FINANCE AND TRADE.

Review of the Financial Events of Last Week.

The Produce Markets Steady---Provisions More Active and Easier.

Less Doing in Grain---Movement of Produce for the Week.

FINANCIAL.

There was an increase in Chicago bank clearings last week of nearly 7 per cent, in comparison with the clearings of the corresponding week of last year. All the financial signs indicated a sound and growing business. During the week a hardening tendency made its appearance in this market. There was a better demand for accommodations both from merchants and Board of Trade men. The settlements to be made by the latter on the first of the month are very heavy, and there is a great deal of shifting of loans. There are some threatening rumors in circulation in regard to attempts that will be made to break the market in the interest of a bear clique who have been operating extensively before the public as bulls. Rates of interest have hardened, and the bulk of new business is now done at 8 per cent. The foreign exchange market has receded from the specie export point, and had a weak tendency until the end of the week. This was caused by the monetary tightness at New York, which led to large loans of sterling as the readiest way of obtaining advances. The Chicago supply of bills was light all the week, and the rates here have been depressed in sympathy with the New York market. The currency movement has been inconsiderable. There has been a heavy flow of remittances to New York, and the price of New York exchange at the end of the week made shipments of currency to New York at an early day seem probable. There was not much activity in local securities, although the market lost none of its firmness. A demand for the new Cook County 5 per cents has begun to make itself felt, and it is now believed the entire issue will be absorbed by this market. There will be a good deal of novelty in the success of these bonds in this market. By a large majority, our local brokers and bankers prophesied that it would be impossible to float here at par a 5 per cent taxable bond, with the interest payable annually. The present price is really not quite par. Purchases are usually made through the medium of County Court-House orders, which can be bought at 99¼, and the accrued interest on the bonds is "thrown in" to the purchaser. Chicago stock brokers report a moderate business in New York Stock Exchange securities.

The following gives the fluctuations of the leading stocks for the day:

Stocks.	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
N. Y. Central	...114	....	....	114
Michigan Central	85¼	....	....	85¼
Lake Shore	.... 71¾	72	71¾	71¾
C. & N. Western	60	60¼	59¾	60¼
Do preferred	87¾	88½	87½	88½
M. & St. Paul	40¾	41¼	40¾	41¼
Do preferred	83½	80¼	80¼	*80¼
C., R. I. & P.	132	130½	131¾	*130½
C., B. & Q.	115	....	....	115
Union Pacific	71¾	72¼	71¾	72¼
Erie	24½	25	24½	24¾
Wabash Railway	20	20¼	20	20¼
Ohio & Miss	11½	11¾	11½	11¾
C., C., C. & Ind.	41½	....	....	42
H. & St. Jo.	15¾	....	....	15¾
Do preferred	43¾	....	....	43¾
Del. & Hudson	40¾	....	....	40¾
D., Lack. & West.	46½	48¼	46½	48
N. J. Central	37¾	38¾	37¾	38¼
W. Union Tel.	104½	105¾	104½	105¾
A. & P. Tel.	36	....	....	36
Can. Southern	61½	....	....	62
Kansas & Texas	9¾	....	....	9¾
St. L., K. C. & N.	8½	....	....	8¾
Do preferred	34½	....	....	34
Kansas Pacific	21	21¼	21	21¼
St. L. & San Fran.	7	....	....	7
Do preferred	8¾	....	....	8¾

*Ex-dividend 3½ per cent.
†Ex-dividend 2½ per cent.

GOVERNMENT BONDS.

	Ind.	Asked.
U. S. 6s of '81	106½	106¾
U. S. 5-20s of '67	102	102¼
U. S. 5-20s of '68	102¼	102¾
U. S. 10-40s (ex. int.)	101¾	102
U. S. new 5s of '81 (ex. int.)	104¾	104¾
U. S. new 4½s (ex. int.)	101½	105¼
U. S. 4 per cent coupons	99¼	100¼
U. S. currency 6s	121	....

FOREIGN EXCHANGE.

	Sixty days.	Sight.
Sterling	486½	489
Belgium	5 18¾	5 15¾
France	5 18¾	5 15¾
Switzerland	5 18¾	5 15¾
Germany	94¾	95½
Holland	40	40½
Austria	....	40
Norway	....	27¾
Sweden	....	27¾
Denmark	....	27¾

COMMERCIAL BILLS.

