THE MARKET BASKET

Quiet Trade All Along the Lines of Dinner Materials.

FRESH CAUGHT SALMONS ON SALE.

Game Season Waning---Antelope Takes the Place of Deer.

THE SITUATION GOOD TO FLORISTS

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURG DISPATCH, FRIDAY, February 1, 1889.

The first month of 1889, which is now among the things that were, did not make the best of records either in jobbing or retail lines of market basket materials, so far as this city is concerned. There has thus far been no awakening from the quietness which follows holiday activity. The uniform report given by tradesmen to-day is much the same as for several weeks past, namely, that business has been unusually dull. This has been the experience of every year, but for this season the revival of trade seems slow in starting. The open winter is credited with much of the mischief to trade.

At the fish and oyster stalls a fair week's trade is reported. The wholesale demands in these lines, which come mostly from hotels and restaurants, has been very good. Fresh caught salmon, taken from under the ice, have been coming to market from Buffalo and Detroit, and find ready sale at 15c per pound. Fresh mackerel are scarcer and higher than they have been for many years. Prices of frozen fish vary very seldom at this season.

Retail prices of meat are unchanged. Cattle and hogs have been on the downward drift, but retail prices stand the same. Butchers claim that such times as these only balance their experience of a few months ago, when they claim to have worked for glory.

Supplies of game are less varied than last week. The season for venison is past, but antelopes come in to take its place. At Chicago, any venison or quail that appears in market after January 1 is confiscated by law. The game trade must soon give way to the old reliables of meat, fish and oysters.

Choice poultry is in good demand at prices a shade better than last week. Eggs and butter have turned upward from the exceptional low prices of a few weeks back. Retail figures stand unchanged.

Florists report an active trade for the week. Mignonette, lilacs, Dutch hyacinths and daffodils appear for the first time this season on floral stands.

While prices of tropical fruits are unchanged, the quality is much improved.

Following are the latest prices of market-basket materials as furnished by retail dealers:

Meats.

The prices called for at the Diamond Markets remain unchanged. The best cuts of tenderloin steak range from 20 to 25c, with the last figure for very fancy, which are very often no better than the 20c article; sirloin, best cuts, from 18 to 20c; standing rib roast, 15 to 20c; chuck roast, 10 to 12c; best round steaks, 15c; boiling beef, 5 to 8c; sweet breads, 25c per pair; beef kidneys, 10c apiece; beef liver, 5c a pound; calf livers, 25c apiece; corned beef from 5 to 10c per pound. Veal for stewing commands 10c; roast, 12½ to 15c; cutlets, 20c per pound; spring lambs, fore quarter, 12½ to 15c; hind quarters, 15 to 20c. A leg of mutton, hind quarter, of prime quality, brings 12½c; fore quarter, 8c; loin of mutton, 15c.

Vegetables and Fruit.

Jersey sweet potatoes, 25c a half peck; potatoes, 15c a half peck; celery, 10c a bunch; squash, 10 to 25c; tomatoes, 50c per quart box; pumpkin, 15 to 25c; cabbage, 5 to 10c; apples, 15c to 20c half peck; bananas, 15 to 25c a dozen; lemons, 25 to 30c per dozen; oranges, 35@50c; Malaga grapes, 25c per pound; onions, 25c a half peck; spinach, 25c per half peck; lettuce, 10c per bunch, 3 for 25c; radishes, 5c per bunch; cranberries, 15c per quart; cucumbers, 25c a piece; mushrooms, $1 pound.

Game.

Ducks, 75c to $1 00 a pair. Pigeons, 50c a pair. Mallard ducks, $1 a pair; quail, $3 00 to $4 50 a dozen; canvasback ducks, $5 00 per pair; redhead ducks, $2 50 per pair. Pheasants, $1 50 a pair. Rabbits, 25c a pair. Antelope, 35c pound, steaks. Prairie chickens, $1 25 a pair.

Butter, Eggs and Poultry.

The best creamery butter is 40c. Fancy pound rolls of country butter are 50c.

The ruling retail price for eggs is 20c. Choice country eggs bring 25c.

The range for dressed chickens is 75c to $1 00 per pair. Turkeys, 15c per pound; fancy, 18c.

Fish and Oysters.

Following are the articles in this line still on the stalls, with prices: Lake salmon, 12½c; California salmon, 40c pound; white fish, 12½c; herring, 4 pounds for 25c; fresh mackerel, 30c apiece; Spanish mackerel, 45c to 50c a pound; sea salmon, 40c a pound; blue fish, 20c; perch, 10c; halibut, 25c; rock bass, 30c; black bass, 20c; lake trout, 12½c; lobsters, 25c; green sea turtle, 28c. Oysters: standard, $1 per gallon; select, $1 50 to $1 75; N. Y. counts, $1 75 per gallon; snaps, 90c; shell oysters, 25c dozen; smelts, 20 to 25c pound; clams, $1 25 gallon; scollops, 50c a quart.

