 20	1,150
Whitehouse place, 75 ft e of Stewart av, s f, 25 105¾ ft, dated March 21	950
West Chicago av, 265⅛ ft w of Hoyne av, n f, 24x121 ft, dated March 20	850

COMMERCIAL.

The following were the latest quotations for March delivery on the leading articles for two days past:

	Wednesday.	Thursday.
Mess pork	$ 9.25	$ 9.22½
Lard	7.15	7.15
Shoulders, boxed	3.37¼	3.37¼
Short ribs, boxed	5.00	5.00
Whisky	1.04	1.04
Wheat	1.03¾	1.04⅞
Corn	42¾	42⅛
Oats	24½	23⅛
Rye	53⅛	53⅛
Barley	46	46
Live hogs	3⅛@ 3⅞	3⅛@ 4
Cattle	2⅛@ 5	2⅛@ 5
Gold	101.12½	101.12½
Consols	95⅛	95 5-16
Sterling exchange	489¾	489¾

The following were the receipts and shipments of the leading articles of produce in this city during the twenty-four hours ending at 7 o'clock on Thursday morning, and for the corresponding time twelve months ago:

	Receipts.		Shipments.	
	1878.	1877.	1878.	1877.
Flour, brls	6,158	4,667	10,507	5,763
Wheat, bu	21,288	4,240	29,263	5,233
Corn, bu	111,130	57,194	100,586	43,417
Oats, bu	28,480	8,765	30,761	14,497
Rye, bu	3,867	380	3,772	....
Barley, bu	4,410	785	4,008	9,814
Grass seed, lbs	231,503	106,700	285,846	87,727
Flax seed, lbs	35,000	20,030	113	16,948
B. corn, lbs	....	....	....	23,100
C. meats, lbs	301,816	320,235	2,505,428	2,000,135
Beef, brls	....	....	346	....
Pork, brls	1,107	49	408	1,630
Lard, lbs	78,726	22,400	515,810	377,050
Tallow, lbs	74,420	22,005	44,358	134,555
Butter, lbs	55,822	51,010	45,278	38,019
Dre'd hogs, No	330	923	....	277
Live hogs, No	22,303	11,777	8,002	4,796
Cattle, No	3,816	5,491	3,335	3,943
Sheep, No	1,754	4,512	752	757
Hides, lbs	40,060	238,640	43,140	138,940
Highwin's, brls	....	104	101	3
Wool, lbs	17,058	14,218	7,470	32,608
Potatoes, bu	2,020	3,308	413	4
Coal, tons	1,702	2,410	209	723
Hay, tons	95	30	10	10
Lumber, m. ft	173	243	1,687	602
Shingles, m	240	500	520	250
Salt, brls	1,484	1,480	2,300	1,819
Poultry, lbs	7,440	11,716	24,110	2,363
Poultry, coops	....	15	....	....
Game, pkgs	....	16	....	....
Eggs, pkgs	907	865	146	158
Cheese, bxs	525	186	703	103
G. apples, brls	170	285	....	....
Beans, bu	900	125	53	201

Withdrawn from store during Wednesday for city consumption: 1,893 bu wheat, 935 bu corn, 4,261 bu barley.

The following grain was inspected into store in this city yesterday morning: 1 car No. 1 hard wheat, 21 cars No. 2 soft spring, 6 cars No. 3 do, 1 car rejected do, 1 car no grade (30 wheat); 14 cars high-mixed corn, 42 cars new do, 75 cars new mixed, 30 cars No. 2 corn, 72 cars rejected, 12 cars no grade (246 corn); 25 cars white oats, 12 cars No. 2 mixed; 8 cars No. 2 rye; 1 car No. 2 barley, 1 car No. 3 do, 2 cars feed (4 barley). Total, 325 cars, or 135,000 bu. Inspected out: 33,668 bu wheat, 423 bu corn, 3,168 bu rye, 8,505 bu barley.

Several communications have been handed in within the past week in reference to the rules of the Board of Trade which are generally known as "anti-corner." We cannot use them. The matter has been referred to a Committee of Directors, and we have already advised that arguments pro and con be submitted to that Committee.

The proposed amendments to the provision rules of the Board of Trade will be passed on to-day by ballot from 10 to 1 o'clock.

In answer to an inquiry, we state that the duty on wheat imported into France from European ports is 60 centimes per 100 kilogrammes, which is about 3c per bu or 1s per qr. The duty on wheat shipped direct from non-European ports is six times as great. Oats, rye, and barley, from European ports, are exempt from duty.

The leading produce markets exhibited few points of interest yesterday. Hogs were firmer, and provisions easy; while breadstuffs mostly tended slowly downwards, in sympathy with reported dullness in New York, and a tame feeling in grain in Liverpool. British consols were quoted one point higher, and there was little news of importance from political centres in the Old World, while rainy weather here was accompanied by rather small receipts of grain, except corn, but the reported outgo was fair in volume.

Dry goods were moving on a generous scale. Not only was there a liberal volume of mail orders, but there were many buyers present in person, and the aggregate distribution reached satisfactory proportions. Prices were steady and uniform. In the grocery market no very pronounced changes were noted. Coffees displayed more steadiness, and in sugars slightly increased firmness was apparent. Teas and sirups were easy; other lines nominally steady. Butter met with a moderate demand at previous quotations. Cheese was weak and declining. No quotable changes were developed in the dried-fruit market. Of foreign varieties, prunes alone were firm. Domestic dried were fairly steady. Fish were without quotable change, being in good demand at very full prices. There was a fair movement in oils at previous prices. Lard and turpentine were weak. Bagging remains quiet. Leather was reported dull and easy.

The lumber market was active and firm. Trade is much better than a year ago at this time and is steadily gaining in volume. There is talk of advancing prices on the first of next month. The hardware merchants report a fair trade at the current quotations. Seeds were lower, except the late varieties, under liberal offerings, with a diminished demand, many of the more urgent orders having been filled, though considerable timothy was sold at the decline. The hay market was firm under small offerings, with a good inquiry from the local trade and shippers. Hides, wool, broom-corn and salt were unchanged. Poultry was in moderate request at irregular prices. Eggs were weak, the receipts continuing large.

Rail freights were in fair demand at the recent reduction, the basis being 20c per 100 lbs on grain to New York.

IN NEW YORK YESTERDAY.

March 21.—Receipts—Flour, 15,415 brls; wheat, 86,850 bu; corn, 106,320 bu; oats, 47,407 bu; corn-meal, 1,215 pkgs; rye, 31,428 bu; barley, 5,500 bu; malt, 4,364 bu; pork, 653 pkgs; beef, 1,508 pkgs; cut meats, 2,580 pkgs; lard, 3,561 kegs; whisky, 703 brls.

Exports—24 hours—Flour, 9,300 brls; wheat, 118,000 bu; corn, 55,000 bu; oats, 1,000 bu; rye, 28,000 bu.

GRAIN ON PASSAGE.

The following table shows the quantities of wheat and corn on passage for the United Kingdom for ports of call and direct ports on the dates named:

	March 21, 1878.	March 22, 1877.
Flour and wheat, qrs	1,248,000	1,640,000
Corn, qrs	857,000	563,000

VISIBLE SUPPLY OF GRAIN.

The following table shows the visible supply of grain on the dates named:

	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.
March 16, '78	8,054,000	5,631,000	2,677,000	2,802,000
March 9, '78	8,214,000	5,438,000	2,655,000	3,343,000
March 17, '77	10,141,070	11,400,354	2,000,000	3,012,608
March 18, '76	16,442,810	6,168,822	3,301,283	1,644,077
March 20, '75	12,118,871	8,220,394	2,225,290	648,379
March 21, '74	11,504,865	6,155,884	2,424,707	775,615

Also, 622,000 bu rye, against 584,000 bu on week previously.

GOODS RECEIVED

at Chicago Customs March 21, 1878: John W. Wills, 75 packages pickles, etc.; Vergho, Ruhling & Co., 1 case toys and fancy goods; John V. Farwell & Co., 9 cases dry-goods; T. M. Sinclair & Co., 300 sacks salt; The Chicago Stamping Co., 546 boxes tin-plate; Lewis Moss, 2 cases cigars; Best, Russell & Co., 2 cases cigars; McCully & Miles, 10 cases window-glass. Collection, $8,020.75.