Sterling	483¾	
France	5 23½	

LOCAL SECURITIES.

	Bid.	Askd.
Chicago Municipal 7s	*110	*111
Chicago Water loan 7s	*111½	*111¾
Chicago Municipal 6s	*105½	*106½
Chicago Water loan 6s	*106	*107
Chicago Lincoln Park 7s	*103	*104
Chicago South Park 7s	*102½	*103½
Chicago West Park 7s	*103½	*104½
Chicago Treasury Warrants (scrip)	97¾	98½
Cook County 7s	*110	*111
Cook County (short) 7s	*101	*102
City Railway (South Side)	170	....
City Railway (West Side)	175	....
City Railway (West Side) 7 per cent certificates	*104½	*105½
City Railway (North Side)	110	121
City Railway (North Side) 7 per cent bonds	*104½	*105½
Chamber of Commerce	....	58½

*And interest.

COIN QUOTATIONS.

The following are the Chicago quotations for coins:

Trades	99½
Mexican (full weight)	80
Sovereigns	4.80
Napoleons	3.80
Twenty marks	4.70
Austrian florins (paper)	39
Five francs	85
Prussian thalers	65
Holland guelders	38½@ 39
Kronors (Swedish)	25 @ 25½
Mexican and South American doubloons	15.50
Spanish doubloons	15.60

BY TELEGRAPH.

NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, March 29.—Governments were inactive and less firm.

Railroad securities dull.

State bonds dull.

Stock market active and firm. Speculation was attended by much animation. After a slight reaction in the early dealings, most apparent in Northwest, prices took an upward turn, and, under large purchases, the market became very firm. Granger and coal shares, Western Union, and Michigan Central leading in the improvement. The advance from the lowest point ranged from ¼@1¾ per cent,—the latter Delaware, Lackawanna & Western. This advance was well maintained to the close, the final dealings being at or near the highest point of the day.

Transactions were 216,000, of which 32,000 were Erie, 17,000 Lake Shore, 1,000 Canada Southern, 5,000 Wabash, 41,000 Northwestern common, 12,000 preferred, 28,000 St. Paul common, 7,000 preferred, 50,000 Lackawanna, 7,000 New Jersey Central, 2,000 Delaware & Hudson, 1,000 Morris & Essex, 6,000 Michigan Central, 5,500 Union Pacific, 2,000 Ohio & Mississippi, 8,000 Western Union, 1,500 Kansas & Texas, and 1,700 St. Louis & San Francisco.

Money market easy at 6@7 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 5@6.

Sterling exchange, sixty days, dull at 486; sight, 488.

The weekly bank statement is as follows:

Loans, decrease, $3,381,300; specie, decrease, $356,900; legal-tenders, decrease, $3,703,700; deposits, decrease, $7,645,800; circulation, increase, $221,200; reserve, decrease, $1,149,150.

The banks hold $2,970,300 in excess of their legal requirements.

GOVERNMENTS.

Coupons of 1881	100¾	New 4s	99¾
Coupons, '67s	102¾	10-40s, reg	101¾
Coupons, '68s	102¾	Do coupon	102
New 5s	101¾	Currency 6s	121½
New 4½s	104½		

STOCKS.

W. U. Telegraph	105¾	C., C., C. & I.	42
Quicksilver	12¼	N. J. Central	38
Quicksilver, pfd	34¾	Rock Island ex. div.	125¾
Pacific Mail	13¾	St. Paul	41¼
Mariposa	10¾	St. Paul, pfd ex. div.	80¾
Mariposa, pfd	102½	Wabash	20¾
Adams Express	105½	Fort Wayne	105¾
Wells, Fargo & Co.	99	Terre Haute	3
American Express	47½	Terre Haute, pfd	....
U. S. Express	47	Chicago & Alton	98½
N. Y. Central	114¾	C. & Alton, pfd	108
Erie	24¾	Ohio & Mississippi	11¾
Erie, pfd	45	Del., L. & Western	47¾
Harlem	150	A. & P. Telegraph	35¾
Michigan Central	86¼	C., B. & Q.	114
Panama	130½	Hannibal & St. Jo.	15¾
Union Pacific	73	Canada Southern	43¾
Lake Shore	71¾	Central Pac. bonds	108½
Illinois Central	81¼	Union Pac. bonds	108¾
Clev. & Pittsburg	91¼	U. P. Land-Grants	110
Northwestern	60¾	U. P. Sinking-F'ds	109¾
Northwestern, pfd	88½		

STATE BONDS.

