VIANDS FOR TABLES.

Old Garden Products Passing Away ---New in Good Demand.

FLORIDA STRAWBERRIES PLENTY.

Activity at Fish Stalls Attests That Lent is Fully On.

TRADE IMPROVES IN FLORAL LINES

OFFICE OF PITTSBURG DISPATCH, FRIDAY, March 29, 1889.

At the fruit and vegetable stalls a fair week's trade is reported. Delicious new strawberries from Florida find ready sale at $1 per quart. Home raised cucumbers, onions and lettuce are in good demand. A leading Diamond Market dealer reports that Pittsburg people do not kick at prices when they can secure first-class stuff. Crisp home raised cucumbers at 35 cents apiece find readier sale than the common article at half the price. Fancy restaurants are the best customers for these high priced garden products.

Dealers in fresh fish report trade as in a very satisfactory condition. It is very evident that Lent is fully on, and that a large sprinkling of our population has slacked up on meat consumption of late. The fact is seen in diminished trade at butcher stalls, as well as in greater activity of the fish trade. Fresh fish are steadily taking the place of the frozen article. A good supply of fresh shad from North Carolina has been received the past week, and prices are much reduced from last Saturday. Prices have fallen from $1 50 and $1 75 to $1 a piece for large shad. Trapnet fish do not come in till after April 10. Gillnet fish, though not quite up to the trapnet article in quality, have been coming in freely this week. The drop in eggs has reached retail markets. Two dozen for 25c of the choicest have been the rates for a few days back. Sharp competition at store have brought prices even below this figure.

At suburban towns storekeepers have not discovered the fall of eggs. At East Liberty and Wilkinsburg the rates have been 16@18c all the week. A country peddler reports selling out his stock to grocers at 13c yesterday. Among jobbers this statement was accepted with doubtings, as they have been selling what they claim to be the very best at 10½@11c.

Florists report a more active trade this week than last, with prices unchanged.

While wholesale dealers find little improvement in the general situation of trade the week past, the tone is better in retail lines. The new products of earth and ocean are in good demand. "Old things are passing away" and die hard. The new is more and more to the front.

Following are latest retail prices of market basket filling:

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, 10 to 15c a bunch; new Bermuda potatoes, 35c per ½ peck; new Bermuda onions, 25c per quart; tomatoes, 40c per quart box; pumpkin, 15 to 25c; cabbage, 5 to 10c; apples, 15c to 20c per half peck; bananas, 15 to 25c a dozen; lemons, 20 to 25c per dozen; oranges, 25@40c; onions, 20c a half peck; spinach, 20c per half peck; lettuce, 10c per bunch, 3 for 25c; radishes, 7c per bunch; cranberries, 15c per quart; cucumbers, 25 to 35c a piece; mushrooms, $1 a pound; asparagus, 20c a bunch; new beets, 15c a bunch; strawberries, 75c to $1 a quart.

Butter, Eggs and Poultry.

Choice creamery butter, 35c. Good country butter, 35c. Fancy pound rolls, 50c.

The ruling retail price for eggs is 15c, or 2 dozen for 25c.

The range for dressed chickens is $1 25 to $1 50 per pair. Turkeys, 25c per pound.

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, 35c apiece; Spanish mackerel, 45c to 50c a pound; shad, $1 00 apiece; sea salmon, 40c a pound; blue fish, 20c; perch, 10c; halibut, 20c; 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, 50c; shell oysters, 35c dozen; smelts, 20 to 25c pound; clams, $1 25 gallon; scollops, 50c a quart.

Flowers.

La France roses, $3 00 per dozen; Bride roses, $2 00 per dozen; Perles, $1 25 per dozen; Niphetos, $1 25 per dozen; Bennetts, $2 00 per dozen; Magna Charta roses, $1 00; American Beauty, 50c@$1 00 apiece; Mermets, $2 00 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 00 per dozen; tulips, 75c per dozen; mignonette, 75c per dozen; lilacs, 25c a spray; daffodils, 75c per dozen; Dutch hyacinths, 20c apiece; pansies, 25c a dozen; Jacqueminot roses, $2 50 a dozen.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Condition of the Market at the East Liberty Stock Yards.

OFFICE OF PITTSBURG DISPATCH, FRIDAY, March 29, 1889.

CATTLE—Receipts, 1,480 head: shipments, 1,540 head. Market, nothing doing; all through consignments. No cattle shipped to New York today.

HOGS—Receipts, 2,400 head: shipments, 2,400 head. Market firm; medium Philadelphias, $5 10@5 15; heavy hogs, $5 00; pigs and Yorkers, $5 10@5 15. Twelve cars of hogs shipped to New York to-day.