PROVISIONS.

HOG PRODUCTS—Were less active in the aggregate, and again tended downward, though hogs were quoted fully 5c per 100 lbs higher. But Liverpool reported a decline of 6d per cwt in lard, and other markets were tame, while there was a scarcity of buying orders here, so that most of the trading was local. There were free sellers throughout, and the market slowly weakened under the offerings, with little inquiry, except as shorts were willing to fill at the decline.

MESS PORK—Was moderately active early in the day, and rather dull afterwards, declining 7½@10c per brl. Sales were reported of 4,250 brls seller April at $9.25@9.35; 10,000 brls seller May at $9.35@9.47½; and 2,000 brls seller June at $9.50@9.60. Total, 22,250 brls. The market closed tame at $9.20@9.25 for spot; $9.20@9.22½ seller April; $9.35@9.37½ seller May; and $9.50 seller June.

Prime mess was quoted at $9.00@9.25, and extra prime at $7.50@7.75.

LARD—Was more active, but declined 5@7½c per 100 lbs under offerings which were larger than the demand. Sales were reported of 500 tcs spot at $7.12½; 4,750 tcs seller April at $7.07½@7.15; 11,750 tcs seller May at $7.15@7.22½; and 1,750 tcs seller June at $7.22½@7.27½. Total, 18,750 tcs. The market closed tame at $7.07½ spot or seller March; $7.07½ seller April; $7.15 seller May; and $7.22½ seller June.

MEATS—Were rather quiet and a shade easier at former quotations. There was a very light inquiry for export, the trading being chiefly in local futures. Sales were reported of 100,000 lbs shoulders seller May at 3¾c; 500 boxes long and short clears at $5.10; and 250,000 lbs short ribs at $4.75 seller April; $4.80@4.85 seller May; $4.60 buyer May; and $4.95 seller June. The following table shows the closing prices per 100 lbs on the principal cuts of meat:

	Shoulders.	Short ribs.	L. and sh. clears.	Short clears.
Loose, part cured	$3.25	$4.87½	$5.00	$5.12½
Boxed	3.37½	5.00	5.10	5.25
April, boxed	3.37½	5.00	5.10	5.25
May, boxed	3.50	5.10	5.20	5.37½

Long clears quoted at $4.75 loose, and $4.87½ boxed; Cumberlands, 5¼@5¾c boxed; long cut hams, 7@7½c boxed; sweet-pickled hams, 6½@6¾c for 16 and 15 lb averages; green hams, 5¾@5¾c for same averages; green shoulders, 3@3¼c.

Bacon quoted at 4¾@5c for shoulders, 5¾@6c for short ribs, 6@6¼c for short clears, 8@8½c for hams, all canvased and packed.

GREASE—Was quiet and 4¾@6c.

BEEF PRODUCTS—Were steady and quiet at $9.00@10.00 for mess; $10.00@11.00 for extra mess; and $15.00@18.00 for hams.

TALLOW—Was quoted at 7¼c for city, and 7@7¼c for country.

BREADSTUFFS.

FLOUR—Was dull and unchanged. The trading was entirely local, shippers being unrepresented, but holders were relatively firm, as the shipments are much exceeding the receipts. Sales were reported of 25 brls winters on private terms; 400 brls spring extras, partly at $5.50; and 160 brls spring superfines at $3.50. Total, 585 brls. The market closed at the following as the nominal range of prices: Choice to favorite brands of winters, $6.50@6.75; good to prime brands of winters, $5.50@6.00; choice to fine spring, $5.50@6.00; fair to good spring, $4.50@5.00; low spring, $2.50@3.50; fair to good Minnesota springs, $5.00@5.50; choice to fancy Minnesota springs, $6.00@6.25; patent springs, $6.50@8.00; low grade, $2.50@3.50; rye, $3.00@3.25; buckwheat, $2.00@2.50.

BRAN—Was fairly active, but 25c per ton lower. Sales were reported of 80 tons at $12.50 per ton on track, and $12.50@12.75 free on board cars.

OTHER MILL-STUFFS—Sales were made of 10 tons shorts at $13.00 free on board; and 10 tons coarse middlings at $12.50 on track.

CORN-MEAL—Coarse was quoted at $13.50 per ton on track. Sale was made of 40 tons choice yellow at $18.50 per ton free on board cars.

WHEAT—Was fairly active for the season, and again easier. The market for next month advanced ¼@⅜c early, on the weather, and declined 1⅛c, closing ¾c below the latest quotations of Wednesday. The British markets were firm but quiet, according to Beerbohm, while private advices called them dull, and New York was dull in sympathy. The receipts of the day were small, only thirty car-loads being inspected into store, but the deliveries of wheat on March contracts were large, one firm alone sending out about 900,000 bu, a good deal of which found its way back on the market, and was offered so freely as to be discounted ⅝c from April, though the latter weakened in company with March. There was, however, a good demand for shipment throughout, and prices for current receipts were relatively strong. Futures were offered very freely, mostly by long parties who did not care to carry any longer; the quantity of short selling was apparently only moderate. Seller April sold early at $1.05¼, declined to $1.04¼, advanced to $1.05⅛, and fell off to $1.04⅛ at the close. Seller May was more active at $1.05⅜@1.07, closing at $1.05⅛. Seller the month, or regular No. 2 spring, ranged at the same as April to ⅝c below it, closing at $1.04. Gilt-edged receipts of No. 2 closed at $1.05¾. The lower grades were inactive, and unquoted. Spot sales were reported of 1,400 bu No. 1 spring at $1.07½; 8,800 bu No. 2 do at $1.06¾@1.07; 135,000 bu regular do at $1.04¼@1.05¼; and 1,800 bu by sample at 90c@$1.05. Total, 145,000 bu.

HARD WHEAT—Was in good demand, but very quiet in the absence of offerings. Sales were limited to 400 bu by sample at $1.12½ on track; 400 bu do at $1.18 free on board car; and 150 bu do for seed at $1.23 free on board.

CORN—Was tame and steady, but easier, except at the outset. The market opened about ⅛c higher, in sympathy with wheat, but closed ⅛c lower than Wednesday afternoon. The British markets were quiet and rather easier, and New York was dull, while our receipts were somewhat larger than the previous day, but the market was prevented from much weakness by the fact of damp weather. Sample lots were in good demand, with very little difference in prices; rejected free on board cars selling chiefly at 38@38¼c, and mixed do at 41c. There was very little doing in futures, except for May, which opened at 42⅛c, and receded to 42⅛c at the close. Seller June ranged at 41⅞@41⅝c; seller July at 42@42¼c; seller April at 42@42⅛c; and seller the month at 42@42⅛c, all closing at the inside. Gilt-edged receipts closed at 42⅛c. Spot sales were reported of 28,000 bu No. 2 and high mixed at 42@42⅛c; 800 bu ears at 38c delivered; 12,000 bu shelled, by sample, at 28@38c on track; 400 bu do at 41c delivered; and 64,800 bu do at 35@41⅛c, free on board cars. Total, 104,000 bu.

OATS—Oats were more active and weak, closing easier. The market declined under free offerings, a lower New York, and in company with other grain. The receipts were again fair, and there was less demand for samples, which suffered another reduction in price. The trading in futures was chiefly in May, which was freely offered by the country and ⅛c below the opening figure. Early sales of May were made at 20⅜c, and the last at 20⅛c. April opened at 21⅛c, and closed at 21c. Regular was quiet at 21c, and gilt-edged nominal at about 23c. Samples were fairly active and easier. Cash sales were reported of 9,000 bu by sample at 20@28c on track; 19,200 bu do at 25⅛@31¾c, free on board. Total, 28,200 bu.

RYE—Was quiet, though in fair request and firmer. The offerings were very light. Fresh No. 2 sold at 54⅛c and seller April was nominal at 54c, March at 54⅛c. Cash sales were reported of 400 bu No. 2 at 54⅛c; 800 bu by sample at 50@50½c on track; and 800 bu do at 56½@57c free on board. Total, 2,000 bu.