Tennessee 6s, old	35¾	Virginia 6s, new	35
Tennessee 6s, new	28¼	Missouri	105
Virginia 6s, old	34		

SAN FRANCISCO.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 29.—Following were the closing quotations at the Stock Board:

Ainha	18¾	H. & N.	11¾
Alta	5½	Julia Consolidated	4¾
Belcher	8	Justice	3¾
Best & Belcher	16¾	Mexican	32¾
Bullion	5¼	Northern Belle	9¾
Caledonia	2½	Ophir	24
California	5	Overman	11
Chollar	40	Raymond & Ely	5¼
Consolidat'd Virginia	5	Savage	10¼
Crown Point	5¼	Sierra Nevada	46¾
Eureka Consolidat'd	17	Union Consolidated	60
Exchequer	5	Yellow Jacket	14¾
Gould & Curry	8	Bodie	7
Grand Prize	3½		

NEW ORLEANS.

NEW OLEANS, March 29.—Sight exchange on New York at par.

Sterling exchange, bankers' bills, 485.

FOREIGN.

LONDON, March 29.—Consols, money, 96 1-16. Stocks—Reading, 12¾; Erie, 24; preferred, 44.

United States bonds—'67s, 103¾; 10-40s, 104; new 5s, 106¾; 4½s, 107¾; 4s, 101¾.

PARIS, March 29.—Rentes, 113f 75c.

COMMERCIAL.

Latest quotations for March delivery on the leading articles for the last two business days:

	Friday.	Saturday.
Mess pork	$ 10.07½	$ 10.10
Lard	6.35	6.32½
Shoulders, boxed	3.72½	3.72½
Short ribs, boxed	4.90	4.87½
Whisky	1.04	1.04
Wheat	80	88¾
Corn	31¾	31¾
Oats	21½	21½
Rye	44½	44½
Barley	65	70
Live hogs	3.60 @4.25	3.60 @4.25
Cattle	2.60 @5.30	2.60 @5.30

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 Saturday morning, and for the corresponding date twelve months ago:

	RECEIPTS.		SHIPMENTS.	
	1879.	1878.	1879.	1878.
Flour, brls	14,815	9,455	14,633	9,243
Wheat, bu	72,001	93,014	112,514	91,813
Corn, bu	111,827	189,759	117,028	155,519
Oats, bu	53,242	41,068	57,639	44,074
Rye, bu	5,094	17,719	2,991	4,578
Barley, bu	2,697	13,512	9,948	13,639
Grass seed, lbs	228,402	366,696	328,872	219,410
F. seed, lbs	25,300	15,000	26,700	74,781
B. corn, lbs	45,000	5,810	48,672	.....
C. meats, lbs	580,900	411,922	2,128,949	3,373,927
Beef, tcs	.....	.....	275	100
Beef, brls	.....	.....	101	150
Pork, brls	.....	75	4,551	241
Lard, lbs	175,870	141,730	203,390	608,130
Tallow, lbs	34,293	22,740	52,580	4,800
Butter, lbs	120,297	66,984	61,161	78,750
Hides, No	.....	263	.....	.....
Live hogs, No	14,597	14,832	8,560	6,633
Cattle, No	2,241	3,622	3,613	4,989
Sheep, No	544	567	736	313
Hides, lbs	98,607	65,275	115,670	142,150
Highwin's, brls	.....	.....	50	50
Wool, lbs	18,500	16,542	46,264	82,840
Potatoes, bu	2,511	741	100	3
Cask. tons	3,627	3,071	710	270
Hay, tons	40	104	.....	102
Lumber, m ft	615	2,352	1,366	2,375
Shingles, m	199	678	306	361
Salt, brls	252	332	2,201	2,283

The following grain was inspected into store in this city Saturday morning: 6 cars No. 2 red winter wheat, 1 car No. 3 do, 2 cars mixed, 17 cars No. 2 spring, 60 cars No. 3 do, 29 cars rejected, 2 cars no grade (117 wheat); 52 cars high-mixed corn, 24 cars new do, 59 cars new mixed, 96 cars No. 2 corn, 19 cars rejected (250 corn); 29 cars white oats, 29 cars No. 2 mixed, 4 cars rejected (62 oats); 8 cars No. 2 rye; 1 car No. 2 barley, 3 cars No. 3 do, 5 cars extra (9 barley). Total, 441 cars, or 190,000 bu. Inspected out: 39,605 bu wheat, 18,430 bu corn, 11,862 bu rye, 20,593 bu barley.