SHEEP—Receipts, 800 head: shipments, 800 head. Market, nothing doing.

By Telegraph.

KANSAS CITY—Cattle—Receipts, 2,968 head: shipments, 1,372 head; heavy shipping steers weak and 10c lower; medium weight steers steady and fairly active; cows steady to strong; stockers and feeding steers slow, but steady; good to choice cornfed, $3 80@4 20; common to medium, $2 75@3 60; stockers and feeding steers, $1 60@3 40; cows, $1 60@2 75. Hogs—Receipts, 6,775 head; shipments, 1,830 head; market steady to 2@2½c lower, closing weak; good to choice, $4 55@5 62½; common to medium, $4 25@4 50. Sheep—Receipts, 101 head; shipments, none; market steady; good to choice muttons, $4 25@4 50; common to medium, $2 50@3 75.

NEW YORK—Beeves—Receipts, 63 carloads for exportation, alive and dead, 44 carloads for the market, and 16 carloads for slaughterers direct; market dull and lower, closed weak; common to prime steers sold at $3 60@4 50 per 100 pounds; bulls at $2 25@3 25; outside figure for a few extra export bulls. Sheep—Receipts, 4,000 head; sheep were steady at $4 40@5 62½ per 100 pounds; yearling lambs, ½c to ¾c per pound higher, at $5 37½@8 00, and spring lambs went at $5 50@6 50 per head; good spring lambs going at $5 75@6 00 each. Hogs—Receipts, 3,400 head, all for slaughterers direct; no sales on the live weight; nominal value, $5 10@5 50.

CHICAGO—The *Drovers' Journal* reports: Cattle—Receipts, 8,000 head: shipments, 4,000 head; market strong; choice to extra beeves, $4 25@4 65; steers, $3 00@4 00; stockers and feeders, $2 20@3 40; cows, bulls and mixed, $1 40@3 10; Texas steers, $2 90@3 60. Hogs—Receipts, 14,000 head; shipments, 6,000 head; market active and 5c lower; mixed, $4 70@4 90; heavy, $4 70@4 90; light, $4 75@5 00; skips, $3 50@4 50. Sheep—Receipts, 5,000 head; shipments, 2,000 head; market strong and 10c higher; natives, $4 00@5 10; Western corn-fed, $4 00@5 00; lambs, $4 00@6 25.

ST. LOUIS—Cattle—Receipts, 200 head; shipments, 200 head; market strong; choice heavy native steers, $3 80@4 30; fair to good do, $3 50@3 90; stockers and feeders, fair to good, $2 10@2 80; rangers, cornfed, $2 70@3 50; grass-fed, $2 00@2 80. Hogs—Receipts, 3,700 head; shipments, 1,400 head; market stronger; choice heavy and butchers' selections, $4 80@4 85; packing, medium to prime, $4 65@4 80; light grades, ordinary to best, $4 75@4 90. Sheep—Receipts, 1,200 head; shipments, none; market strong; fair to choice, $4 30@4 80.

CINCINNATI—Hogs in good demand and firm; common and light, $4 00@4 80; packing and butchers', $4 60@4 85; receipts, 1,700 head; shipments, 1,500 head.

Mining Stocks.

NEW YORK, March 29.—Mining quotations closed: Amador, 100; Bodie, 100; Caledonia B. H., 800; Consolidated California and Virginia, 837; Commonwealth, 800; El Cristo, 188; Gould and Curry, 240; Hale and Norcross, 400; Iron Silver, 300; Mexican, 330; Mutual, 140; Ophir, 537; Savage, 270; Standard, 100; Sullivan, 145; Union Consolidated, 320; Yellow Jacket, 240.

MARKETS BY WIRE.

Wheat Quiet and Fractionally Higher—Snow and Rain Worked by the Bears—Corn and Oats Moving Slowly—Hog Products Are Stronger.

CHICAGO—Wheat was quiet and ruled steady until shortly before 1 o'clock, when the market livened up, and prices took a sudden up turn. Not much was doing in May, though the market was in such a condition that little trading necessitated fairly wide fluctuations. The opening for May was about the same as yesterday's closing, and later sold up 1c, receded ⅝c held within small range, but covering of shorts started a 2⅛c advance, and closed 2⅝c higher. July was weaker early, opening ⅝@⅞c lower, advanced with some fluctuations 1½c, eased off again, and closed ¼c higher than yesterday.