BARLEY—Was quiet and easy except extra 3, which was a shade firmer. The receipts were small, and the low grades were in request for shipment at recent prices. Futures were quiet. Seller April sold at 46c, and closed dull. May was salable at 49@50c. No. 2 regular was nominal at 46c, and fresh at 47@47⅛c. No. 2 sold at 50c free of elevator. Extra 3 was firmer at 38⅛c, and No. 3 and feed were quoted at 31@34¼c. Cash sales were reported of 400 bu No. 2, free of storage, at 50c; 1,200 bu extra No. 3 fresh at 38¼c; 400 bu No. 3 at 33c; 800 bu feed, short receipts, at 31⅛c; 1,600 bu by sample at 34@45c on track. Total, 4,400 bu.

FIRST CALL.

Wheat—Sales 65,000 bu at $1.04⅛@1.04⅝ for April and $1.05⅛@1.06⅛ for May.

Corn—25,000 bu at 42⅛c seller May.

Mess pork—250 brls at $9.35 seller May.

Lard—1,000 tcs at $7.07½ for April and $7.15 for May.

LATER.

Mess pork was firmer, sales being made of 3,000 brls at $9.50@9.52½ for June and $9.35@9.40 for May.

Lard was steady, with sales of 3,250 tcs at $7.07½@7.10 cash, $7.10 for April, and 7.15 for May.

Meats were steady. Sales 100,000 lbs short ribs cash at $4.70@4.80; 400 boxes long and short clear on private terms; 25 boxes hams at 6¾c.

Wheat was fairly active and firmer. April sold at $1.04@1.04¾, and closed at $1.04¾@1.04¾. May closed at $1.05¾.

Corn was steady at 42¼@42½c for May, 42c for April, and 41½c for June.

Oats were easy at 23½c for March, 23¾@24c for April, and 20¾c for May.

LAST CALL.

Mess pork was in fair demand, closing at $9.35@9.37½ for May, and $9.22½@9.25 for April. Sales were reported of 6,500 brls at $9.25 for April, $9.50 for June, and $9.35@9.40 for May.

Lard was in fair request and steady at $7.15@7.17½ for April and $7.22½@7.25 for June. Sales 2,500 tcs at $7.15 for May and $7.22½ for June.

Short ribs were quoted at $4.70 cash and $4.80@4.85 for May.

GENERAL MARKETS.

ALCOHOL—Was quiet at $1.05@2.08.

BROOM-CORN—Continues in light request and steady: Choice green hurl, 6@6½c; red-tipped medium do, 5@5½c; green brush, with hurl enough to work it, 5¼@6c; red-tipped do, 4½@5½c; green covers and side, 4½@5c; stalk braid, 5@6c; red and inferior brush, 4@4½c; crooked, 3@4c.

BUTTER—A fair volume of sales was accomplished at fairly-sustained prices, though the market still shows a decidedly weak tone, especially for good to fancy qualities, which are disproportionately high. We again quote: Choice to fancy creamery, 30@33c; good to choice grades, 22@28c; medium, 15@20c; inferior to common, 7@12c; roll, 12@20c.

BAGGING—Met with a moderate demand, and was steadily held at previous quotations. We repeat our list: Stark, 24c; Brighton A, 23½c; Lewiston, 21½c; Otter Creek, 20c; American, 19½c; burlaps, 4 and 5 bu, 13@15c; gunnies, single, 14@15c; double, 24@24½c.

CHEESE—Was quoted dull, with prices weak and unsettled. Sales were effected at the following range: Full cream, 13½@14½c; part skim, 11@12c; full skim, 9@10c; low grades, 5@7c.

COAL—Not much was doing in this branch of trade. Orders were mostly for one or two tons, or a low quantity, and the aggregate of sales was small. We quote prices weak: Lackawanna, large egg, $6.50; do nut and range, and small egg, $6.75; Piedmont, $7.50; Blossburg, $6.00@6.50; Erie, $5.50; Baltimore & Ohio, $4.50@5.00; Illinois, $3.50@4.00; Gartsherrie, $4.75; Indiana block, $4.50.

EGGS—Were dull at 7½@8c. The offerings continue large and in excess of local requirements.

FISH—There was a well-sustained demand for lake and salt water fish, and a fairly steady range of prices. Following are the quotations: No. 1 whitefish, per ½-brl, $4.25@4.40; family whitefish, $2.50@2.60; trout, $3.20@3.40; mackerel, extra, per ½-brl, $13.00@14.00; No. 1 shore, $9.50@10.00; select mess, per ½-brl, $15.50; No. 1 bay, $8.00@8.25; No. 2 shore, ½-brl, $8.00; No. 2 bay, $7.50@7.75; large family do, new, ½-brl, $6.00; No. 1 shore, kits, $1.80@1.90; No. 1 bay, kits, $1.50@1.60; do, medium, $1.30@1.40; large family kits, $1.10@1.15; George's codfish, extra, $5.00@5.25; bank do, $4.00@4.52; Labrador herring, split, brls, $7.00; do, round, brls, $6.00; do, ½-brls, $3.50; smoked halibut, 7@8c; scaled herring, per box, 28c.

FRUITS AND NUTS—Prices were without change. Excepting prunes, which were very firm, there was a rather easy tone to the market for foreign fruits. Domestics were about steady. There was a fair general demand, but no special activity. We quote:

FOREIGN—Dates, 5½@6c; figs, new layers, 9@14c; Turkish prunes, old, 8¼@8¾c; do new, 9½@11c; French do, 12@14c; raisins, layers, $1.75@1.80; loose, Muscatel, $1.95@2.05; Valencia, 7½@7¾c; Zante currants 5@7c; citron, 17@18c.

DOMESTIC—Alden apples, 15@16c; Michigan new, 6¾@7½c; do old, 6@6½c; Southern, new, 4½@5½c; Southern sliced, 7@7½c; peaches, unpared, halves, 6@6½c, pared, 12@13c; blackberries, new, 9½@10½c; raspberries, 32@34c; pitted cherries, 17@18c.

NUTS—Filberts, 11½@12½c; almonds, Tarragona, 20@21c; French walnuts, 10@11c; Naples walnuts, 12@13c; Brazils, 5½@6c; pecans, Texas, 7@8c; River pecans, 6@6½c; Wilmington peanuts, 5@5½c; Tennessee do, 4¾@5c; Virginia do, 6@6½c.

GREEN FRUITS—Were quiet and unchanged. Valencia oranges are firm, and other fruits are irregular in price: Apples, $3.00@4.50 per brl; Eastern do, $4.50@6.00; cranberries, cultivated, per brl, $8.00@9.50; wild and cultivated do, $6.00@7.00; do boxes, $2.25@3.00; lemons, $4.50@5.00 per box; Valencia oranges, $9.00@10.00; do extras, $12.00@14.00 per case; box oranges, $4.50@5.00.

GROCERIES—Coffees were more steadily held, the late decline having called out a somewhat freer demand. Sugars—yellows especially—were firm. The stocks of yellows are light, and at the East there has been a slight advance. Sirups and molasses were easy, and the quotations of California silver drips and extra sugar-house sirup were cut down 2@3c. Other articles in the list ruled about steady. Trade was reported fair at the annexed prices:

RICE—Carolina, 7@8c; Louisiana, 6¼@7¼c.

COFFEE—O. G. Java, 25½@26½; Java No. 2, 22@22½c; choice to fancy Rio, 20@20½c; good to prime, 18¼@19½c; common to fair, 16½@17½c; roasting, 15½@16½c.

SUGARS—Patent cut loaf, 10¾@10¾c; crushed, 10½@10¾c; granulated, 10@10½c; powdered, 10½@10¾c; A standard, 9¾@10c; do No. 2, 9½@9¾c; extra C, 9@9½c; No. 1, 8¾@8¾c; C No. 2, 8½@8¾c; yellow, 7½@8½c; New Orleans, common, 6½@6¾c; good, 7@7½c; prime to choice, 7½@7¾c.