The following were the receipts and shipments of breadstuffs and live stock at this point during the past week, and for the corresponding weeks ending as dated:

	March 29, 1879.	March 22, 1879.	March 30, 1878.
Receipts—			
Flour, brls	88,691	79,601	54,349
Wheat, bu	1,122,054	414,289	498,278
Corn, bu	758,858	495,500	1,347,616
Oats, bu	371,392	359,339	310,181
Rye, bu	25,202	16,311	81,598
Barley, bu	48,065	55,786	52,608
Dressed hogs	380	353	666
Live hogs, No	108,536	69,652	91,207
Cattle, No	20,412	21,336	25,370
Shipments—			
Flour, brls	79,780	74,846	54,104
Wheat, bu	541,694	480,093	470,681
Corn, bu	642,042	499,504	703,486
Oats, bu	350,101	345,414	225,907
Rye, bu	34,023	25,407	55,000
Barley, bu	95,520	76,023	43,432
Dressed hogs	.....	3	17
Live hogs, No	51,180	40,015	36,122
Cattle, No	13,500	14,282	18,953

The following table shows the exports from New York for the week ending Thursday evening last, with comparisons:

	March 29, 1879.	March 22, 1879.	March 30, 1878.
Flour, brls	68,095	62,143	33,045
Wheat, bu	1,181,055	761,033	661,430
Corn, bu	640,670	253,775	393,390

William Young & Co. have issued their thirteenth annual circular, containing replies from 210 shipping towns in Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Nebraska, to the questions, What is the present supply of wheat in warehouse and mills at your place, and how does it compare with the stock at the same date a year ago. The answers indicate that the stock on hand is about the same as a year ago. The farmers have on hand about one-fifth to one-quarter of the crop.

The summer packing of this city to date is 171,000 hogs, against 195,000 for the same time a year ago. A falling off, indeed, but a respectable quantity of work yet; it beats the total winter packing at some points which are not regarded as small ones.

We have been asked to give a short statement of the storage problem. In order to be regular for delivery on contracts, grain must have five days to run on regular storage, which is 4c per bu previous to April 16, and 1¼c per bu on and after that date. The total storage charges on any given lot of grain are assumed by the buyer, the whole being paid by the holder who takes it out of store. April 16 there is 4½c per bu due on winter grain. Subtracting 1¼c leaves 3¼c as the amount to be subtracted from the selling price in order that the buyer may assume the 4½c storage charge. April 21 the figures are 5c minus 1¼c leaves 3¾c; and May 1 they are 5½c minus 1¼c leaves 4¼c to be deducted from the selling price.

Grain delivered April 11 to 15, inclusive, has less than five days to run on 4c storage; so that the seller must deduct ¼c per bu in that case, because 4½c will be due at the expiration of five days from the date of delivery.

The carrying charge from April into May is equal to 4½c storage, and, in wheat, about ⅝c for insurance and the interest on the use of money. Hence the legitimate difference between the prices on wheat for April and May is about 5c; for other grain it is somewhat less.

The leading produce markets were rather tame Saturday, but very steady. There was more doing in provisions, but they had been quite dull during Friday. In grain the trading seemed to be chiefly local, except a very moderate shipping movement. The weather is still unsettled, though no rain fell.

A good degree of activity was apparent in dry-goods circles. Many buyers were present, and a large volume of business was also accomplished through the medium of mail orders. Prices remained firm. Groceries continue to receive a generous share of attention, and the general market preserves a firm and healthy tone. In the dried-fruit market there is continued activity. Both the city and country trade are ordering freely, and for apples, peaches, and prunes the market is still advancing. Fish were quoted quiet, with no material variation in prices. Mackerel, cod, and whitefish are in light stock, and are firm. There was but slight change in the butter market. Fine table butter is wanted at full figures, the supply falling short of the demand, but for other descriptions the market is unsettled and weak under free supplies. Cheese is tending lower, under increasing receipts. There was a liberal movement in oils, paints, and colors, and a fairly steady set of prices.

Lumber was again reported active at variable prices. A few cargoes have been received from the most southern ports across the lake, and liberal receipts are expected during the early part of the coming month. There is a call for dry stuff, but buyers and sellers seem to be rather wide apart in their prices, and not enough lumber of any one grade has been sold to establish a market.