The weakness in July was due to a light fall of snow in the North, and rains in the South. The rains, although reported light, induced some selling, besides the indications favored more rain, and the feeling was not so bullish as during the preceding day or two, though it closed stronger in sympathy with May.

Corn received but little attention, and the market was dull and inactive the entire session. Operators showed but little disposition to trade to any extent, and transactions were confined within ½@¾c range. The feeling was comparatively steady and quotations were about the same as noted for several days past.

In oats, trading was lighter, there being little desire on the part of operators to take either side of the market with any degree of freedom, and a quiet and steady feeling prevailed.

Trading was only moderately active in hog products, and prices average a higher. Prices ruled irregular. Early the demand was fairly active and prices ruled slightly higher, but an easier feeling prevailed later, and prices receded again. During the latter part of the session the market exhibited rather more life and a firmer feeling was developed. Prices were suddenly advanced on all descriptions, and the improvement was well supported to the close.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

WHEAT—No. 2 May, $1 01⅛@1 04⅛@1 01⅛@1 04; June, 89⅝@97⅛@89⅝@97c; July, 88⅝@89⅞@87⅝@88⅝c; year, 80⅝@80⅞@80⅝@80⅞c.

CORN—No. 2 April, 34⅛@34⅜c; May, 35⅜@35⅝c; July, 36⅛@36⅜@36⅛@36⅜c.

OATS—No. 2 May, 25⅝@26c; June, 25⅜c; July, 25⅛@25⅜@25⅛@25⅜c.

MESS PORK, per bbl.—May, $12 60@12 87½@12 55@12 85; June, $12 70@12 90@12 62½@12 90; July, $12 77½@12 97½@12 67½@12 05.

LARD, per 100 lbs.—May, $7 07½@7 12½@7 05@7 10; June, $7 12½@7 15; July, $7 15@7 17½@7 15@7 17½.

SHORT RIBS, per 100 lbs.—May, $6 35@6 35@6 27½@6 35; June, $6 32½@6 40@6 32½@6 40; July, $6 40@6 47½@6 37½@6 45.

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour steady and unchanged. No. 2 spring wheat, $1 02@1 02¼; No. 3 spring wheat, 80@86c; No. 2 red, $1 02@1 02¼. No. 2 corn, 34½c. No. 2 oats, 25c. No. 2 rye, 43c. No. 2 barley, nominal. No. 1 flaxseed, $1 01½. Prime timothy seed, $1 32@1 35. Mess pork, per barrel, $12 80@12 85. Lard, per 100 lbs, $7 05. Short ribs sides (loose), $6 30@6 35. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $5 50@5 75. Short clear sides (boxed), $6 62½@6 75. Sugars—Cut loaf, 7⅞@8⅝c; granulated, 7⅜c; standard A, 7⅜c. Receipts—Flour, 7,000 barrels; wheat, 26,000 bushels; corn, 131,000 bushels; oats, 99,000 bushels; rye, 1,000 bushels; barley, 48,000 bushels. Shipments—Flour, 16,000 barrels; wheat, 18,000 bushels; corn, 51,000 bushels; oats, 87,000 bushels; rye, 2,000 bushels; barley, 34,000 bushels.

On the Produce Exchange to-day the butter market was quiet; extra creamery, 22½@24c; good to choice, 20@21c; choice dairies, 19@21c. Eggs unsettled at 10@10½c.

NEW YORK—Flour slow and depressed. Cornmeal dull. Wheat—Spot dull and nominally higher; options ⅜@⅝c higher; closing easy. Barley malt dull. Corn—Spot steady and moderately active; options firm and quiet. Oats—Spot dull and heavy; options dull and easier. Hay easy and quiet. Hops quiet and steady. Coffee—Options opened barely steady at 30@45 points down, closed barely steady at 35@40 points below yesterday; sales, 56,250 bags, including April, 16.45@16.50c; May, 16.50@16.60c; June, 16.60@16.65c; July, 16.70@16.80c; August, 16.80@16.85c; September, 16.90@17.00c; October, 17.00@17.10c; November, 16.95@17.00c; December, 17.00@17.15c; January, 17.10c; February, 17.20@17.25c; spot Rio lower and quiet; fair cargoes, 18½@18⅝c. Sugar—Raw firm and quiet; a cargo of English islands sold at 5⅛c for 87° test; refined in fair demand and firm. Molasses—Foreign strong; Cuba dull. Rice—New Orleans dull; open kettle, good to fancy, 3⅝@4½c. Rice steady and quiet. Cottonseed oil strong. Tallow steady. Rosin steady, quiet. Turpentine lower and dull at 48c. Eggs firm: demand chiefly speculative; Western, 10½@11⅜c; receipts, 5,467 packages. Pork steady; sales, 200 barrels. Cut meats fairly active; sales pickled bellies, 10 pounds, 7⅛@7⅜c; 18 pounds, 7c; pickled shoulders, 5⅝c; pickled hams, 9½@10c; middles quiet; short, clear, $6 90. Lard easy, closing strong; Western steam, $7 42½; city, $6 60; March, $7 38; April, $7 38@7 36, closing at $7 36 bid; May, $7 38@7 41, closing at $7 42@7 44; June, $7 40, closing $7 44; July, $7 46; August, $7 45, closing at $7 47; September, $7 49@7 50. Butter—Choice in fair demand; others dull and easy; Western dairy, 11@16c; do creamery, 16@24½c; Elgin, 26@26½c. Cheese dull and easy; Western, 9½@11½c.

