LOCAL LIVE STOCK.

Full Returns of the Week's Transactions at Liberty Yards.

VERY HEAVY RECEIPTS OF CATTLE

Brought Sluggish Markets and a Reduction of Prices.

SHEEP AND HOGS DRIFTING DOWN

OFFICE OF PITTSBURG DISPATCH, THURSDAY, April 25, 1889.

With returns all in, it appears that receipts of cattle for local trade are well up to 500 head more than last week. The run this week is the largest since the middle of January, when 2,218 were reported. The heavy run this week upset all calculations of dealers, and markets were badly demoralized.

Prices were off all along the line. Good smooth butcher stock, weighing 1,100 to 1,300 pounds, suffered least from the depression. Thin stockers and coarse heavy cattle suffered most. With 500 head above the wants of our local trade, it is plain that somebody had to come down. Stock raisers through this section are not willing to invest in stockers and feeders at present prices of cattle, unless at very low rates. In the far West, where grazing is abundant, there is not so much risk in buying stockers.

In this section, where lands and feed are high and cattle have been very low of late, there is little encouragement to stock farmers to lay in a supply of thin stockers in the hope of putting enough tallow on their ribs to win a profit by fall.

Calves held up fairly well to last week's prices until to-day, when a break occurred by reason of too liberal receipts. The total run this week has been 1,600 head, the largest this season. Prices dropped this morning below 4c.

Advices from New York are that cattle markets there are sluggish at lower prices. This advice had its influence in depressing markets here. While local receipts this week are the largest since January, through are the smallest. Through receipts in that month were fully double the run of this week.

Hogs.

The drift of markets has been downward since Monday. This in face of a light run. Prices are off 10c to-day as compared with ruling rates for the first three days of the week. The situation is the same at Chicago. The range there for packing hogs is $4 50@4 80. A representative of one of our leading pork packing firms who has just returned from Cincinnati reports that the provision trade there is exceedingly dull. The downward drift of hogs, in his view, is in accordance with the eternal fitness of things, since they have been relatively too high all the past season. There is very little, if any, margin left to pork packers at present price of hogs. It is only on special cuts that anything is left to the packer for his labor and capital invested. Said an old timer in the packing trade: "Hogs have been on an average $1 per hundred higher than they should have been all the past winter, in order that we could have had a fair profit in our business. We could generally do better by buying at Chicago than at Liberty, where we would have preferred to get our stock. But with the best we could do in buying there is little left for our labor and capital invested unless provisions should take a decided turn upward. Of this there are at this time no signs in sight."

Sheep and Lambs.

With receipts 8,430 larger than last week, and nearly 6,000 larger than the week before, markets were lower and sluggish. Dealers report a reduction of ¼c from last week's prices. Prime lambs suffered least from the depression of markets. Thin lambs suffered most.

Following is the report of transactions at the East Liberty yards for the week:

RECEIPTS.

	CATTLE.		HOGS.	SHEEP
	Thro'.	Local.		
Thursday	100	10	1,800	1,320
Friday	1,080	10	2,925	330
Saturday	1,160	280	2,775	2,640
Sunday	200	1,200	3,625	7,600
Monday	100	30	1,000	1,210
Tuesday	20	200	925	4,070
Wednesday	40	10	2,225	880
Total	2,700	1,800	17,335	18,500
Last week	3,630	1,340	17,400	10,070

SALES.

Thursday	....	41	1,137	....
Friday	....	6	476	99
Saturday	....	....	234	987
Monday	....	1,400	3,721	5,747
Tuesday	....	333	548	4,583
Wednesday	....	21	234	1,042
Total	....	1,772	5,433	12,049
Last week	....	1,331	6,879	10,002

By Telegraph.

NEW YORK—Beeves—Receipts, 700 head, all for city slaughterers direct; no trading in beef cattle; dull for dressed beef at 6@7c per pound for ordinary to prime sides; shipments to-day were 1,170 beeves and 2,600 quarters of beef. To-day's cable advices from London and Liverpool quote American refrigerator beef lower at scant 7½c per pound. Sheep—Receipts, 7,800 head, and 3,000 were carried over yesterday; fairly steady for good sheep; weak for yearlings and easier for spring lambs; unshorn sheep sold at $4 75@5 65 per 100 pounds; clipped do at $3 40@5 00; unshorn yearlings, $5 00@7 00; clipped do, $4 50@5 50; spring lambs, $3 00@6 00 per head, with a few Jersey lambs up to $8 50@7 00; dressed mutton slow at 7@9c per pound; dressed yearlings, 8@10c. Hogs—Receipts, 2,400 head; no trading in live hogs; reported dull at the nominal range of $5 10@5 40.