Flowers.

La France roses, $3 50 per dozen; Bride roses, $2 50 per dozen; Perles, $1 00 per dozen; Niphetos, $1 00 per dozen; Bennetts, $2 00 per dozen; Magna Charta roses, $1 25; American Beauty, $1 00 apiece; Mermets, $2 50 per dozen; De Wattville, $2 00; carnations, 50 cents a dozen; Violets, $2 00 a hundred; Lily of the Valley, 75c per dozen; Maiden Hair fern, 50c per doz. fronds. Bermuda Easter lilies, $3 50 per dozen; tulips, 75c per dozen; mignonette, 75c per dozen; lilacs, $1 75 a bunch; daffodils, 75c per dozen; Dutch hyacinths, 25c apiece.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Condition of the Market at the East Liberty Stock Yards.

OFFICE OF PITTSBURG DISPATCH, FRIDAY, February 1, 1889.

CATTLE—Receipts, 1,440 head; shipments, 1,380 head; market steady at yesterday's prices; no cattle shipped to New York to-day.

HOGS—Receipts, 2,900 head; shipments, 2,700 head; market fair on light, slow on heavy; Philadelphias, $4 85@5 00; pigs and Yorkers, $5 30@5 40; ten cars of hogs shipped to New York to-day.

SHEEP—Receipts, 4,800 head; shipments, 4,600 head; market slow at a shade lower.

By Telegraph.

NEW YORK—Beeves—Receipts, 1,740 head, including 5 carloads for city slaughterers direct; 46 carloads for the market and 48 carloads for exportation dead and alive. The market was a trifle firmer, and offerings were all sold: common to fairly prime native steers sold at $3 55@4 75 per 100 pounds; bulls and dry cows, $2@3 40. Sheep—Receipts, 8,500 head; market dull and lower, with more offered than could be sold; common to prime sheep sold at $4 30@4 65 per 100 pounds, and common to prime lambs at $5 50@7 60, with a few choice selections at $7 75. Hogs—Receipts, 2,400 head; all for slaughterers direct: market quoted steady at nominal range of $5 30@5 70 per 100 pounds.

ST. LOUIS—Cattle—Receipts, 1,000 head; shipments, 300 head: market steady; choice heavy native steers, $3 70@4 20; fair to good do, $3 00@3 80; butchers' steers, medium to choice, $2 50@3 10; stockers and feeders, fair to good, $1 90@2 70; rangers, corn-fed, $3 00@3 60; grass-fed, $1 70@2 80. Hogs—Receipts, 3,300 head; shipments, 900 head; market easy; choice heavy and butchers' selections, $4 70@4 85; packing, medium to prime, $4 65@4 80; light grades, ordinary to best, $4 30@5 00. Sheep—Receipts, none; shipments, 600 head; market steady; fair to choice, $3 00@5 00.

CHICAGO—Cattle—Receipts, 5,500 head; shipments, 3,000 head; market 10c higher; choice to extra beeves, $4 25@5 00; steers, $3 00@4 30; stockers and feeders, $2 10@3 50; cows, bulls and mixed, $1 35@3 00. Hogs—Receipts, 24,000 head; shipments, 6,000 head; market weak and 10c lower; mixed, $4 65@4 90; heavy, $4 65@4 90; light, $4 75@5 00; pigs, $4@5. Sheep—Receipts, 6,000 head; shipments, 2,500 head; market weak and 5@10c lower; natives, $2 90@5 25; Western corn fed, $4 40@4 75; lambs, $5 00@6 60.

BUFFALO — Cattle—Receipts, 1,240 head through; 20 head sale; no market; feeling steady. Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 600 head through; 10,000 head sale, with 500 head held over; no market for sheep or lambs; quality only fair to good; feeling 25c lower. Hogs—Receipts, 3,000 head through; 4,500 head sale; mediums strong to a shade higher at $5 05@5 15; Yorkers dull and 10@15c lower at at $5 30@5 35.

CINCINNATI—Hogs in less active demand and lower: common and light, $4 25@5 10; packing and butchers', $4 75@5 00; receipts, 3,800 head; shipments, 970 head.

Mining Stocks.

NEW YORK, February 1.—Mining stocks closed: Amador, 150; Bodie, 150; Caledonia, 250; Consolidated California, 800; Commonwealth, 500; Deadwood, 150; Hale and Norcross, 475; Homestake, 1300; Mutual, 140; Navajo, 140; North Belle Isle, 230; Nevada Queen, 275; Ophir, 525; Plymouth, 862; Savage, 340; Standard, 120; Silver King, 100; Small Hopes, 100.