ST. LOUIS—Flour dull but unchanged. Wheat higher; the opening was weak on threatening weather, reports of rains North, dull and lower cables, and expectations of a break; there was a recovery, however, and the feeling became unsettled, while trading slackened; May closed ⅜c, June ⅝c, July ⅛@⅜c, August ⅜c and year ⅛c above yesterday: No. 2 red, cash, 92½@93c; May, 92½@94c, closing at 93½c; June, 87⅛@88⅛c, closing at 87⅞c asked; July, 81⅛@81⅜c, closing at 81⅜c; August, 79⅜@79⅝c, closing at 79⅝c; year, 79c, closing at 79c asked. Corn extremely dull; No. 2 cash, 29⅜c; April, 29⅜c; closing at 29½c bid; May, 30⅛c, closing at 30⅜c. Oats steady; cash, 25½c; May, 26⅝c. Rye dull and easy; No. 2, 46c bid. Flaxseed very quiet at $1 43. Provisions steady.

PHILADELPHIA—Flour dull and unchanged. Wheat—Options dull and unsettled, closing 2@3c lower; high grades scarce and firm. Corn—Carlots very quiet and prices barely steady; futures weak and closed ½@¾c lower. Oats steady for No. 2 white, which were scarce; lower grades a shade weaker; futures quiet but steady. Provisions firm and in better demand. Pork—Mess, new, $14 00@14 50; no family, $15 00@15 50.

CINCINNATI—Flour dull and lower; family, $3 90@4 10; fancy, $4 50@4 65. Wheat dull; No. 2 red, 94c; receipts, 500 bushels; shipments, 750 bushels. Corn dull and easier; No. 2 mixed, 35c. Oats dull and lower; No. 2 mixed, 27c. Rye dull; No. 2, 47½c. Provisions firm and unchanged. Butter quiet. Sugar strong. Eggs in fair demand at 8@8½c. Cheese unchanged.

BUFFALO — Cattle steady; receipts, 2,000 head through; 20 head sale; mixed butchers', $2 75@3 25. Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 400 head through; 3,600 head sale; sheep steady; good, $4 75@5 00; lambs active and a shade higher; good, $6 25@6 45. Hogs weak and a shade lower; receipts, 4,700 head through, 3,800 head sale; mediums and Yorkers, $5 15@5 20.

MILWAUKEE—Flour steady. Wheat firm; cash, 83½c; May, 89½c; July, 88⅝c. Corn firmer; No. 3, 31½@32c. Oats dull; No. 2 white, 27½@28c. Rye dull; No. 1, 44c. Barley dull; No. 2, 56½@57c. Provisions firm. Pork, $12 70. Lard, $7 05. Cheese unchanged; cheddars, 10½@11c.

BALTIMORE—Provisions steady and quiet. Lard—Refined, $12. Butter quiet; western packed, 16@20c; creamery, 25c. Eggs easy at 10@10½c. Coffee dull and lower; Rio, fair, 18½@18⅝c.

TOLEDO—Cloverseed barely active; cash and March, $5 10; April, $4 85; receipts, 247 bags; shipments, 1,429 bags.

Wool Markets.

PHILADELPHIA—Wool market quiet and prices unchanged.

NEW YORK—Wool weak and quiet. Domestic fleece, 32@38c; pulled, 25@39c; Texas, 15@25c.

ST. LOUIS—Wool market dull and values nominal. Unwashed bright medium, 17@24½c; coarse braid, 10@20c; low sandy, 10@16c; fine light, 15@21c; fine heavy, 11@17c; tub washed, 30@38c.