KANSAS CITY—Cattle—Receipts, 1,968 head; shipments, none; heavy shipping steers slow, but steady; medium weight dressed beef steers steady to a shade stronger; cows, stockers and feeding steers steady to strong; good to choice corn-fed, $4 00@4 25; common to medium, $3 00@3 90; stockers and feeding steers, $2 00@3 60; cows, $1 75@3 25. Hogs—Receipts, 4,914 head; shipments, 2,959 head; active and 5@7½c higher; good to choice, $4 45@4 50; common to medium, $4 25@4 40. Sheep—Receipts, 1,160 head; shipments, 600 head; good to choice, $4 25@4 7c; common to medium, $2 50@4 00.

CHICAGO — Cattle — Receipts, 10,500 head; shipments, 6,000 head; market steadier; beeves $4 30@4 50; stocers, $3 40@4 50; stockers and feeders, $2 50@3 60; cows, bulls and mixed, $3 15; Texas steers, $3 00@3 90. Hogs—Receipts, 15,000 head; shipments* 4,000 head; market steady to strong; mixed, $4 45@4 67½; heavy, $4 40@4 67½; light, $4 76. Sheep—Receipts, 6,000 head; shipments, 2,000 head; market slow, 15 to 20c lower; natives, $3 50@5 00; western corned, $3 75@5 00; Texans, $3 25@4 35; lambs, $4 75@6 00.

ST. LOUIS—Cattle—Receipts, 1,300 head; shipments, 1,400 head; market steady; choice heavy native steers, $3 80@4 40; fair to good do, $3 00@3 80; stockers and feeders, fair to good, $2 10@3 00; rangers, corn-fed, $2 70@3 50; grass-fed, $1 90@2 85. Hogs—Receipts, 5,100 head; shipments, 2,900 head; market lower; choice heavy and butchers' selections, $4 50@4 60; packing, medium to prime, $4 30@4 55; light grades, ordinary to best, $4 45@4 55. Sheep—Receipts, 300 head; shipments, 1,000 head; market steady; fair to choice, $3 00@4 30.

BALTIMORE—Beef cattle—Market slow values ½@¾c lower; best beeves, 4@4 3-10c; generally rated, first quality, 3¾@4c; medium, 3@3¼c; ordinary thin steers, oxen and cows, 2@2½c; most of the sales were from 3@4c; receipts, 1,336 head; sales, 605 head. The receipts of sheep and lambs were 3,615 head; quotations, sheep, 2½@3½c; lambs, 6½@8c.

BUFFALO—Cattle steady; receipts, 85 loads through; no sale. Sheep and lambs—Receipts; 1 load through; 16 loads sale; 16 loads held over; steady; good sheep, $4 50@5 00; good lambs, $5 50@6 00. Hogs—Receipts, 27 loads through; 16 loads sale; dull and 10c lower; medums and Yorkers, $4 90.

CINCINNATI—Hogs in moderate demand and lower; common and light, $4 00@4 60; packing and butchers', $4 50@4 65; receipts, 2,050 head; shipments, 740 head.

Drygoods Market.

NEW YORK, April 25.—The drygoods market was without new feature. There were, however, some fair-sized transactions in staple cotton goods and in full dress goods. Filling in orders by mail come to the hands of agents with a fair degree of regularity. A good feeling is prevailing and a good tone in the market continued.

Metal Markets.

NEW YORK—Pig iron quiet: American, $15 00@17 50. Copper stagnant. Lead firmer; domestic, $3 65. Tin lower; Straits, $20 70.

Whisky Market.

Finished goods are in fair demand at $1 03.

When baby was sick, we gave her Castoria,
When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria,
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria,
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

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MARKETS BY WIRE.

Wheat Active and Higher on Good Local Buying—Corn Makes a Small Spurt—Oats About Steady—Hay Products Unsettled.

CHICAGO, April 25.—The firmness which was exhibited in the wheat market yesterday was more fully developed to-day, and prices show a further improvement, but the full advance was not sustained. June was advanced ¾c over yesterday's closing, and closed 1c higher. July opened ¾c higher, fluctuated within small range for some time and then advanced ½c more, receded ⅜c, and closed ¾c higher than yesterday.

At the opening there were pretty fair offerings of May wheat, but June took the lead in the advance and May followed. The trading was mainly of a local character, the outside business not being on as large a scale as yesterday. The buying was credited largely to the short interest, with some buying no doubt for investment. The selling was done chiefly by parties who had bought at the lower prices for a reaction, and not by any large longs.

A fair degree of activity was manifested in corn and transactions were at slightly higher prices. The market opened at yesterday's closing prices, was steady for a time, then advanced ¼c, ruled steady and closed ½c higher than yesterday.