Wool Markets.

PHILADELPHIA—Wool quiet and prices nominal.

ST. LOUIS—Wool quiet and unchanged.

NEW YORK—Wool quiet and steady; domestic fleece, 30@36c; pulled, 26@39c; Texas, 14@23c.

MARKETS BY WIRE.

Wheat Opens Weak but Closes at a Slight Advance—Corn and Oats Hold Their Own—Pork Lower—Lard Steady.

CHICAGO—The volume of trading in wheat was below that of the preceding days of the week, and the market ruled quiet most of the day. There were occasional temporary spurts, during which a fair demand existed. The opening was weak and ⅝@¾c lower than yesterday's closing, advanced ⅝c, and then declined ⅜c, under free offerings and a lack of demand. But later the market developed a firmer tone, prices advanced ¾c, with some covering by parties who sold early, but eased off again and closed about ⅝c higher than yesterday.

There was only a moderate business in corn, most of the trading being early in the session, after which the market ruled quiet and inactive. The feeling developed was firm, especially on the near futures, the more deferred deliveries not showing much change from yesterday. The market opened at a trifling advance over the closing prices of yesterday, and under a good demand sold up ⅜c, reacted some owing to a decline in wheat, ruled firm and closed about the same as yesterday.

Oats were quiet and easy at about yesterday's range.

An unsettled and weak feeling prevailed in mess pork. Opening sales were made at irregular prices—10@15c under the closing figures of yesterday, and they further receded 15@20c. Slight rallies occasionally were made, but the closing figures exhibited a material reduction.

Lard was easier. Opening sales were made at 5@7½c decline, owing to the reduction in other articles, but the decline was recovered later, and the market closed steady at medium figures.

Short ribs were weak. Prices ruled 10@15c lower, and the market closed steady at medium figures.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

WHEAT—No. 2, February, 88½@94½c; May, 97@98⅝c; June, 97½@98⅝c; July, 88½@88⅝c; August, 88½@88⅝c.

CORN—No. 2, February, 35⅜@35⅝c; May, 35⅝@35⅞c; March, 36@36⅛@35⅞@35½c; May, 37@37⅛@36⅞@37c.

OATS—No. 2, February, 25¼c; March, 25⅞@25½c; May, 27⅛@27⅛@27⅛@27½c.

MESS PORK, per bbl—February, $11 30@11 40; March, $11 30@11 35; May, $11 80@11 85; June, $11 65@11 75; July, $11 85@11 85@11 80@11 85.

LARD, per 100 lbs.—February, $6 80@6 85@6 80@6 85; March, $6 87½@6 87½@6 82½@6 87½; May, $6 90@6 97½@6 90@6 97½.

SHORT RIBS, per 100 lbs.—February, $5 95; March, $6 05@6 05; May, $6 20@6 22½@6 15@6 17½.

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour, quiet and unchanged. No. 2 spring wheat, 94@94½c; No. 3 spring wheat, 90@92c; No. 2 red, 94@94½c. No. 2 corn, 35½c. No. 2 oats, 25¼c. No. 2 rye, 47c. No. 2 barley, nominal. No. 1 flaxseed, $1 59@1 60. Prime timothy seed, $1 51@1 52. Mess pork, per barrel, $11 35@11 40. Lard, per 100 lbs, $6 85. Short ribs sides (loose), $6 00@6 05. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $6 00@6 12½c. Short clear sides (boxed), $6 37½@6 50c. Sugar—Cut loaf, unchanged. Receipts — Flour, 10,000 barrels; wheat, 11,000 bushels; corn, 137,000 bushels; oats, 89,000 bushels; rye, 7,000 bushels; barley, 43,000 bushels. Shipments—Flour, 7,000 barrels; wheat, 22,000 bushels; corn, 76,000 bushels; oats, 56,000 bushels; rye, none; barley, 29,000 bushels.

At the Produce Exchange to-day the butter market was steady and unchanged. Eggs weak at 18@14c.