Wool and broom-corn were unchanged. Seeds were rather quiet, excepting timothy, which sold freely at former prices. Hides were steady. The supply of green fruits was liberal, and local buyers and shippers were purchasing freely. Game and poultry were in fair local request.

Statement showing the foreign invoice value and duty paid on goods entered for consumption at the Port of Chicago during the week ending March 29:

Class of goods.	*Foreign value.*	*U. S. customs duties.*
Dry goods	$58,353	$20,314.20
Wines and liquors	793	529.82
Musical merchandise	3,564	1,102.90
Ale, beer, and porter	659	242.60
Earthenware	117	70.80
Condensed milk	1,685	317.00
Toys and fancy goods	815	324.30
Needles	559	130.75
Watch material	3,481	392.55
Cigars	2,505	2,695.44
Olive oil	22	16.00
Salt	1,127	150.97
Caustic soda	5,517	2,824.68
Tin plate	2,885	823.01
Dried fruit	369	26.88
Wire rope	650	365.36
Maps	22	23.00
Paintings	62	.....
Oat meal	439	34.50
Wall paper	804	302.40
Preserved vegetables	1,980	651.76
Smokers' articles	271	308.88
Leaf tobacco	688	456.75
Artificial flowers	983	534.05
Books	194	.....
Sporting goods	1,643	575.05
Total	$90,545	$42,314.05

WHEAT IN EUROPE.

The New York *Produce Exchange Weekly* has the following. It is perhaps open to the charge of being slightly "bullish" in its tone, but contains figures which are of great interest to all engaged in the breadstuffs trade:

The estimates of the wheat crop in the United Kingdom for 1878 indicate that from 96 to 104 millions of foreign wheat will require to be imported during the crop year to end Aug. 31, 1879. The area under wheat in the United Kingdom for the crop to be harvested in 1879 is estimated at about 700,000 acres less than it was for the crop of 1878, which had an area, as per official report, of 3,381,701 acres, and this decrease in area at an average yield would give a decrease in the home supply of about 2½ million qrs, or 20 million bu. The net imports into the United Kingdom from Sept. 1 to March 1 have been in wheat and flour equal to 50,520,410 bu, and there was on passage destined for that country March 1, 1879, 11,528,000 bu, leaving to be purchased in foreign countries and shipped during the remaining part of the crop year from 33,951,384 to 41,951,384 bu.

The estimates of the wheat crop of France in 1878 were 53,000,000 bu less than those for the crop of 1877, when the net imports for the crop year ended Aug. 31, 1878, had been 23,000,000 bu net over exports to supplement the home crop of 1877.

If the estimates of the French wheat crop of 1878 are approximately correct, it would seem that the French requirements of foreign wheat would be equal to the deficiency of the crop in 1878 plus the net imports in 1877-'78, or about 79,000,000 bu. The net imports into France from Aug. 1, 1878, to Jan. 31 are officially reported to be 40,270,050 bu, indicating further required imports of foreign wheat from Feb. 1 to July 31 of about 38,729,344 bu.

The net imports of wheat and wheat flour into Germany and exports in 1878 were 9,252,268 bu against 8,305,500 bu in 1877 and 13,564,425 bu in 1876. The wheat crop of the German Empire in 1878 was about an average. The foregoing figures indicate that Germany is an importer instead of a source of supply for other countries.

The net imports over exports of wheat and wheat flour into Belgium in 1878 were equal to 13,212,658 bu, against 11,027,401 bu in 1877. The wheat crop of Belgium in 1878 was a full average, and the net imports for 1879 will be somewhat less than those for the previous two years.

Holland, Spain, Portugal, Switzerland, Italy, and Sweden require to import a very considerable amount of foreign wheat, the yearly aggregate for all of them being fully 20,000,000 to 30,000,000 bu.

