

SURVEY OF TRADE.

Tone of Produce Markets Better--
Creamery Butter Firm.

EASTER EGG BOOM DISCOUNTED.

Ohio Buff Hides Weakened by Boston Tan-
nery Failures.

LOW GRADE SWISS CHEESE QUIET

OFFICE OF PITTSBURG DISPATCH, MONDAY, April 15, 1889.

According to the general testimony of produce commission merchants, the tone of trade shows a slight improvement since the beginning of the month. There has been for the last week a very active movement in butter. The demand has been unusually strong from surrounding towns. At this time of the year, between hay and grass, butter is usually scarce through the country, and smaller towns obtain their supplies from the city. A countryman at Diamond Market said that the market was quiet, but that there are just getting enough grass to keep them from bay and fodder and not enough to do them any good, but a few more days of growing weather will bring things all right. By another week there will be plenty good grazing and the creamery butter trade will slacken again.

The trade in cheese has been very weak, however, has failed to materialize as yet. While the movement has been active for the week past, any attempt to advance to 12c at once brought a chill on the markets. Said one old-time country peddler: "Look for no Easter advance this year, because eggs have been cheap, and the dealers are holding back."

Oats were fairly active but unsettled. The opening was easy, and a fractional decline followed the first sales. Good buying, however, produced a firmer feeling, and prices advanced to 30c to 32c. A recession of 10c followed the appreciation, and the market closed quiet and steady.

Occasional references to the projected water works at Wilkinsburg have been made during the past week or two, but nothing definite could be learned until yesterday. The work is being done by the Pennsylvania Water Company, which has been chartered and is composed largely of local capitalists. The reservoir is to be located on what is known as the Turkeyfoot hill, about 400 feet above the Northern Pacific line. The dam will be 1200 feet long, and it will have a capacity of 5,000,000 gallons. Water will be drawn from the Allegheny river at Wildwood station, 7,000 feet away. The reservoir is 60 feet above the water level, assuring sufficient pressure for all purposes. The dam will be 1200 feet long, and at Wildwood will be provided with two engines, each having a capacity of 2,000,000 gallons daily. Wilkinsburg people expect to have a full supply of water by July 4.

Bair & Bros. yesterday took out a permit for six two-story brick dwellings on Penn avenue, Sixteenth ward. The estimated cost of them is \$10,000. They are to be finished during the summer. Last week permits for 56 buildings were taken out, the estimated cost of which is \$40,000. The building industry is doing remarkably well for so early in the season.

The Consumers' Gas Company, of Toronto, Ontario, sent in THE DISPATCH for proposals for coal to the amount of \$28,000 tons. Tenders will be received up to Monday next. The company was in coming to the right market. In this connection it may be stated that some, if not all, of the local coal companies are emerging from the difficulties of the depression by the introduction of natural gas as a fuel.

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Brazilian Coffee Market.

New York—Beeswax—Receipts, 5,000 head, including 100 cases for exportation, 74 carloads and 100 boxes for storage, 100 boxes for loads for the market; total, 11,000 head.

Cattle—Receipts, 2,140 head; shipments, 1,800 head; market slow at unchanged prices. Twenty-eight cars of cattle shipped to New York to day.

Hogs—Receipts, 5,000 head; shipments, 3,800 head; market steady; all grades, 50c to 60c per head. Eleven cars of hogs shipped to New York to day.

Sheep—Receipts, 3,600 head; shipments, 3,400 head; market slow and a quarter lower.

Chickens—Receipts, 2,000 head; market steady; all grades, 10c to 12c per dozen. Two cars of chickens shipped to New York to day.

Peacock—Receipts, 1,000 head; market steady; all grades, 10c to 12c per dozen. Two cars of peacock shipped to New York to day.

Quail—Receipts, 1,000 head; market steady; all grades, 10c to 12c per dozen. Two cars of quail shipped to New York to day.

Ducks—Receipts, 1,000 head; market steady; all grades, 10c to 12c per dozen. Two cars of ducks shipped to New York to day.

Geese—Receipts, 1