NEW YORK—Flour unchanged, moderate business. Wheat—Spot irregular and firmer; options fairly active, irregular and ½@¾c under yesterday. Rye dull. Barley quiet. Barley malt unchanged. Corn—Spot stronger and moderately active; options firm and fairly active. Oats—Spot fairly active and stronger; options, ½c higher. Hay steady and quiet. Coffee—Options opened barely steady at 5 to 10 points down; closed steady at 10 to 15 points below yesterday; sales, 42,250 bags, including February, 15.65@15.70c; March, 15.65@15.80c; April 15.65@15.75c; May, 15.60@15.75c; June, 15.70@15.75c; July, 15.75@15.90c; August, 15.85@15.95c; September, 15.90@16.05c; October, 16@16.10c; November, 16c; December, 16@16.10c; spot Rio firm; fair cargoes, 17½c. Sugar—Raw dull. Molasses—Foreign quiet; New Orleans dull. Rice quiet and firm. Cottonseed oil dull. Tallow strong. Rosin quiet; steamed, common to good, $1 02½@1 07½. Turpentine higher; fair demand at 46½c. Eggs steady: moderate demand; Western, 15½c; receipts, 5,227 packages. Pork lower; old mess, $12 50@13 00; new mess, $13 00@13 25. Beef hams dull; quoted at $12 75@13 00. Cutmeats dull; pickled shoulders, 6⅝c; pickled hams, 10½c. Middles dull: short clear, $6 80. Lard lower and quiet; Western steam, $7 27½@7 30; city, $6 85; February, $7 26 bid; March, $7 26 bid; April, $7 27 bid; May, $7 24@7 30, closing at $7 29 asked; June, $7 30 nominal; July, $7 32; August, $7 32; September, $7 28@7 32, closing at $7 32. Butter—Firm for choice; Western dairy, 13@19c; do, creamery, 16@28c; Elgins, 29c. Cheese quiet and less firm; Western, 10½@11½c.

ST. LOUIS—Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat—Cash lower, at 90@90½c; options were lower and weak during most of the session, but toward the close prices reacted and the finish was about as yesterday; May sold at 93⅛@94½c, and closed at 94c. Corn lower with a pressure to sell, especially the near months; No. 2, cash, 29¼@29¾c; February, 29¼@29½c; March, 30⅛@30⅜c, closing at 30⅜c; May, 32⅜@32½c; July, 33½c. Oats dull; No. 2 cash, 25@25½c; May, 28c asked. Rye dull at 46½c bid. Barley—There were rumors of large sales, but no particulars could be obtained. Flaxseed nominal at $1 50. Bagging easy at 7¾@10c. Iron cotton ties, $1 10. Provisions dull and lower. Pork, $11 87½. Lard—Prime steam nominally $6 80. Dry salt meats—Shoulders, $5 25; longs and ribs, $6 15; short clear, $6 35. Bacon—Boxed shoulders, $6 75; longs and ribs, $7 12½@7 25; short clear, $7 37½@7 40. Ham, 10@12c.

CINCINNATI—Flour in moderate demand. Wheat firm; No. 2 red, 98c; receipts, 7,000 bushels; shipments, none. Corn easier and lower; No. 2 mixed, 33½@33c. Oats in fair demand and firm; No. 2 mixed, 28c. Rye firm; No. 2 mixed, 54c. Pork dull and nominal at $12 25. Lard easier at $6 75@6 80. Bulkmeats easier; short rib, $6 25@6 30. Bacon easier; short clear, $7 75. Sugar steady. Cheese in light demand. Eggs weak.

MILWAUKEE—Flour dull and unchanged. Wheat stronger; cash, 88½c; May, 91½c. Corn weak; No. 3, 29½c. Oats quiet; No. 2 white, 27@28c. Rye weaker; No. 1, 46½@47c. Barley easier; No. 2, 62½c. Provisions weaker. Pork, $11 30. Lard, $6 80. Cheese firm but quiet; cheddars, 10½c.

PHILADELPHIA—Flour dull and barely steady. Wheat dull and lower. Corn quiet, but prices firmly maintained. Oats—Car lots steady, but demand light. Provisions dull and weak.

BALTIMORE—Butter—High grades firm; inferiors weak. Eggs steady at 13½@14c. Coffee unchanged; rio, fair, 17½@17½c.

TOLEDO — Cloverseed active, steady; cash and February, $5 30; March, $5 37½.

BRITISH IRON.

Prices Generally Firm With Improvement in the Demand.

Special Report by Cable for the American Manufacturer.

LONDON, January 31.—Scotch Pig—Market steady and trade fair.

No. 1 Coltness	51s.	0d.	f. o. b. Glasgow
No. 1 Summerlee	50s.	6d.	f. o. b. Glasgow
No. 1 Gartsherrie	48s.	6d.	f. o. b. Glasgow
No. 1 Langloan	48s.	6d.	f. o. b. Glasgow
No. 1 Carnbroe	43s.	6d.	f. o. b. Glasgow
No. 1 Shotts	49s.	0d.	f. o. b. Glasgow
No. 1 Glengarnock	47s.	6d.	at Ardrossan.
No. 1 Dalmellington	43s.	0d.	at Ardrossan.
No. 1 Eglinton	41s.	6d.	at Ardrossan.

Bessemer Pig—Steadier market, with more doing. West Coast brands quoted at 45s 0d for Nos. 1, 2, 3, f. o. b. shipping point.