BOSTON—Buyers have been operating a little more freely the last few days, and the sales reported for the week foot up 1,877,200 pounds domestic and foreign. Of this amount 1,076,700 pounds were domestic, and included 100 pounds of Ohio and Pennsylvania x and xx fleeces at 31@34c; 70,000 pounds of Michigan and New York x fleeces at 30@31c, and 210,000 pounds of Michigan and Ohio delaine at 34@36c. One lot of California spring sold at 21c, one of Oregon at 24c, one of fall Texas at 19@19½c, and various other lots of California and Territory on the scoured basis of 55@60c. Stocks are steadily being reduced, and supplies of all descriptive grades are smaller than for several years past at this time. Prices are fairly maintained.

Dry Goods.

NEW YORK, March 29.—The jobbing trade was somewhat less active, but fair, while agents were doing but a moderate business. The cotton goods deliveries on old and new business were sufficient to offset the receipts from the mills, except in the case of some coarse yarn colored cottons and southern heavy brown cottons, the export demand for which is inactive. The market is very steady as to prices all through. Even woolen goods in which little is doing are steady in price.

Metal Market.

ST. LOUIS—Lead in fair demand and firm; refined, $3 42½; chemical hard, $3 45.

NEW YORK—Pig iron steady; American, $15@17. Copper stagnant; lake, April $14 75. Lead firmer; domestic, $3 67½. Tin steady and more active; straits, $21 00.

CUBANS AT HOME *the manner in their pleasures and their superstitions and how they appear to an American, are brightly described in to-morrow's* DISPATCH *by Beverly Crump.*

A STUBBORN FACT

Showing Clearly That Pittsburg is Far From Being Finished.

EASTERN MONEY NOT WANTED.

A Slight Drop in the Local Stock Market for Want of Buying Orders.

OIL RATTLED BY WASHINGTON WELLS

Some careless observer remarked a few days ago that Pittsburg was finished. A prominent builder said yesterday that from the best information he could get not less than 3,000 houses would be erected in the city and suburbs this season. That these houses will all be occupied as soon as built there can be no doubt. They will afford room for about 15,000 people—a large accession to the population in one year. To speak of Pittsburg being "finished" in the face of stubborn facts to the contrary, is unwise and foolish.

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Henry A. Weaver & Co. have placed the following sums in mortgages during the present month: One of $60,000, one of $15,000, one of $7,000, two of $10,000, three of $5,000, and one in Lawrence county of $45,000—in all $162,000—at 4½, 5 and 6 per cent. This is nearly all home money. Within the past month about $1,500,000 has been placed on mortgages here, the greater part of which was for purchase money. All of this large amount of cash, with trifling exceptions, was provided by local capitalists. This refutes sensational reports of large amounts of money coming from the East. Of all the money placed on mortgages in Pittsburg and vicinity during the past year, fully three-fourths was local capital. This shows that Pittsburg is fully able to take care of itself in money matters.

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Workmen are cutting down the hill at Lawrenceville to make room for a new station house, which has been badly needed for a long time. It will be of the Queen Anne style, resembling in its general features the Shadyside station, which is one of the finest on the road.

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Cincinnati is a great speculative center. Large deals in grain and stocks occur there every day. The same may be said of Baltimore, New Orleans, Louisville, Milwaukee and Minneapolis. But with all this their bank clearings are less than those of Pittsburg, and San Francisco, where speculation in mining stocks is the principal element of trade, shows only about $1,000,000 better. This, taken in connection with the fact, known to all, that speculation is very small here—only a side issue, in fact—should convince the most skeptical that business in the Gas City is not only active, but on a sound basis.

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The annual flitting-time is here, and movers can be counted by the score. A larger number than usual are setting up their household gods—their lares and penates—in the suburbs. By Monday or Tuesday they will be established in some shape in their new habitations. So far the weather has been favorable.

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One of the finest residences at Edgewood is built upon ground occupied 50 or 60 years ago by a gristmill run by water power, which was patronized by nearly all the people then living in the Liberty valley. Near by are the ruins of a brickyard that was operated about the same time. Time, brains and money have wrought wonderful changes in that locality since those old-timers lived, loved and labored in Arcadian simplicity.

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Braddock is to have a street railroad, work on which will begin early in April. It will extend from Rankin station to Brinton, a distance of about two miles, and will ultimately be carried on to Turtle Creek, two miles further. The population of the district through which the road will pass is about 15,000—enough to assure the success of the enterprise.