SIRUPS—California sugar-loaf drips, 45@48c; California silver drips, 52@55c; good sugar-house sirup, 38@40c; extra do, 42@45c. New Orleans molasses, choice new, 48@50c; do, prime, 41@48c; good, 35@38c; common, 28@30c, common molasses, 33@38c; black strap, 31@33c.

SPICES—Allspice, 18@18½c; cloves, 42@45c; cassia, 24@25c, pepper, 15½@16½c; nutmegs, No. 1, 95c@$1.05; Calcutta ginger, 10@11c.

SOAP—True Blue, 5½c; German mottled, 5¼@5½c; Blue Lily, 5½c; White Lily, 5½@5¾c; White Rose, 5½@5¾c; Peach Blossom, 7c; Savon Imperial, 5½@5¾c.

HAY—Was in good demand and firmer. The better grades were preferred: No. 1 timothy, $10.00@10.50; No. 2 do, $9.00@9.50; mixed, $8.00@8.50; upland prairie, $7.75@8.00; No. 1 prairie, $6.00; slough, $5.50.

HIDES—Were in moderate local demand and steady, the light receipts more than anything else keeping the market where it is. Quotations: City butchers', 5¾c; steers, 6½c; green cured, light, 7¼@7½c; heavy, 6½c; damaged, 5½c; part cured, 5¾@6c; green salted kip, 7¼c; green calf, 11c; flint prime dry kip, calf, and dry hides, 14@15c; dry salted hides, 12c; deacon skins, 45c; sheep pelts, wool estimated, 32c.

LUMBER—The market was active and firm. The shipments are far ahead of those of March, 1877, and business is improving every day. The dealers who have been foremost to shade the price list now want to have the prices advanced at once, and the yard dealers expect to meet and consider the matter Saturday. Shingles are weak, under large stocks, which are being added to by lake receipts. Fair shingles have been sold at $2.10 afloat. The *Mississippi Valley Lumberman* says the outside estimate of the entire stock of new logs in the river district is still 400,000,000 ft. Driving has begun on the Black, Wisconsin, and eastern branches of the Chippewa River. On the Black, it will be hard work to get the logs, though men are blasting rocks and removing other obstructions. The enormous amount of old logs in the Chippewa renders the drive there difficult and doubtful. On the St. Croix they will reap the benefit of their extensive river improvements, dams, etc., and will get out their logs. The bulk of the crop on the Upper Mississippi is in no danger of hanging up. Some anxiety is felt on the Wisconsin River about the great jam of logs on Grandfather Bull Falls, which will require a large rise to move. Quotations:

First and second clear, 1 and 2 inch	$32.00@34.00
Third clear, 1 inch	27.00@28.00
Third clear, 1¼ to 2 inch	28.00@30.00
First and second clear dressed siding	16.50
First common dressed siding	14.50@15.00
Flooring, first common, dressed	25.00@26.00
Flooring, second common, dressed	22.00@23.00
Flooring, third common, dressed	17.00
Box boards, A, 13 inches and upwards	33.00@34.00
Box boards, B, 13 inches and upwards	28.00
Box boards, C	17.00@18.00
A stock boards, 10 to 12 inch	25.00@30.00
B stock boards, 10 to 12 inch	20.00@28.00
C stock boards, 12 to 16 inch	15.00@17.00
D or common stock boards	14.00
Fencing, 14 and 16 ft	13.00
Fencing, 12, 18, and 20 ft	12.50
Fencing, No. 2	11.00
Common boards, 10, 12, and 20 ft	13.00
Common boards, 14, 16, and 18 ft	12.50
Cull boards	11.00
Dimension stuff	11.50@12.00
Dimension stuff, 20 to 30 ft	13.00@17.00
Small timber, 6x6 to 8x8	11.50@16.00
Pickets, rough and select	8.00@10.00
Pickets, select, dressed and headed	18.00
Lath	2.00@2.25
Shingles, "A" standard	2.45@2.50
Shingles, "A" choice to extra	2.50@2.60
Shingles, No. 1	1.25@1.35
Shingles, shaded A	1.50@2.00
Shingles, on track	2.20@2.50

METALS AND TINNERS' STOCK—Trade continues fair. Following are the quotations:

TIN PLATE—IC, 10x14, $7.00; do, 10x14, IX, $9.50; roofing, 14x20, IC, $6.75; do, 14x20, IX, $9.25.

PIG TIN—Large, 20c; small, 21c; bar, 22c.

SOLDER—No. 1, 15c; extra, 17c.

LEAD—Pig, 4@5c per lb, according to quantity; bar, 6¼c; lead pipe, 6½c.

COPPER—Bottoms, 20c; sheathing copper, 26c.

SHEET ZINC—7c.

SHEET IRON—No. 24, 3 2-10c rates; Russia iron, Nos. 9 to 12, 13½c; American planished A, 11c; B, 9½c; galvanized iron No. 28, 14c, with discount of 40 per cent.

BAR IRON—Common, $1.90@2.00.

WIRE—Nos. 1 to 4, 9c; 5 to 9, 10c; 10 to 11, 11c; 12, 11½c; 13 and 14, 12½c; 15 and 16, 14c; 17, 15c; 18, 16c; 19, 19c; 20, 20c. Discount of 45@50 per cent. Fence wire, 4c.

NAILS—Were quiet at $2.65.

OILS—Trade was fair at former prices, though lard, turpentine, and some of the minor oils were lacking in firmness. We quote as follows: Carbon, 110 deg. test, 13½c; do Illinois, legal test, 150 deg., 17½c; headlight, 175 deg. test, 22½c; Michigan legal test, 27½c; Elaine, 23c; extra winter lard oil, 68c; No. 1, 60c; No. 2, 53c; linseed, raw, 62c; boiled, 67c; whale, winter-bleached, 70c; sperm, $1.75; neatsfoot oil, strictly pure, $1.00; do extra, 80c; do No. 1, 85c; bank oil, 55c; Straits, 58c; winter miners' oil, 60c; turpentine, 36c; naphtha, deodorized, 63 gravity, 15c; gasoline, deodorized, 74 deg., 14c; gasoline, 87 deg., 20@22c; West Virginia, natural, 28 deg., 35; natural, 30 deg., 30c; reduced, 28 deg., 25c.

POTATOES—Were dull at 30@35c for early rose and 30@35c for peachblows. Store lots were about 10c per bu higher than car-loads.

POULTRY—Small dressed turkeys were in fair request and firm; dressed chickens were steady, and live weaker under free offerings: Chickens, dressed, 6@8c per lb; do, live, $2.75@3.25 per doz; turkeys, dressed, 7@10c; do, live, 7@8c; mallard ducks, $1.50@1.75 per doz.

SEEDS—Were slow and generally lower. The receipts were larger, and buyers held back. Timothy sold at $1.25@1.36¼, prime closing at $1.30. Clover was dull and about 15c lower. Trade is falling off, and the stock on sale is increasing. Prime closed at $4.25@4.30, and mammoth brought $4.50 at the close. Hungarian was steady at 75@77½c, and millet at 50@70c, inside for old. Flax sold at $1.28.

SALT—Was in moderate demand at the quotations: Saginaw and New York fine salt, $1.00 per brl; ordinary coarse, $1.20; dairy, with bags, $2.50; without bags, $2.00; Ashton, $3.25 per sack.

TEAS—The tea trade is still lacking in vitality, and the market is not firm even at the lately-reduced quotations. Following is the list:

GUNPOWDER—Common, 25@30c; good do, 33@35c; medium, 40@45c; good do, 45@50c; fine, 50@55c; finest, 58@60c; choice, 65@70c; choicest, 75@80c; fancy, 90c@$1.10.

IMPERIAL—Common, 23@28c; good do, 30@35c; medium, 35@38c; good do., 40@43c; fine, 45@48c; finest, 50@55c; choice, 60@65c; choicest, 68@73c.

YOUNG HYSON—Common, 23@28c; good do, 24@32c; medium, 35@38c; good do, 40@43c; fine, 45@48c; finest, 50@55c; choice, 60@65c; choicest, 85@95c.

JAPAN—Common, 22@28c; good common, 28@32c; medium, 33@35c; good medium, 38@40c; fine, 41@45c; finest, 48@50c; choice, 50@55c; choicest, 55@63c.