Middlesbrough Pig—More demand and prices firmer. Good brands quoted at 38s. 9d. for No. 3, f. o. b.

Spiegeleisen—Market continues firm, but business less active than last week. English 20 per cent quoted at 80s. 0d. f. o. b. at works.

Steel Rails—Firm market, but business falling off. Standard sections quoted at £4 f. o. b. shipping point.

Steel Blooms—Fair trade and market held steady. Bessemer 7x7 quoted £3 17s. 6d f. o. b. shipping point.

Steel Billets—Market firm and demand better. Bessemer (size 2½x2½) quoted at £4 2s. 6d. f. o. b. shipping point.

Steel Slabs—Steady market, but demand moderate. Ordinary sizes quoted at £3 17s. 6d. f. o. b. shipping point.

Crop Ends—Firm market and the demand fair. Run of the mill quoted at £2 12s. 6d. f. o. b. shipping point.

Steel Wire Rods—More demand and prices firmer. Mild steel, No. 6, quoted at £5 17s. 6d. f. o. b. shipping port.

Old Rails—More business and the market firmer. Tees quoted at £3 5s. 0d. and double heads at £3 10s. 0d. c. i. f. New York.

Scrap Iron—Demand fair and market firm. Heavy wrought quoted at £2 2s. 6d. f. o. b. shipping points.

Manufactured Iron—Market continues firm with business good.

Stafford. ord. marked bars (f. o. b. L'pool) £8 12s 6d
" common bars.....£9 0s 0d@ 5 15s 0d
" blk. sheet singles 0 0s 0d@ 7 15s 0d
Welsh bars, f. o. b. Wales... 5 2s 6d@ 0 0s 0d
Steamer Freights—Glasgow to New York, 5s. 0d. Liverpool to New York, 10s. 0d.

Boston Wool Market.

BOSTON—Both foreign and domestic wools are more active. Of the former there have been sales of carpet wool amounting to 1,268,000 pounds at previous prices. Fair sales of Australian wool also are noticed, including wool in bond, at 27c and duty paid at 3c. English and Irish have been selling in the range of 36@40c. Fine washed fleeces quiet and firm, with sales of Ohio and Pennsylvania at 33@34c; XX at 35@36c, and Michigan X, 31@32c. There is nothing doing in No. 1 clothing wools, which are nominally quoted at 38c. Combing and delaine fleeces are firm and in steady demand. All kinds of domestic fleeces are held more firmly, owing to the advance in prices of Australian wool at the London sales.

SECURE INVESTMENT.

A Banker Throws Some Light on a Subject of Interest to Many.

SAFETY HAS A COMMERCIAL VALUE

Bull News Fails to Break the Deadlock in the Local Petroleum Market.

PHILADELPHIA AND SIGNAL WEAKEN

As straws show which way the wind blows, so causal remarks indicate the feeling that prevails among those favorites of fortune who have more money than they know what to do with. This reflection was inspired by an incident that occured yesterday afternoon at one of the oldest banks in the city. It is given verbatim, as nearly as possible:

Old gentleman coming in and accosting the cashier, with whom he was well acquainted—I want you to help me out of a difficulty.

Cashier—I will do all I can for you. What's the matter?

Old Gentleman—I am looking around for an investment, and can't find anything that just suits me.

Cashier—What do you want?

Old Gentleman—Something that will pay about 5 per cent, and is perfectly safe. I will have about $10,000 by the 1st of April, and as I will have no special use for it, I thought I would look up something in which to invest it; but as I have failed to find anything to fully satisfy me I thought I would come to you for assistance.

Cashier—I am afraid I can't help you. If you can find anything that is absolutely safe that will pay 5 per cent, you can do more than I can. Absolute security and a high rate of interest seldom keep company. Safety is worth something. Securities of this character have to be very carefully managed. There is no water in them. They don't dazzle the imagination by promising big profits that are seldom realized. They are just what they are represented to be, and nothing more can be made out of them. They are permanent—their value is fixed. Were they otherwise, they would possess more or less of the element of speculation. This would destroy their value, and place them in the category of common stocks. No, my friend, if you want absolute safety you must pay something for it by accepting a comparatively low rate of interest.

Old Gentleman—It's a pretty large sum that I will have. I thought I could place it securely at the rate I mentioned. People don't seem to want money.

Cashier—That's just it. The prosperous condition of the country makes money plenty and cheap, and the proof of this lies in the fact that interest charges are low. I can place your money where it will be perfectly safe, but I can't promise you more than 3½ or 4 per cent. If you want more you will have to go into the speculative market and run all the risks attendant upon that class of business. You may come out all right and you may not. There is many a slip between promise and fulfillment. There's a large list of local securities on the market. Most of them have substantial backing and are reasonably safe. I would not be afraid to invest in them. But they don't come up to the full measure of your requirement—they are influenced by the varying law of supply and demand. Their values are changeable. The business upon which they are based may fall off or be superseded by something later and better, in which case the stock would depreciate or lose its value altogether. I don't say this result is probable, but it is possible. Speculation necessarily involves an element of uncertainty.