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Red Lodge, the center of the immense coal fields of the Northwest, which are being rapidly developed, is situated in the northeast corner of the panhandle of Park county, Montana. Fourteen veins there range from 3 to 23 feet in thickness, dipping from north to south on an average of 17° and extending southeast to the Wyoming line, a distance of 18 miles or more. There is an excellent grade extending the entire length of the deposit. The coal is a high grade bituminous, carrying 89 per cent of combustible matter.

LOADED UP.

Lack of Orders Makes a Dull and Weak Stock Market.

With one or two exceptions local stocks were weaker and dull yesterday, more from lack of orders than from any radical change in the situation. Investors have loaded up pretty heavily during the last two weeks, and seem disposed to operate cautiously for awhile, pending a new deal, which is certain to ensue. The total sales aggregated 760 shares. Electric sold in the forenoon at 63¼ and at 63 in the afternoon, with offers in excess of bids. There were no transactions in Philadelphia Gas, although it was freely offered at 38⅝ and 38¾. Wheeling Gas sold in a small way at 30. Switch and Signal was higher, going at 23, with ½ more bid in the afternoon. Tractions were weak. Central leading as a result of the assessment upon the stockholders. Somebody who may have inside information of the condition of La Noria, took 400 snares at 1⅝.

	Morning.		Afternoon.	
	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.
Commercial N. Bank	....	100	....	....
Bank of Pittsburg	....	....	75	76
Masonic Bank	....	....	58	60
Pitts. N. B. of Com'ce	225	....	235	....
City Insurance	....	38	....	....
Pennsylvania Ins	....	33	....	....
Chartiers Val. Gas Co.	....	50	....	....
Pennsylvania Gas	....	....	19	22
Philadelphia Co.	38⅝	38¾	38¼	38½
Pine Run Gas	82½	....	83	....
Neville Island Gas	....	30	....	30
Nat. Gas Co. of W. Va	....	....	....	55
Central Traction	21⅝	....	21⅝	....
Citizens' Traction	37	....	....	....
People's Pipeage Gas	16	....	16	....
Pitts. & Western R. R.	....	....	8	....
P. & W. R. R. pref	....	....	16	16¼
N. Y. & C. Gas Coal Co.	....	37½	....	37½
La Noria Mining Co.	1⅝	1¾	1⅝	1¾
Silverton Mining Co.	1½	....	1½	....
Westinghouse Electric	63¼	63½	62	62½
U. Switch & Signal Co.	23	24	23¼	24
Westing'se Air B. Co.	121	122	170	....
Westing'se B. Co. lim.	63¼	....	64	....

At the morning call 40 shares of Wheeling gas sold at 30, 105 Electric at 63¼, 400 La Noria at 1⅝, 70 Airbrake at 63½, and 100 Central Traction at 21½.

In the afternoon 10 shares of Electric went at 63 and 35 Switch and Signal at 23.

Robinson Brothers sold $31,000 McKeesport and Belleverron railroad lets at 105 and interest. These bonds are just being placed upon the market.

Henry M. Long sold 200 shares of Electric at 63.

The total sales of stocks at New York yesterday were 368,995 shares, including: Atchison, 30,440; Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, 44,840; Erie, 3,400; Lake Shore, 4,300; Louisville and Nashville, 3,750; Missouri Pacific, 15,680; Northwestern, 17,100; Northern Pacific preferred, 3,118; Reading, 66,435; St. Paul, 10,400; Union Pacific, 68,600; Western Union, 5,138.

A VERY GOOD BUSINESS.

The Local Money Market Picking Itself Out the Rut.

The business transacted at the banks yesterday was above the average of the past three months. The line of discounts thus represented to be of fair volume and rate steady at 5@6 per cent. Checking and depositing were on a liberal scale. The flow of money was against the banks. The Clearing House report was favorable, showing exchanges to be $1,303,060 66, and balances $301,158 55.

Money on call at New York yesterday was easy at 3½@6 per cent; last loan at 5; closed offered at 5. Prime mercantile paper, 4½@6½. Sterling exchange dull but steady at $4 86 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	108	@108¼
U. S. 4½s, coups	108	@108¼
U. S. 4s, reg	122½	@123
U. S. 4s, coups	122½	@123
Currency, 6 per cent, 1895 reg	151	
Currency, 6 per cent, 1896 reg	120	
Currency, 6 per cent, 1897 reg	126	
Currency, 6 per cent, 1898 reg	129½	
Currency, 6 per cent, 1899 reg	132	

Sales to-day of $6,000 coupon 4s at 122¾.

NEW YORK—Clearings, $94,447,780; balances, $4,548,037.