OOLONG—Common, 23@27c; good common, 28@31c; medium, 35@38c; good medium, 38@40c; fine, 42@45c; finest, 50@53c; choice, 55@58c; choicest, 60@70c.

WOOD—Was quoted dull and weak at $6.50@7.00 for maple, and at $6.00@6.50 for beech, delivered.

VEAL—Was quoted at 4@8c. The inquiry was light.

VEGETABLES—Were scarce and firmer: Spinach, 50@70c per box; lettuce, $1.50@1.75 per box; radishes, 35@50c per doz; pieplants, 6@8c per lb; cucumbers, $1.75@2.00.

WHISKY—Was unchanged. Sales was reported of 100 brls on the basis of $1.04 per gallon for raw.

WOOL—Was in light demand. The Eastern markets are quoted weak, with a growing disposition to close out stocks in order to make way for the coming clip. The supply here is small. We now quote: Medium unwashed wools, 22@25c; fine do, 18@21c; coarse do, 20@23c; fine fleece, washed, 35@38c; medium do, 30@34c; coarse do, 33@35c; tub wools, choice, 40@41c; fair to good, 34@39c. Colorado Wool—Fine improved, 24@28c; medium do, 23@27c; coarse do, 21@23c; coarse common, 17@20c; black, 17@23c.

LIVE STOCK.

CHICAGO.

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Receipts—			
Monday	3,937	8,874	897
Tuesday	4,106	21,093	2,625
Wednesday	3,816	22,303	1,754
Thursday	4,048	17,658	1,182
Total	15,907	70,017	6,448
Same time last week	12,743	50,612	6,708
Week before last	11,364	57,007	3,033
Shipments—			
Monday	2,800	4,749	176
Tuesday	2,080	5,815	2,184
Wednesday	3,335	8,002	752
Total	8,193	18,656	3,112

CATTLE—The market displayed quite as much activity as on the two preceding days, and prices were again very firm all around, while for good to choice shipping grades buyers were not averse to paying some little advance. The quality was good, and advices from the East not unfavorable, so that the supply, though very liberal, was not materially in excess of the trade requirements, only a few scattering lots remaining in the yards at the close of business. Most of the transfers were at prices ranging from $3.90@4.00 for good steers weighing from 1,080 to 1,150 upward to $4.75@4.85 for choice droves averaging from 1,300 to 1,400 lbs. Very few cattle sold below $3.50, the proportion of inferior and common grades being noticeably small. The market closed steady.

QUOTATIONS.

Extra Beeves—Graded steers weighing 1,450 lbs and upwards	$5.00@5.25
Choice Beeves—Fine, fat, well-formed steers, weighing 1,270 to 1,450 lbs	4.50@4.75
Good Beeves—Well-fattened steers, weighing 1,100 to 1,350 lbs	4.00@4.40
Medium Grades—Steers in fair flesh, weighing 1,050 to 1,200 lbs	3.65@3.90
Butchers' Stock—Poor to common steers, and common to choice cows, for city slaughter, weighing 800 to 1,100 lbs	2.50@3.50
Stock Cattle—Common cattle, weighing 700 to 1,000 lbs	3.00@3.60
Inferior—Light and thin cows, heifers, stags, bulls, and scalawag steers	2.00@2.40
Veals—Per 100 lbs (natives)	5.00@5.00

CATTLE SALES.

No.	Av.	Price.	No.	Av.	Price.
40	1,402	$5.00	13	1,190	$4.25
62	1,325	4.75	27	1,113	4.20
16	1,370	4.90	11	1,070	4.15
10	1,398	4.85	40	1,163	4.12½
17	1,330	4.85	13	1,018	4.15
14	1,270	4.80	20	1,264	4.15
10	1,202	4.75	24	1,175	4.15
31	1,348	4.75	16	1,164	4.13
10	1,325	4.75	21	1,293	4.13
17	1,442	4.75	18	1,018	4.10
15	1,270	4.75	18	1,124	4.10
15	1,347	4.70	11	1,012	4.10
11	1,223	4.70	11	1,115	4.10
17	1,263	4.70	23	1,057	4.00
41	1,283	4.60	18	1,032	4.00
17	1,323	4.65	20	983	4.00
16	1,310	4.65	15	1,055	4.05
15	1,240	4.60	11	1,100	4.05
18	1,230	4.60	11	1,031	4.00
15	1,264	4.50	27	1,059	4.00
30	1,233	4.45	10	1,178	3.95
15	1,276	4.40	20	1,037	3.95
13	1,244	4.40	21	939	3.90
16	1,238	4.40	30	1,038	3.90
34	1,225	4.50	32	1,215	3.90
34	1,228	4.37½	12	1,115	3.90
51	1,101	4.35	16	1,138	3.85
41	1,274	4.35	17	944	3.85
23	1,312	4.37½	10	965	3.75
23	1,191	4.35	20	939	3.75
84	1,244	4.35	28	790	3.70
32	1,270	4.30	13	960	3.60
18	1,223	4.30	13	800	3.62½
13	1,205	4.40	31	1,390	3.25
34	1,189	4.25	17 bulls	1,283	2.75

HOGS—Were in lighter supply, in better demand, and higher. The receipts fell some 5,000 short of the day before, and with the probabilities in favor of a pretty light "run" for Friday and Saturday, buyers took hold more confidently, and under a strong competition prices moved up about 10c on both light and heavy grades. The former advanced to $3.50@3.60, and the latter to $3.35@3.75 for common to good packing lots. Good to extra heavy shipping grades sold at $3.75@3.90. The market closed firm with all sold.

HOG SALES.

No.	Av.	Price.	No.	Av.	Price.	No.	Av.	Price.
20	303	$3.90	103	170	$3.60	22	288	$3.50
36	334	3.90	44	188	3.60	61	252	3.50
48	460	3.85	55	395	3.60	21	240	3.50
43	420	3.85	60	284	3.60	79	272	3.50
32	404	3.80	40	358	3.60	62	200	3.50
30	337	3.80	24	235	3.60	49	222	3.50
50	329	3.80	52	256	3.60	36	245	3.50
30	404	3.75	40	333	3.60	54	264	3.50
40	414	3.75	80	237	3.60	60	260	3.50
37	472	3.75	50	201	3.60	28	231	3.50
62	200	3.75	48	202	3.60	59	230	3.50
33	404	3.75	28	233	3.60	61	181	3.50
70	420	3.75	31	206	3.60	57	283	3.50
60	238	3.70	29	175	3.60	34	204	3.50
40	303	3.70	113	252	3.55	61	169	3.50
43	279	3.70	131	180	3.55	25	278	3.50
32	200	3.70	128	180	3.55	56	160	3.50
42	372	3.70	84	230	3.55	25	161	3.50
52	250	3.70	67	197	3.55	36	197	3.45
40	352	3.65	57	285	3.55	37	234	3.45
40	400	3.65	49	272	3.55	31	284	3.40
50	330	3.65	45	300	3.55	33	250	3.45
60	218	3.65	43	225	3.55	20	282	3.45
65	248	3.65	56	181	3.55	21	200	3.40
31	276	3.65	37	218	3.55	21	270	3.40
31	290	3.65	40	180	3.55	21	241	3.40
30	271	3.65	72	172	3.55	21	240	3.30
175	209	3.62½	21	191	3.55	21	215	3.35
08	206	3.60	89	207	3.55	20	285	3.25
90	162	3.60	40	201	3.55	25	145	3.20

SHEEP—Were less active, and easier, at $3.50@4.00 for common to medium, and at $4.25@5.25 for good to choice.

NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, March 21.—BEEVES—Barely 2 car-loads arrived, making a total of 3,600 for three days, against 3,000 same time last week; not enough trade to make a quotable market; principal cattle-shippers agreed to discourage arrivals and sales of cattle in this market Thursdays, as the change in the regular market-day at Buffalo from Tuesday to Thursday has done away with the excuse for a beef cattle market here on other days than Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of each week.

SHEEP—Receipts, 3,000, making 7,450 for three days, against 5,000 same time last week; market firmer; more steady; ready sale; ordinary to choice unshorn sheep, $5.12½@6.50; few yearling lambs, $6.25@7.25; number of spring lambs, $5.50@8.00 per head; car-load choice Ohio clipped sheep, 120 lbs, first arrival this season, holding for $5.75, were not closed out.