Two things are here brought out clearly and distinctly—that money is plenty and cheap and that absolute safety to investors is incompatible with a high rate of interest. This fact, when fully comprehended, may lead to a fuller knowledge than at present obtains of the financial situation.

A SMALL TUMBLE.

Switch and Signal and Philadelphia Gas Down a Trifle.

The stock market opened yesterday with a slight downward reaction in a few shares. Signal and Philadelphia were fractionally lower, while electric moved up correspondingly. La Noria was steady and active, monopolizing the bulk of business. The speculative element was not out in large force, which, in fact, brought about the depression above noted. Bids and offers are appended:

STOCKS.	Morning Bid.	Morning Asked.	Afternoon Bid.	Afternoon Asked.
Bank of Pittsburg	74	....	....	....
Com. Nat. Bank	93	98	....	....
Fourth Nat. Bank	120	122	....	....
Freehold Bank	49½	55	....	....
Iron City National	91	....	....	....
Iron & Glass Dol. Sav.	126	130	....	....
Keystone Bank	....	....	....	89
Mer. & Man. Nat. Bk.	60	....	....	....
R. E. S. Bank, Lim.	112	....	....	....
R. E. L. & T. Co.	72	....	....	....
Pennsylvania Ins.	28	30	....	....
Pittsburg Gas Co., Ill.	58	....	....	....
S. S. Gas Co. (Illum.)	....	28	....	....
Philadelphia Gas Co.	38⅝	39	38⅝	39
Wheeling Gas Co.	28½	29	28½	28¾
Tuna Oil Co.	65	67½	66⅛	....
Washington Oil Co.	....	....	73	....
Citizens' Traction	....	78	77	78
Pittsburg Traction	47¾	48½	47½	....
La Noria M. Co.	1⅜	1⅞	1⅞	2
Luster M. Co.	....	....	10	....
Silverton M. Co.	1¼	....	....	....
West'house Elec.	38½	39	38¾	38⅞
Union Switch & Signal	18¾	19	....	18⅝
Westinghouse Brake Co.	119	121	119	....
Pittsburg Cyclorama	....	....	10	....
P. J. 1st mort. 6s, 1921	....	....	113	....
P. & W. new 4s, 1921	....	....	79½	80½

Sales at the morning call were 20 shares Wheeling Gas at 28¾, 20 Tuna Oil at 67½, 6 Electric at 39, 20 at 38¾; 33 Switch at 18 and 7 at 18½. Before call 100 Electric sold at 38.

The afternoon sales comprised 8 shares Philadelphia Gas at 39½, 10 Electric at 39, and 500 La Noria at 1⅞.

John D. Bailey sold 60 shares Keystone Bank at $58 80.

The total sales of stocks at New York yesterday were 386,094 shares, including: Atchison, 22,755; Canada Southern, 4,030; Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, 35,800; Erie, 9,806; Hocking Valley, 3,000; Lake Shore, 18,707; Louisville and Nashville, 3,518; Michigan Central, 5,050; Missouri Pacific, 10,445; Northwestern, 16,006; Northern Pacific, 3,280; Northern Pacific, preferred, 8,789; Oregon Transcontinental, 8,950; Pacific Mail, 5,910; Reading, 39,120; Richmond and West Point, 15,710; St. Paul, 18,880; Texas Pacific, 6,810; Union Pacific, 10,045; Western Union, 16,006.

DIDN'T RUSH THINGS.

A Fair Amount of Business Transacted at the Banks.

While the local financial institutions did not do a rushing business yesterday, the aggregate of the transactions was quite respectable. There was the usual amount of checking and depositing. Call loans were quoted at 5@6 and time accommodations at 6@7. The supply of money was large. The Clearing House report showed an improvement over that of Thursday, the exchanges being $1,898,240 80, and the balances $359,124 79.

Money on call at New York yesterday was easy at 2 to 3 per cent; closed offered at 2. Prime mercantile paper, 4@6 per cent. Sterling exchange dull but firm at $4 86¼ for 60-day bills and $4 88½ for demand.

Government Bonds.