The required imports of wheat and wheat flour by the importing countries of Europe for the remainder of the crop year from March 1 to Aug. 31, 1879, will approximate nearly 100,000,000 bu. The principal countries that will be drawn upon for this supply are Russia, Austro-Hungary, Roumania, Australia, British India, Egypt, Chili, and the United States. The position of wheat in America was given in *Circular* of March 21. The exports from the Russian Empire by sea in 1878 were, exclusive of flour and overland shipments of both wheat and flour, 74,808,560 bu, and, with these included, were probably fully 80,000,000 bu in 1878, against 55,543,636 bu by all modes of transit in 1877. The average exports of wheat and wheat flour for the previous fourteen years has been about 40,000,000 bu, with a minimum of 33,000,000 bu and a maximum of 72,000,000 bu during that period. The exports during the last two years have aggregated 130,352,196 bu, plus the flour and the overland shipments in 1878, or say about 138,000,000 bu. The wheat crop of Russia in 1877 was reported to be larger than ever before, and that of 1878 about an average.

The stocks of wheat in Odessa and Nicolaieff Jan. 1, 1879, were 8,634,000 bu. What the remaining surplus will be that Russia will have for export remains to be determined. Unless that Empire had two extraordinary large wheat crops it will not probably be as much as the average of previous years from March 1 to Aug. 31.

The Danubian exports from Sulina and Galatz, ports of export for Roumania, were: Of wheat, 1,944,000 bu in 1877 (the year of the Turko-Russian war, when the ports were closed most of the year), against 14,496,860 bu in 1876, and 14,104,000 bu in 1875.

There is now no expectation that Egypt or British India will, during the period from March 1 to Aug. 31, 1879, furnish any important supply of wheat for Western Europe. The Egyptian crop is about harvested. The wheat crop in British India, to be harvested in April, was in large measure seriously damaged by drought. The outturn of the wheat crop of Australia, just harvested, it is stated at latest postal advices will be no more than 150,000 tons, against 153,000 tons in 1878, when about 50,131 tons were shipped to the United Kingdom, and the remainder to other Oceanic islands and South Africa.

The wheat crop of Chili is said to be a full average, and her exports to Europe have ranged in previous years from 2,000,000 to about 4,000,000 bu.

The stocks in the fourteen importing ports of the United Kingdom, Dec. 31, 1878, aggregated nearly 10,000,000 bu. They have been during the last ten years as large as 23,206,000 bu, including flour. The stocks March 1, 1879, are believed to be smaller than on the 31st of December last.

The stock of wheat at Marseilles, France, March 14, 1879, was 2,269,000 bu, with no important accumulation at any other French port.

The stock of wheat in the three German ports of Berlin, Stettin, and Dantzig, March 1, 1879, was but little more than 2,100,000 bu, and at Konigsberg, Jan. 1, 1879, 857,000 bu. The stocks in Belgium and Holland are small. The accumulated stocks in granaries throughout Europe may be said to be small.

The crop prospects in the United Kingdom, in France and in Germany, so far, have been generally of an unfavorable character, and auspices unfavorable for the sowing of spring grain.

PROVISIONS.

HOG PRODUCTS—Were more active, and quite steady, under the circumstances. Liverpool reported a decline of 6d per 112 lbs on some cuts of meats, and 1s in pork, while there was an early pressure here to place property which is deliverable on April contracts next Tuesday. This caused an easier feeling early, but a better demand ensued at the decline.

The following were the shipments of provisions from this city for the periods named:

Articles.	1878-'79. Week ending M'h 27.	1878-'79. Since Nov. 1.	*Since Nov. 1, 1878.*
Pork, brls	24,816	148,678	133,281
Lard, tcs	7,152	259,050	316,005
Lard, brls	54	5,810	2,000
Lard, other pkgs	3,342	94,714	80,520
Hams, bxs	4,807	126,700	76,075
Hams, tcs	4,136	54,173	52,307
Hams, brls	241	7,878	16,600
Hams, pcs	2,434	980,101	706,190
Hams, other pkgs	.....	788	1,520
Sides, bxs	13,037	378,341	356,275
Sides, loose	395	14,096	7,040
Sides, brls	57	3,059	3,026
Sides, pcs	2,016	301,432	657,151
Shoulders, bxs	5,212	75,074	54,105
Shoulders, tcs	110	5,568	3,293
Shoulders, brls	.....	388	1,034
Shoulders, pcs	3,128	315,085	418,034
Tongues, pkgs	795	18,879	5,544
Hocks, pkgs	80	2,355	4,208
Total gross w't, lbs—Lard	3,153,288	110,024,217	129,160,018
Hams	4,078,220	105,993,440	81,590,421
Sides	8,784,501	263,223,388	241,072,783
Shoulders	3,182,470	51,417,802	40,779,675

MESS PORK—Declined 5@7½c per brl, but closed about 2½@5c above the lowest prices of Friday, with a very good demand in the latter part of the session. The offerings were rather large early. Sales were reported of 11,000 brls seller April at $10.00@10.12½; 21,000 brls seller May at $10.15@10.27½; and 7,750 brls seller June at $10.30@10.40. Total, 42,750 brls. The market closed steady at $10.10 for cash or seller March, $10.10@10.12½ for April, $10.25@10.27½ for May, and $10.37½@10.40 for June. Old pork quoted at $8.40@8.50.