SWINE—Receipts, 500, making 8,400 for three days, against 10,500 same time last week; none offered alive; good Western wanted at $4.50.

ST. LOUIS.

ST. LOUIS, March 21.—CATTLE—Receipts, 2,000; active and easy; prime to choice shipping steers, 4¾@5¼c; fair to good, $4.10@4.50; light, $3.85@4.00; fair to good butchers', $3.65@4.00; cows and heifers, $2.60@4.00; feeding steers, $3.75@4.20; stockers, $3.25@3.75; corn-fed Texans, $3.50@4.25; Colorados, $3.75@4.35.

HOGS—Active and lower; receipts, 2,500; light shipping to good Yorkers, $3.25@3.50; mixed packing, $3.25@3.50; butchers' to fancy, $3.45@3.60.

SHEEP—Good shipping and local demand; receipts, 700; extra heavy shipping, $4.75@5.10; good to choice, $3.00@4.50; common to fair, $2.75@3.75.

BUFFALO.

BUFFALO, March 21.—CATTLE—Receipts, 2,176; total for the week, 7,073; market active and higher at ¼c advance; extra graded steers, 1,400 to 1,550 lbs, $5.15@5.75; good to choice, $4.80@5.00; good shippers, $4.60@4.75; medium, $4.20@4.50; light butchers', $4.00@4.10.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 1,800; total for the week, 7,500; market without decided change; fair to good Western sheep, $4.70@5.35; choice, $5.75; 4 cars unsold, held above buyers' views.

HOGS—Receipts, 1,800; total for the week, 15,510; market lower; slim attendance; Yorkers, $4.15@4.20; 4 cars unsold.

EAST LIBERTY.

EAST LIBERTY, Pa., March 21.—CATTLE—Receipts, 224 head through and 34 head local; best, $4.75@5.50; medium, $4.50@4.75; common, $3.50@4.25.

HOGS—Receipts, 2,500 head; market quiet; Yorkers, $4.00@4.15; Philadelphias, $4.35@4.50.

SHEEP—Receipts, 1,200 head, all through; no market.

CINCINNATI.

CINCINNATI, March 21.—HOGS—Demand fair, and market firm; common, $3.20@3.50; light, $3.60@3.80; packing, $3.65@3.85; butchers', $3.85@4.00; receipts, 1,400; shipments, 630.

BY TELEGRAPH.

FOREIGN CITIES.

The following were received by the Chicago Board of Trade:

LIVERPOOL, March 21.—Prime mess pork—Eastern, 50s; Western, 51s. Bacon—Cumberlands, 28s; short ribs, 29s; long clear, 27s; short clear, 28s 6d; shoulders, 20s 6d; hams, 30s. Lard, 37s 6d. Prime mess beef, 82s; India mess beef, 91s; extra India mess, 112s. Cheese, 67s. Tallow, 39s 6d.

LONDON, March 21.—Liverpool—Wheat firm. Corn steady. Mark Lane—Cargoes off coast—Wheat quiet; fair average No. 2 spring, 48s 6d@49s; fair average California, 55s. Corn quieter; fair average American mixed, 26s@26s 6d. Cargoes on passage—Wheat steady. Corn rather easier. Fair average quality of No. 2 Chicago spring wheat for shipment during the present and following month, 47s.

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LIVERPOOL, March 21—11:30 a. m.—FLOUR—No. 1, 26s; No. 2, 24s.

GRAIN—Wheat—Winter, No. 1, 11s 4d; No. 2, 10s 10d; spring, No. 1, 10s 7d; No. 2, 9s 7d; white, No. 1, 11s 8d; No. 2, 11s 1d; club, No. 1, 12s 3d; No. 2, 11s 6d. Corn—New, No. 1, 26s 3d; No. 2, 25s 9d; old No. 1, 28s; No. 2, 27s 6d.

PROVISIONS—Pork, 51s. Lard, 38s.

LIVERPOOL, March 21—Latest.—COTTON—Fair business; 6@6⅛d; sales 10,000 bales; speculation and export, 1,000; American, 8,350.

BREADSTUFFS—Wheat—California white wheat, average, 11s 1d@11s 8d; club, 11s 6d@12s 3d; spring, 9s 7d@10s 7d; winter, 10s 10d@11s 4d. Flour—Western canal, 24@26s. Corn—New Western mixed, 25s 9d@26s 3d; old do, 27s 6d@28s. Oats—American, 3s. Barley—3s 9d. Peas—Canadian, 36s 6d.

CLOVER SEED—American, 42@44s.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, 51s. Prime mess beef, 82s. Lard—American, 37s 6d. Bacon—Long clear, 27s 6d; short do, 28s 6d.

CHEESE—American, 68s.

TALLOW—Fine American, 39s 6d.

PETROLEUM—Spirits, 7s 3d; refined, 10s 9d.

LINSEED OIL—26s.

RESIN—Common, 5s; pale, 12s.

SPIRITS OF TURPENTINE—25s 9d.

LONDON, March 21.—CALCUTTA LINSEED—50s 6d.

ANTWERP, March 21.—PETROLEUM—27s 6d.

AMERICAN CITIES.

NEW YORK.

Special Dispatch to The Tribune.

NEW YORK, March 21.—GRAIN—Wheat declined 1@2c per bu, and, as a rule, closed weak, freer offerings depressing the market seriously in the absence of anything like an active inquiry for supplies; shippers operating with noticeable reserve; cable advices less favorable; 1,200 bu ungraded white Western poor at $1.30@1.33; 2,500 bu No. 1 Northwestern spring at $1.30; 43,000 bu No. 2 Milwaukee spring at $1.26; 7,200 bu No. 2 Chicago spring at $1.23@1.24. Corn opened a shade weaker for early delivery on freer offerings and a limited demand, but rallied slightly toward the close, and left off about as yesterday, with rather more inquiry. Rye about steady on a fairly active movement, again almost wholly on export account, with sales of 93,000 bu No. 2 Western at 71@72c. Oats again receded slightly in price, on a comparatively liberal supply, leading to a somewhat freer movement; No. 2 Chicago in store, 15,000 bu, at 34½c; white Western, 7,700 bu, at 36@39c; mixed Western, 6,300 bu, at 30@35c.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork in light demand for early delivery at weak and irregular figures; sales of no important lots; quoted at $10.00@10.25 for uninspected and inspected lots; other kinds very quiet; for forward delivery, Western mess moderately sought; March option nominal; April, $9.90@10.00; May, $9.95@10.15; June, $10.00@10.25; sales 750 brls April option at $10.00. Cut meats moderately active at about steady rates. Bacon in moderate demand at barely steady rates; long clear, $5.25 for Western. Western steam lard fairly active for early delivery at about former prices; sales of 2,850 tcs at $7.35@7.40; for forward delivery, freely dealt in; March option, $7.37½; April, $7.32½@7.35; May, $7.40@7.42½; June, $7.50@7.52½; sales of 2,000 tcs April at $7.32½@7.37½; 6,500 tcs May at $7.40@7.45; and 1,500 tcs June at $7.50@7.52½; refined inactive; for the Continent, $7.75@7.80.

TALLOW—In rather more request at steady prices; quoted on a basis of $7.60.

SUGARS—Raw quoted firm at 7¼@7⅜c for fair to good refining, and 7¾@8⅛c for centrifugal on fairly active movement; refined unchanged.

WHISKY—Sold to the extent of 50 brls at $1.07¼, and 50 brls on private terms; market rather firmer, but inactive.

FREIGHTS—Inquiry for accommodation quite active from the grain interest, mainly in chartering line, at generally unchanged rates; of through freight the feature was the extensive contracts reported for corn by steam from Chicago for Glasgow; for Liverpool, room for grain quoted at 6¼d per bu, but without further shipments reported.

To the Western Associated Press.