Closing quotations in New York furnished THE DISPATCH by Robinson Bros., Wood street. Local dealers charge a commission of an eighth on small lots:

U. S. 4½s reg.	107⅝@108⅛
U. S. 4½s coups.	109 @109¼
U. S. 4s reg.	127⅞@128
U. S. 4s coups.	127⅞@128
U. S. 4s coups.	127½ bid
Currency, 6 per cent, 1895 reg.	120 bid
Currency, 6 per cent, 1896 reg.	122½ bid
Currency, 6 per cent, 1897 reg.	125⅝ bid
Currency, 6 per cent, 1898 reg.	128⅝ bid
Currency, 6 per cent, 1899 reg.	131½ bid

NEW YORK—Clearings, $109,869,179; balances, $7,783,301.

BOSTON — Clearings, $14,334,558; balances, $1,092,443. Money ½ to 2 per cent.

PHILADELPHIA—Clearings, $11,828,981; balances, $1,561,118.

BALTIMORE—Clearings, $2,090,246; balances, $386,550.

CHICAGO—Money dull and unchanged. Bank clearings, $9,559,000.

ST. LOUIS—Clearings, $2,625,125; balances, $384,857.

DIDN'T PAN OUT.

Bull News Not Sufficiently Important to Hold Oil Level.

The oil market yesterday did not fulfill expectations. The drilling report for the month was less bullish than had been expected, and its influence upon the market was very slight except at the start. The opening was 86⅝. There was considerable buying around these figures, which sent the quotation up to 86¾, high water mark for the day. The bears then got to work, and dumped enough to cause a slump, from which there was no material recovery. The close was 85⅝, the lowest point touched.

"The oil market was quite a puzzle all day," said a prominent operator after the close of business yesterday morning. "The news was sufficiently bullish to have forced an advance. That such was not the case I attribute entirely to the absence of buying orders."

The opening was 86⅝, highest 86¾, lowest 85⅝, closed 85⅝. There was no heavy trading, most of the dumping being of small lots. Clearings, 1,780,000 barrels.

A. B. McGrew quotes: Puts, 84⅝c; calls, 86c.

The following table, corrected by De Witt Dilworth, broker in petroleum, etc., corner Fifth avenue and Wood street, Pittsburg, shows the order of fluctuations, etc.:

Time.	Bid.	Ask.	Time.	Bid.	Ask.
Opened	86⅝	Sa'no	12:45 P. M.	86¼	86⅜
10:15 A. M.	86⅝	86½	1:00 P. M.	86¼	86⅜
10:30 A. M.	86¼	86⅜	1:15 P. M.	86	86⅛
10:45 A. M.	86⅛	86¼	1:30 P. M.	86	86⅛
11:00 A. M.	86	86⅛	1:45 P. M.	86	86⅛
11:15 A. M.	86⅛	86¼	2:00 P. M.	85⅞	86
11:30 A. M.	86⅛	86¼	2:15 P. M.	85⅞	86
11:45 A. M.	86¼	86⅜	2:30 P. M.	85⅝	85⅞
12:00 M.	86⅛	86¼	2:45 P. M.	85⅝	85½
12:15 P. M.	86¼	86⅜	Closed	85⅝	....
12:30 P. M.	86¼	86⅜			

Opened, 86⅝c; highest, 86½c; lowest, 85⅝c; closed, 85⅝c.

	Barrels.
Daily runs	3,958
Average runs	42,978
Daily shipments	80,518
Average shipments	71,596
Daily charters	55,952
Average charters	44,959
Clearances	1,780,000

New York closed at 85⅝c.
Oil City closed at 85⅝c.
Bradford closed at 85⅝c.
New York, refined, 7c.
London, refined, 6¼d.
Antwerp, refined, 17½f.

Activity in the Taylorstown Field.

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.)

WASHINGTON, PA., February 1.—The report of operations for the month of January shows great activity, especially in the Taylorstown district. It is extending its borders considerably, stretching out to the northeast and southwest. In one portion of the district as many as 38 wells have been drilled or located on 400 acres.

Other Oil Markets.

TITUSVILLE, February 1.—Opened, 86¼c; highest, 86¼c; lowest, 85¼c; closed, 85⅝c.

BRADFORD, February 1.—Opened, 86⅝c; highest, 86⅝c; lowest, 85⅝c; closed, 85⅝c.

OIL CITY, February 1.—Opened, 86¼c; highest, 86⅝c; lowest, 85¼c; closed, 85⅝c.

NEW YORK, February 1.—Petroleum opened firm at 86½c, moved down ⅛c and recovered in the forenoon, in the afternoon was heavy and sagged off to 85¼c, the market closing weak at 85⅝c. Sales, 893,000 barrels.

NOTHING ASTONISHING.

Real Estate Transactions Limited to a Few Small Dickers.

Yesterday was a quiet day with real estate agents, so far as reported transactions were concerned. The was the usual jam of house hunters.

Black & Baird, No. 95 Fourth avenue, sold to F. J. Rehn for Charles Schmidt, a two-story frame dwelling of four rooms and hall, with lot 23x107 feet, extending back to an alley, being No. 137 Howard street, Allegheny City, for $2,650.