Prime mess pork was quoted at $9.00@9.25, and extra prime at $8.25@8.50.

LARD—Declined about 5c per 100 lbs, with a widening of the May premium to 10c under an increased pressure to change in preparation for April deliveries. There was a partial reaction later. Sales were reported of 75 tcs spot (summer) at $6.30; 7,500 tcs seller April at $6.30@6.35; 9,750 tcs seller May at $6.37½@6.45; and 8,000 tcs seller June at $6.45@6.52½. Total, 25,325 tcs. The market closed steady at $6.32½ for spot or seller March, $6.32½@6.35 for April, $6.42½@6.45 for May, and $6.5.4@6.52½ for June.

MEATS—Were active in changes, with more doing for shipment, and there was little change in prices. Sales were 1,350,000 lbs short ribs at $4.72½@4.77½ for April, $4.87½@4.90 for May, and $5.00@5.05 for June; 350,000 lbs shoulders at $3.50 for April and $3.62½@3.65 for May; 50 boxes do at $3.75 spot; 4,500 boxes long and short clears at $4.90 for regular cuts and $5.05 for special averages; 300 tcs sweet-pickled hams at 5¾c for 20 lbs and 6¼@7c for 16-lb averages. The following were the closing prices per 100 lbs on the leading cuts:

	Shoulders.	Short ribs.	L. & S. clears.	Short clears.
Loose, part cured	$3.60	$4.72½	$4.75	$4.90
Boxed	3.72½	4.87½	4.90	5.05
April, boxed	3.72½	4.87½	4.90	5.05
May, boxed	3.82½	4.07½	5.00	5.15

Long clears quoted at $4.65 loose and $4.80 boxed; Cumberlands, $5.00@5.12½ boxed; longcut hams, 7¾@8¼c; sweet-pickled hams, 7@7¾c for 16 to 18 lb average; green hams, 6¼@6½c for same average; green shoulders, 3½c.

Bacon quoted at 4¼@4½c for shoulders, 5½@5¾c for short ribs, 5¾@6c for short clears, 8¾@9¼c for hams, all canvased and packed.

GREASE—Was quoted at $5.00@5.50 for No. 1 white, 4½@5c for good yellow, and 4¼@4½c for brown.

BEEF PRODUCTS—Were firm and quiet at $8.50@8.75 for mess, $9.50@9.75 for extra mess, and $17.75@18.00 for hams.

TALLOW—Was quiet at 6¼@6½c for city and 6½@6¾c for country.

BREADSTUFFS.

FLOUR—Was dull, with little change in prices. Holders quoted the market steady, but they were rather more anxious to sell, and in some cases telegraphed to principals to name bottom figures. Shippers held off for concessions, and the local trade was tame. Sales were reported of 450 brls springs at $3.05@4.00; 2,000 sacks do on private terms; 104 brls low grade at $2.00@2.60; and 170 brls rye flour at $2.70@2.75. The following was the nominal range of prices:

Choice winters	$5.25 @5.50
Good to choice winters	4.50 @5.25
Fair to good winters	3.75 @4.25
Choice Minnesotas	4.50 @5.00
Fair to good Minnesotas	4.00 @6.00
Fair to good springs	3.50 @4.25
Low springs	2.50 @3.25
Patents	6.00 @8.00

BRAN—Was active and weak under large offerings. Sales were reported of 100 tons at $8.62½@9.00 per ton on track, and $9.00@9.50 free on board cars.

SHORTS—Sale was made of 10 tons at $8.00.

CORN-MEAL—Coarse was nominal at $13.25 per ton on track.