BOSTON—Clearings, $12,752,700; balances, $1,590,081. Money, 2@2½ per cent.

BALTIMORE—Bank clearings, $1,650,769; balances, $284,834.

ST. LOUIS—Clearings, $2,791,197; balances, $544,992.

PHILADELPHIA—Clearings, $9,462,894; balances, $1,756,842.

CHICAGO—Money unchanged. Bank clearings, $6,498,000.

THE BULLS DOWNED.

Two Big Washington County Wells Cause a Slump in Oil.

Several disquieting reports circulated on the Oil Exchange yesterday served to inject a bearish feeling into the opening. The McKeown well, in the Taylorstown field, was reported doing 125 barrels in the forenoon and 90 in the afternoon. This is the biggest well of recent times. Following this was the statement that the Mashey well of Iseman & Co., at Brush Creek, was producing at the rate of 450 barrels per day, with only three bits in the sand. But for the evident scarcity of oil these reports, being verified, would have caused a panic, or something akin to it. This in a measure neutralized the effect of the field news. The fact that the short interest was increased shows that dealers have strong faith in the staying qualities of the market and have no very great fears of a material slump all at once.

The market opened at 90⅝ and gradually sold down to 89⅝. It reacted during the day and closed at 90⅝. The highest point of the reaction and the close being the same was doubtless influenced by fear of a scarcity. Carrying here was flat at 50 cents premium. It was flat at New York, 15 cents at Oil City and flat at Bradford. Notwithstanding bullish appearances there are dealers who predict a much lower level before a permanent reaction.

A. H. McGrew & Co. quote puts, 90@90⅛; calls, 91⅛.

The following taute, 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	90⅝	Sellers	12:45 P. M.	90⅛	90¼
10:15 A. M.	90½	90⅝	1:00 P. M.	90⅛	90¼
10:30 A. M.	90	90⅛	1:15 P. M.	90⅛	90¼
10:45 A. M.	90	90⅛	1:30 P. M.	90⅛	90¼
11:00 A. M.	89⅞	90	1:45 P. M.	90⅛	90¼
11:15 A. M.	90	90⅛	2:00 P. M.	90⅛	90¼
11:30 A. M.	90	90⅛	2:15 P. M.	90⅝	90¾
11:45 A. M.	90	90⅛	2:30 P. M.	90⅝	90¾
12:00 M.	90	90⅛	2:45 P. M.	90⅛	90⅜
12:15 P. M.	89⅞	90	Closed	90½	
12:30 P. M.	89⅞	90			

Opened, 90⅝c; highest, 90⅝c; lowest, 89⅞c; closed, 90½c.

	Barrels.
Daily runs	56,478
Average runs	46,441
Daily shipments	65,563
Average shipments	72,362
Daily charters	48,571
Average charters	40,622
Clearances	564,000

New York closed at 90⅝c.
Oil City closed at 90⅝c.
Bradford closed at 90½c.
New York, refined, 7c.
London, refined, 5¾d.
Antwerp, refined, 16½f.

Other Oil Markets.

OIL CITY, March 29.—National transit certificates opened at 90⅝c; highest, 90⅝c; lowest, 89½c; closed, 90½c. Sales, 1,123,000 bbls.; clearances, 742,000 bbls.; charters, 42,063 bbls.; shipments, 68,636 bbls.; runs, 63,206 bbls.

BRADFORD, March 29.—National transit certificates opened at 90⅝c; closed at 90½c; highest, 90⅝c; lowest, 89½c; clearances, 208,000 bbls.

TITUSVILLE, March 29.—National transit certificates opened at 90½c; highest, 90½c; lowest, 89½c; closed, 90⅝c.

NEW YORK, March 29.—Petroleum opened steady at 90⅞c, but became weak and declined to 89⅝. Buying orders from the West then caused a rally on which the market closed firm at 90⅝c. Sales, 1,832,000 barrels.

REAL ESTATE MOVEMENTS.

Diamond Street Property Goes at Big Figures—Other Sales.

Samuel W. Black & Co. sold to Mr. Fullwood, of the *Leader*, lot No. 26, in the Osgood place, plan of lots on Osgood avenue, Allegheny, size 50x115 feet, for $1,200. The purchaser has already commenced building for himself a handsome modern residence, which makes the thirteenth erected on this plan. They also sold a lot 50x100 on Fifth avenue, Homestead, for $1,350.