W. A. Herron & Sons sold lot No. 392 in the Ruch plan, near cable line, 27x78 feet, for $400. These lots are within 15 minutes' walk of the Court House.

C. Beringer & Son, No. 108 Fourth avenue, sold a lot at Wood's Run, Eleventh ward, Allegheny, 100x112 feet, to John Loesch for $775; also one in same plan, 40x113, to Michael Bowman for $200 cash. They also closed a mortgage for $1,200 on property in Ross township and one for $1,000 on property in the Fifteenth ward, Pittsburg, both at 6 per cent.

C. Baltusperger & Co., 154 Fourth avenue, sold for John Berry to David Gow an irregular shaped lot with two frame houses, on Gallagher street, Second ward, Allegheny.

James W. Drape & Co. sold a house and lot adjoining Perrysville avenue, Allegheny, 24x119 feet on same, for $500. They also placed a mortgage of $7,500 at 5 per cent on a business property near the center of the city.

ALL IN THE SWIM.

Renewed Interest in Stock Dealings Gets the Market Out of the Rut—Vanderbilts Still Lead—Nearly Everything Higher.

NEW YORK, February 1.—The stock market gave evidence of a renewed interest for the outside public to-day, being both broader and higher with a larger volume of business than has been seen in many weeks. Bullish sentiment seemed to grow as the day wore along, and the buying by the commission houses became quite a factor in the course of prices, the revival of the confidence in the share list being pronounced. The speculative interest spread all over the list and many of the specialties and inactive, lower-priced shares which have lain dormant for months have found purchasers at advancing figures, the rise in some of them being very marked.

The attendance at the board to-day was largely in excess of anything seen for a long time. London again came higher this morning, responding to the advance in this market yesterday, and foreign buying orders were in the market, which helped to make the opening here both active and strong. The Vanderbilts were still the favorites, and all of them reached higher figures in the forenoon. The movement, after a slight hesitation, was not long in spreading to the rest of the list, and the distribution of business was more even than for weeks.

The first sales showed advances over last evening's prices of from ½ to ¾ per cent, and while realizations on the advances of yesterday gave the list a hesitating appearance at first, the general list soon followed the lead of the Vanderbilts, and prices slowly moved upward all over the list. The improvement was gradual and quite uniform, except in the specialties which came to the front one by one and served to keep the upward movement going. The transactions of the first hour were very heavy, but after that time there was less animation, though a large business was done throughout the day. Lackawanna and Atchison became prominent toward noon, and they were followed by New England, Rock Island and others in turn.

No marked feature was shown, but a steady appreciation of values took place which continued until the close of business, which was active and strong. The active stocks, almost without exception, are higher this evening.

The railroad bond market was again very active and strong to-day, with some issues still prominent in the dealings. The total sales of all issues reached $6,144,000, of which the Chesapeake and Ohio fours certificates contributed $21,000, the Reading fours $189,000, the seconds $193,000, and the firsts $141,000. The announcement that the first mortgage bonds of the Houston and Texas would be paid with the coupons made those issues specially strong, and the Fort Worth and Denver firsts after a marked advance reacted and closed with slight gain only.

The principal gains are: Chesapeake and Ohio currency certificates ¾, to 33½; Lackawanna and Western firsts 2¾, to 134; Manitoba fours 2, to 89; Ohio Southern incomes, 2¼, to 49, and South Carolina incomes 2¼, to 9.

The following table shows the prices of active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange. Corrected daily for THE DISPATCH by Whitney & Stephenson, members of New York Stock Exchange, 57 Fourth avenue:

	Opening.	High-est.	Low-est.	Closing.
Am. Cotton Oil	51¾	....	....	52⅜
Atch., Top. & S. F.	51½	52½	51½	52½
Canadian Pacific	82⅜	....	....	81½
Canada Southern	52½	53¼	52¼	53⅛
Central of New Jersey	98	98¾	97⅞	98⅜
Central Pacific*	35½	35⅝	35½	35½
C., Bur. & Quincy	110¼	111	110¼	110⅞
C., Mil. & St. Paul	75⅞	76⅝	75½	76½
C., Mil. & St. P., pf	103¾	103¾	103¾	103¾
C., Rock I. & P.	98⅝	100½	98⅝	100
C., St. L. & Pitts.	15½	16¼	15½	16¼
C., St. L. & Pitts. pf.	35½	37⅜	36½	36½
C., St. P., M. & O.	33	33	33	33⅝
C., St. P., M. & O., pf.	95	96¼	95	96
C. & Northwestern	108⅝	109	108⅝	109
C. & Northwestern, pf.	....	....	....	141⅞
C. C. C. & I.	63	64¼	63	64