NEW YORK, March 21.—COTTON—Steady; 10¾@11c; futures steady; March, 10.91@10.93c; April, 10.94@10.95c; May, 11.02c; June, 11.12c; July, 11.20c; August, 11.20@11.25c; September, 11.06@11.07c; October, 10.85@10.87c; November, 10.75@10.76c; December, 10.75@10.76c.

FLOUR—Heavy; receipts, 15,500 brls; No. 2, $2.50@3.75; superfine State and Western, $4.25@4.75; common to choice extra, $4.80@5.50; good to choice, $5.05@5.85; winter wheat, $5.00@8.50; fancy, $6.55@7.78; extra Ohio, $4.80@6.90; St. Louis, $4.85@7.75; Minnesota patent process, $6.40@8.25. Rye-flour quiet and unchanged.

CORN-MEAL—Quiet; Western, $2.50@2.80.

GRAIN—Wheat—Receipts, 87,000 bu; limited export and city milling demand; ungraded spring, $1.00@1.23; No. 2 Milwaukee, $1.26; No. 2 Chicago spring, $1.23@1.24; No. 2 red winter, $1.31@1.34; ungraded winter red Western, $1.25; extra white, $1.42½@1.43. Rye active and firm; Western, 71@72c. Barley quiet but steady; ungraded Canada, 80c; malt quiet but steady. Corn in fair demand; receipts, 106,000; ungraded Western mixed, 45@52c; steam mixed, 54c; No. 2, 54½@55c; steamer white, 54c. Oats—Receipts, 48,000; mixed Western, 30@35c; white do, 36@39c.

HAY—Unchanged.

HOPS—Quiet and unchanged.

GROCERIES—Coffee steady and unchanged. Sugar steady; fair to good refining, 7¼@7⅜c; prime, 7½c; refined steady and unchanged. Molasses—New Orleans, 22@30c; Porto Rico, 30@45c. Rice quiet and unchanged.

PETROLEUM—Quiet but steady; crude, 7¼c; refined, 11⅛c.

TALLOW—Steady and unchanged.

ROSIN—Firm; $0@53c.

SPIRITS OF TURPENTINE—Firm; 31c.

EGGS—Steady; fresh Western, 10¾@11c.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork dull and heavy; $10.00@10.25. Beef quiet; Western long clear middles quiet; 5⅛c. Prime steam lard heavy; $7.35@7.40.

BUTTER—Old Western, 7@20c.

CHEESE—Heavy; 6@12½c.

WHISKY—Steady; $1.07¼.

BALTIMORE.

BALTIMORE, March 21.—FLOUR—Good demand and firm.

GRAIN—Wheat—Western dull and lower; Pennsylvania red, $1.28@1.30; No. 2 winter red Western, spot and March, $1.28½@1.29¼; April, $1.29½@1.29¾; May, $1.31¼ asked. Corn—Western dull and weak; Western mixed, spot, 53¾@53¼c; March, 53@53⅛c; April, 53⅛@53¼c; May, 54@54⅛c. Oats—Good demand and firm; Western white, 36@37c; do mixed, 33@35c; Pennsylvania, 34@37c. Rye firm.

HAY—Dull and heavy.

PROVISIONS—Steady; fair jobbing demand.

BUTTER—Choice in good demand and firm; choice Western roll, 22@24c; do packed, 23@24c.

PETROLEUM—Dull and nominal; refined, 11⅛c.

COFFEE—Quiet and firm; Rio cargoes, 14@17c.

WHISKY—Dull and unchanged at $1.05@1.06¼.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 2,000 brls; wheat, 25,000 bu; corn, 100,000 bu; oats, 4,000 bu; rye, 2,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Corn, 40,000 bu.

FREIGHTS—To Liverpool per steamer—Cotton, 9-32d; flour, 2s 0d; grain, 9@9¼d.

TOLEDO.

TOLEDO, O., March 21.—GRAIN—Wheat dull; No. 1 white Michigan, $1.25; extra do, $1.28 bid; amber Michigan, April, $1.24; May, $1.24½; No. 2 red winter, spot, $1.21¼; March, $1.21½; April, $1.21¾; May, $1.22¾; No. 3 red, $1.12; rejected Wabash, $1.01; No. 2 amber Michigan, $1.20¼. Corn dull; high-mixed, 44½c; No. 2, spot, 41½c; May, 45¼c; rejected, 41¼c; damaged, 36c. Oats dull; March, 54⅛c.

CLOVER SEED—Mammoth, 48c; prime, 42c.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 100 brls; wheat, 128,000 bu; corn, 23,000 bu; oats, none.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 100 brls; wheat, 9,000 bu; corn, 11,000 bu; oats, none.

TOLEDO, March 21—4 p. m.—GRAIN—Closed with wheat firmer; amber Michigan, March, $1.23½; April, $1.23½; May, held at $1.24½; $1.21 bid; No. 2 red winter, spot, held at $121¼; April, held at $1.21¾; $1.21½ bid; sales of May at $1.21½. Corn dull; No. 2 April, 44½c; May held at 45¼c; rejected, 41½c.

PHILADELPHIA.

PHILADELPHIA, March 21.—FLOUR—Steady and unchanged.

GRAIN—Wheat dull; amber, $1.32@1.35; red, $1.29@1.31; white, $1.35@1.37. Corn dull; yellow, 53½c; mixed, 53@53¼c, spot and March; 53½c April and May. Oats dull; white Western, 35@37c; mixed, 33@34c. Rye unchanged.

PROVISIONS—Dull. Mess pork, $10.50@11.00. India mess beef, 24@25c; hams, 8¼@9c. Lard steady; city kettle, $7.87½@7.50.

BUTTER—Quiet and unchanged.

CHEESE—Weak; choice Western, 12¼@13c.

EGGS—Dull; Western, 10c.

PETROLEUM—Dull and unchanged.

WHISKY—Strong; Western, $1.00.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 14,000 bu; corn, 12,000 bu; oats, 10,000 bu.

ST. LOUIS.

ST. LOUIS, March 21.—COTTON—Quiet; middling, 10¼c.

FLOUR—Unsettled; lower to sell; little doing.

GRAIN—Wheat active and lower; panicky; No. 3 red, $1.11@1.10, closing at $1.10¼ cash; $1.12½@1.10, closing at $1.10¼ April; $1.12½@1.09¼ May; No. 2 spring, $1.03@1.00¾ cash. Corn a shade better; 39½@39¾c cash; 39¾c April; 41¼@40⅛c May. Oats lower to sell; 25c bid cash; Northern sold at 27½@28c. Rye quiet; 51@60c. Barley—No sales.

WHISKY—Steady; $1.02.

PROVISIONS—Pork dull; small lots, $9.65 on board. Lard nominal. Dry salt meat inactive; fully cured clear ribs offered at 5⅛c cash; 5c bid. Bacon dull; $4.00, $5.00, and $5.75.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 3,000 brls; wheat, 21,000 bu; corn, 60,000 bu; oats, 10,000 bu; rye, 4,000 bu; barley, 1,000 bu.

CINCINNATI.

CINCINNATI, March 21.—COTTON—Quiet; 10¼c.

FLOUR—Dull and unchanged.

GRAIN—Wheat—Demand fair; market firm; red, $1.10@1.15. Corn in good demand; prices a shade higher; 40@42c. Oats—Demand fair; market firm; 28@30c. Rye quiet; 60@62c. Barley dull and unchanged.

PROVISIONS—Pork inactive and lower; $10.00 asked. Lard in fair demand; current make, $7.00; kettle, $7.70@7.75. Bulk meats dull; shoulders, $3.70; short rib, $4.80 bid; $5.00 asked cash; sales at $5.10 buyer April; short clear, $5.12½. Bacon dull; $4.50, $5.00, and $6.00.

WHISKY—Active and firm at $1.02.

BUTTER—Easier, but not quotably lower.

LINSEED OIL—Quiet; 57c.

MILWAUKEE.

MILWAUKEE, March 21.—FLOUR—Firmly held.

GRAIN—Wheat firm at ¼c lower; closed steady; No. 1 Milwaukee hard, $1.14; No. 1 Milwaukee, $1.13; No. 2 do, $1.08; March, $1.06¼; April, $1.06¼; May, $1.06¼; No. 3 do, $1.00@1.02. Corn dull and heavy; No. 2 nominal at 43c. Oats weak; No. 2, 25c. Rye steady; No. 1, 55c. Barley dull; No. 2 spring, 53@55c.