Joseph Craig has become owner of the property on Diamond street which includes the Central Station, the large building formerly occupied by Price & Co. as a poolroom, and the structure at present used as a paint shop. Craig will, in the near future, erect a commodious building on the site for stores and office purposes. The price paid was $110,000. This sale is of special importance, in view of the proposed widening of Diamond street, between Wood and Liberty streets. The station house part of the purchase belonged to Dallas Sanders, the well known Philadelphia politician. It was offered some time ago for $30,000.

James W. Drape & Co. placed a mortgage on a farm in Westmoreland county of $5,000 at special rates; also a mortgage of $7,000 on suburban property at 6 per cent; also two mortgages of $2,500 on Allegheny and East End properties at 6 per cent.

W. A. Herron & Sons sold a new modern frame house of 10 rooms on Hay street, Wilkinsburg, with lot 61x185, for $6,200 cash.

A sale of 300 feet front on the northerly side of Fifth avenue, near Wilkins, is reported at $30,000. As the rear part of this property runs up a steep hill the price is thought to be pretty good.

Black & Baird, No. 95 Fourth avenue, sold at auction for Mrs. Mohroff leasehold property No. 13 First street, Allegheny, with a two-story frame dwelling erected thereon, to Mrs. Mary Callenius for $910 50 cash.

Thomas McCaffrey, 5309 Butler street, reports the following sales: Sold for Dennis O'Connor to the McConway and Torley Company lot 100x100 on Clay street and Allegheny Valley Railroad, having erected thereon a brick and frame dwelling of four rooms and an old frame of three rooms, for $4,000; sold for Joseph Quigley to Sigmund Bender lot 22x100 feet on Dauphin street, for $400; sold for Mrs. R. R. Phillips to Harry H. Fisher lot 20x100 on Mifflin, near Main street, for $750. He placed the following mortgages: One for $1,500, at 6 per cent, for five years, on property in the Eighteenth ward, and one for $700 at 6 per cent, for five years, on property in the same ward.

L. O. Frazier sold for Patrick McCabe lot 20x133 feet to an alley, situate on the east side of Butler street, between Fifty-second street and McCandless avenue, Eighteenth ward, to Elizabeth Berg for $2,000 and placed a mortgage of $800 on Sixteenth ward property for three years at 6 per cent.

STRUCK BY BOSTON.

Heavy Selling by the Hub and Sensational Stories Weaken the Stock Market—Everything Dull and Heavy at the Close.

NEW YORK, March 29.—The stock market was more active again to-day and the weakness in the new stocks, which monopolize the speculative interests at present, was even more pronounced than at any time yet. As usual of late about five stocks figured for about 70 per cent of the total transactions, while the dealings in all the others were small and insignificant, with light fluctuations and prices well held, and even fractional advances in a few instances. There was some strength displayed in the early trading, but Boston began to pour out large amounts of Union Pacific and Atchison, which invited further bear attacks, and both stocks broke badly, each losing between 2 and 3 per cent. The disappointment over the decision about the dividend was still powerful to depress the former, while the stories of a receiver for Atchison, while denied over and over again, were repeated with considerable effect, and rumors of financial troubles in Boston were circulated and could be traced to no source.

The success attending the demonstrations against those shares encouraged the bears to try their hands at other portions of the list and just after noon, when the dividend had been declared, there was a sharp drive at Lackawanna, and its price was broken two points in less than half an hour. A portion of this loss was afterward recovered, but the stock is materially lower this evening. Missouri Pacific had also been treated to the same sort of manipulation, and rumors that Mr. Gould had already made arrangements for large loans were made to do duty against the stock. Outside of Lackawanna there was little in the coal shares, although Reading was active but was very firm and closed with a small improvement. The Grangers were subjected to some pressure in the early dealings, but the effect was only temporary, and outside of Burlington their fluctuations were small and their final changes unimportant. Among the specialties there were a few strong spots, and Chattanooga and San Francisco first preferred advanced sharply, while Chicago gas was weak.

First prices were quite irregular, and although there was some strength shown at the opening it soon died away under the outpouring of Union Pacific and Atchison with Missouri Pacific. The irregularity disappeared toward noon, when everything became weak and Chicago Gas became one of the prominent weak shares toward noon. There were frequent rallies which, however, were of short duration and only served to maintain the excitement, and after noon the attack upon Lackawanna checked what promised to be a material recovery. Union Pacific and Atchison dropped lower until after delivery hour, but in the last few minutes' trading there was some recovery, while the market closed heavy to weak at close to the lowest prices of the day. The active list with a few unimportant exceptions is lower tonight. Union lost 2¾, Atchison 1¾, Lackawanna 1¼, and Missouri Pacific, Big Four and Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati and Indianapolis 1 per cent each.

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