SPRING WHEAT—Was tame and steady, declining ½c early, but closing only ¼c below the latest prices of Friday. The British markets were quiet, and privately reported dull, while New York opened 1½c lower on winter but unchanged on spring wheat. St. Louis and Philadelphia both ruled downwards, and our receipts were fair in volume but with larger shipments, and an apparent decrease during the week of about 160,000 bu in our stocks in store. The prospect of finer weather also tended to depress quotations, and speculative buyers held off. There appeared to be very little outside orders on the floor, either to buy or sell, and the impression prevailed that the trading is more nearly equalized than usual, the spot wheat here being simply held by the parties owning it, with little sold for future against it. The shipping demand was rather slow, and rejected was dull. Spot No. 2 closed at 81½c for gilt-edged receipts, and 88¾c for regular. Seller May opened at 93⅝@93¾c, advanced to 93⅞c, and closed at 93¾@93¾c. Seller April ranged at 88½@89c, closing at 88½c, and seller the month was nearly nominal at the same range. Spot sales were reported of 8,000 bu No. 2 at 81½@81¾c; 10,400 bu No. 3, gilt-edged receipts, at 70½c in Central to 80c in N. W. and C., B. & Q. elevators; 1,000 bu rejected at 64c; and 12,000 bu by sample at 67@87c. Total, 32,000 bu.

WINTER WHEAT—Sales were 1,200 bu No. 2 red at $1.02; and 2,000 bu by sample at $1.03@1.05.

MIXED WHEAT—Sale was made of 400 bu rejected at 74c.

WHEAT SCREENINGS—Sale was made of 20 tons at $11.50 on track.

CORN—Was quiet and steady, though selling ⅛@¼c lower. Liverpool and New York were quoted steady, but our receipts were rather large and the market early sympathized with wheat in selling off a little under prospects of better weather. There was only a light movement in spot corn in store, nearly nominal at 31½c, and gilt-edged receipts at 34½c. A great portion of the receipts were offered by sample, and these lots were easier. Futures were not in much demand. Seller May opened at about 35⅞c, sold at 35¼@35⅞c, and improved to 36c at the close. Seller June sold at 36⅝@36¾c, July at 36½@36¾c, the latter being at 36½c, and April at 31½@31⅞c. Seller the month was nominal at 31½c. Spot sales were reported of 5,200 bu No. 2 at 34½c; 20,000 bu do regular at 31½c; 30,200 bu by sample free on board cars at 35¼@35½c for No. 2 and high-mixed, 34½@35c for inferior grades, and 36½c for white in sacks; 10,000 bu by sample at 34@34½c on track. Total, 65,400 bu.

OATS—Were quiet and easy, averaging ¼c lower. The receipts were liberal, and sold readily by sample at nearly former figures. Futures were lifeless. A few trades were made in May at 25½@25¾c, closing at the inside. April were quiet at 21¾c and June at 25½@25¾c. Regular No. 2 oats were nominal at 21¾c, and fresh do at 24@24½c. Cash sales were reported at 12,000 bu by sample at 25@27½c on track, and 6,000 bu No. 2 do at 25¼@25¾c, and 14,400 bu white at 26½@28½c free on board. Total, 33,000 bu.

RYE—Was quiet and steady, spot No. 2 being firm under an inquiry for shipment. Futures sold in settlement, April bringing 44½c, and May 48½c. No. 2 regular was quiet at 44½@45c, and fresh receipts were nominally 40½c. Cash sales were reported of 1,000 bu by sample at 46@48½c on track.

BARLEY—Was higher under a better demand, chiefly from shorts. The market opened firm at 67c bid for April, and an order for several lives was subsequently filled at 70c, a jump of 5c since Friday. April and regular closed tame at 70c, and favorite receipts were quoted at 73@74c. Extra 3 was 16½c higher, selling at 34c for next month, and car lots brought 34@34½c. No. 3 was nominal at 33c, and extra 3 in A., D. & Co.'s at 42c.

Samples were slow. The shipments continue liberal, and the stock in store is being reduced at the rate of about 50,000 bu per week. Cash sales were reported of 7,200 bu extra 3 at 34@34½c; 2,000 bu by sample at 50@70c on track. Total, 9,200 bu.

MORNING CALL.

Wheat—Sales 235,000 bu at 88⅜c for April and 93¾@93½c for May. Corn—15,000 bu at 35⅞c for May. Mess pork—750 brls at $10.30 for June. Lard—5,000 tcs at $6.40 for May and $6.45 for June. Short ribs—250,000 lbs at $4.72½ for April and $5.00 for June. Shoulders—150,000 lbs at $3.50 for April and $3.62½ for May.

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