PROVISIONS—Quiet and unchanged. Mess pork steady; $9.25 cash; $9.40 May; $9.55 June. Prime steam lard, $7.10 cash; $7.15 May.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 3,000 brls; wheat, 22,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 4,500 brls; wheat, 3,000 bu.

BOSTON.

BOSTON, March 21.—FLOUR—Steady and unchanged.

GRAIN—Corn quiet but steady; mixed and yellow, 55@57c. Oats—Demand fair; No. 1, and extra white, 40@43c; No. 2 white and No. 1 mixed, 38@39c; No. 3 white and No. 2 mixed, 36¼@37¼c.

BUFFALO.

BUFFALO, March 21.—GRAIN—Wheat dull and heavy; No. 1 Milwaukee nominally $1.25. Corn dull and heavy; sales of 5 cars prime new, on track, at 47@48c. Oats neglected. Rye neglected. Barley dull.

OSWEGO.

OSWEGO, March 21.—GRAIN—Wheat steady; No. 1 Milwaukee club, $1.30; hard Duluth do, $1.31; No. 2 Toledo, 56c.

DETROIT.

DETROIT, March 21.—FLOUR—Firm at $6.00.

GRAIN—Wheat firmer; extra, $1.30; No. 1 white, $1.26¾.

COTTON.

NEW ORLEANS, March 21.—COTTON—Firm; sales, 8,150 bales; ordinary, 7⅝c; good ordinary, 8⅝c; low middling, 9⅝c; middling, 10⅛c; good middling, 11c; receipts, net, 3,737 bales; gross, 4,758; exports to Great Britain, 10,041; coastwise, 2,580; stock, 273,435.

GALVESTON, March 21.—COTTON—Weak; middling, 10⅛c; net receipts, 747 bales; sales, 553; exports, coastwise, 1,589.

MOBILE, March 21.—COTTON—Steady; 10⅛c; net receipts, 467 bales; sales, 2,000; exports, coastwise, 1,147.

CHARLESTON, March 21.—COTTON—Steady; middling, 10⅛c; net receipts, 403 bales; sales, 1,000; exports to the Continent, 4,313; exports, coastwise, 191.

SAVANNAH, March 21.—COTTON—Firm; asking higher; middling, 10⅛c; net receipts, 1,676 bales; gross receipts, 1,045; sales, 1,300; exports to Great Britain, 10,483; coastwise, 1,630.

PETROLEUM.

CLEVELAND, O., March 21.—PETROLEUM—Market steady and unchanged; standard white, 110 deg. test, 10c.

PITTSBURG, March 21.—PETROLEUM—Crude, $1.81¼ at Parker's; refined quiet at 11⅛c, Philadelphia delivery.

DRY GOODS.

NEW YORK, March 21.—There is a fair steady movement in cotton goods, and prints are steady; foreign goods in moderate demand.

TURPENTINE.

WILMINGTON, N. C., March 21.—SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Firm at 28⅛c.

MARINE NEWS.

THE LOST LIGHTKEEPER.

The following is the statement of the survivor who was picked up from the capsized boat at the time Mr. Sheridan, the South Manitou lightkeeper, and his wife and child lost their lives:

I, Christ Ancharson, Mr. and Mrs. Sheridan, and their baby, left Glen Arbor at 3 o'clock with pleasant weather and wind south-southwest. All went well with us until within one mile of the lighthouse, when the wind went down and one of the old seas capsized the boat, and Mr. and Mrs. Sheridan held on to the keel for an hour. The baby first died in the arms of Mrs. Sheridan, and finally both she and Mr. Sheridan dropped off and sank. Then I was left alone. I cried for help about four hours and a half, and at last my screams were heard about 10 o'clock p. m., when a boat came to my assistance. I was almost gone when they rescued me.

Mr. Sheridan, the lightkeeper referred to, was formerly a resident of Detroit. He served in the army and received wounds in the late War which unfitted him for active employment. He had been keeper of the lighthouse at Manitou since the fall of 1868. He leaves four children, none of whom are over 10 years of age.

ACTIVITY AT DETROIT.

Considerable activity was displayed in the harbor yesterday. Nearly all of the steamers are fitting out and several schooners are busy bending their canvas. The tug Resolute was busy transferring vessels about the river, and among others took the tug Vulcan to Clark's dry-dock, where she is to receive a thorough overhauling.—*Free Press, 21st.*

THE HARBOR-MASTERS.

The Mayor has not yet dismissed one of the Harbor-Masters, and it is to be hoped, for the sake of marine interests, that he will not do so. Although there is a probability that the season will be a dull one, there is plenty for two men to attend to, and especially when large fleets arrive.

DEATH OF A LAKE CAPTAIN.

Capt. John Warner, a well-known lake-captain, died on board the schr Peterson, lying near Sixteenth bridge, yesterday morning, of neuralgia of the head, from which he had been suffering for a long time. He was about 55 years of age at the time of his death, and bore an excellent reputation as a seaman. He was master of the schr America last season, and during the winter had been shipkeeper on the Peterson. Capt. Warner leaves a wife to mourn his loss.

THE CROSSINGS.

Two hundred thousand dollars is the amount recommended for the Limekiln Crossing this season, and it is to be hoped that Congress will make the appropriation, and the Chief of Engineers will push the work at that dangerous point with all possible dispatch.

THE GRAND HAVEN BARGES.

The towing stmr New Era, Capt. Furlong, arrived yesterday morning with the Grand Haven barges City of Grand Haven and Prentice Boy, with cargoes of lumber,—the first trip of the season. They will continue on their trips as usual.

ARRIVAL OF THE SNOOK.

It was Capt. James Jackson who brought the steam-barge Snook—the first vessel through the Straits this season, and the earliest ever known—to this port, and to him the credit should be given. The Snook arrived Wednesday night.

LAKE FREIGHTS.

The schrs Oneonta and Parana were chartered yesterday for corn to Buffalo on private terms, believed to be 2¼c. The schr Col. Ellsworth for corn to Collingwood at 2c, free of elevation. The total capacity was about 70,000 bu.

NAVIGATION NOTES.

The Erie and Oswego Canals will probably be opened about April 10....Workmen were busy yesterday getting the floating elevator ready for business....The catamaran Buchtel is not going to Detroit, as has been reported. Capt. Harry Channon wants to sell her....The Anchor Line propellers in this port are being cleaned up and put in shipshape for an early start....The Toledo Produce Exchange has indorsed the action of the Detroit Board of Trade in protesting against the transfer of the Life-Saving Service to the Navy Department.

PORT OF CHICAGO.

The following were the arrivals and clearances since last report:

ARRIVALS—Stmr Muskegon, Alpena, sundries; stmr T. W. Snook, Ludington, 100 m lumber; prop O. P. Heath, Saugatuck, 65 m lumber, and sundries; schr Felicitous, Two Rivers, 350 tons ice; schr Kate Lyons, Muskegon, 200 m lumber; schr City of Toledo, Escanaba, 450 tons ice; schr Lizzie Doak, St. Joseph, 50 m lumber, 30 m staves; schr J. O. Thayer, Escanaba, 600 tons ice; schr Amoskeag, Muskegon, 5,000 railroad ties; schr St. Lawrence, Annapee, 2,700 railroad ties, to Muskegon, 600 brs lard and sundries.

CLEARANCES—Stmr Alpena, Grand Haven, sundries; to Muskegon, 600 brs lard and sundries.

The following vessels cleared light: Schr St. Lawrence, Ahnapee; schr Amoskeag, Muskegon; schr Lizzie Doak, St. Joseph; schr Kate Lyons, Muskegon; schr C. G. Breed, Escanaba; prop O. P. Heath, Saugatuck.

TRIBUNE BUILDING DIRECTORY.

Rooms.	Occupants.
1.	TO RENT.
2.	C. K. MILLER & CO.
3.	JOHN T. DALE.
4.	DUEBER WATCH-CASE MAN'F'G CO.
5-6.	TO RENT.
7.	G. C. COOPER.
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