In oats a larger business was transacted in the way of buying May and selling June at a premium of ⅜c, but the amount of new business was small. A stronger feeling developed early and prices advanced ½@¾c, but increased offerings caused a recession and the close was steady.

A fairly active trade was reported in mess pork, and prices fluctuated considerably within a moderate range. Opening sales were made at 5c advance, and the demand to fill orders was sufficient to further improve prices 10c. Later the market weakened, offerings were increased, and prices declined 12½@15c. Toward the close the market was steadier and closed at about outside figures.

More was doing in lard, and the feeling was stronger. Prices ruled about 2½c higher, and the market closed steady.

A fairly active trade was reported in short rib sides, and the market was steadier. Prices more favorable to sellers.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

WHEAT—No. 2 May, 81@81⅜@80⅞@80⅞c; June, 81⅝@82⅛@81⅛@81⅜c; July, 78⅞@79⅛@78⅞@78⅞c; year, 76@76⅛@76@76⅛c.

CORN—No. 2 May, 34⅞@34⅞@34⅛@34⅛c; June, 35@35⅛@34⅞@35⅛c; July, 35⅝@35⅞@35⅛@35⅛c.

OATS—No. 2 May, 22⅜@22⅜@22⅛@22⅜c; June, 23⅛@23⅛@23@23c; July, 23⅛@23⅛@23⅛@23⅛c.

MESS PORK, per bbl.—May, $11 40@11 50@11 35@11 50; June, $11 55@11 60@11 45@11 60; July, $11 57½@11 67½@11 52½@11 65.

LARD, per 100 lbs.—May, $6 80@6 85@6 80@6 80; June, $6 87½@6 87½@6 85@6 87½; July, $6 92½@6 92½@6 90@6 90.

SHORT RIBS, per 100 lbs.—May, $5 87½@5 95@5 87½@5 95; June, $5 97½@6 00@5 97½@6 00; July, $6 02½@6 07½@6 02½@6 07½.

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour dull and unchanged. No. 2 spring wheat, 80⅞@81c; No. 3 spring wheat, 72@73c. No. 2 red, 80⅞@81c. No. 2 corn, 34½c. No. 2 oats, 22½c. No. 2 rye, 40½c. No. 2 barley nominal. No. 1 flaxseed, $1 56. Prime timothy seed, $1 34@1 35. Mess pork, per barrel, $11 50. Lard, per 100 lbs, $6 82½@6 85. Short ribs sides (loose), $5 90@6 00. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $5 25@5 50. Short clear sides (boxed), $6 25@6 37½. Sugars—Cut loaf, 9⅛@9½c; granulated, 8⅝c; standard A, 8⅜c. Receipts—Flour, 9,000 barrels; wheat, 11,000 bushels; corn, 142,000 bushels; oats, 88,000 bushels; rye, 3,000 bushels; barley, 18,000 bushels. Shipments—Flour, 32,000 barrels; wheat, 22,000 bushels; corn, 72,000 bushels; oats, 71,000 bushels; rye, 2,000 bushels; barley, 6,000 bushels.

On the Produce Exchange to-day the butter market was weaker, but not quotably lower. Eggs weak at 10@10½c.

NEW YORK—Flour dull and weak. Wheat—Spot dull and firmer; options dull and ½@⅝c higher. Rye dull. Barley and barley malt quiet. Corn—Spot firmer and quiet; options fairly active and stronger. Oats—Spot firm and quiet; options steady and dull. Hay steady. Hops firm and quiet. Coffee—Options opened barely steady and 10@15 points down; closed steady at 15@20 points down; sales, 61,200 bags, including April, 46.50@16.55c; May, 16.45@16.55c; June, 16.55@16.65c; July, 16.65@16.70c; August, 16.80@16 85c; September, 16.90@17.00c; spot Rio quiet; fair cargoes, 18½c. Sugar—Raw firm, sparingly offered; fair refining, 6 7-16c; centrifugals, 96° test, 7¼c; refined firm; good demand. Molasses—Foreign firm; 50° test, 29c; New Orleans quiet; open kettle, good to fancy, 28@42c. Rice steady and quiet. Cottonseed oil quiet. Tallow more active, city at 4⅝c. Rosin quiet. Turpentine dull: offered at 35½c. Eggs weaker and quiet; western, 12c; receipts, 7,113 packages. Pork steady. Lard dull and barely steady; sales, western steam, $7 15@7 20, closing at $7 15; city, $6 75; May, $7 08@7 12, closing at $7 11; June, $7 14@7 16; July $7 17@7 19, closing at $7 19; August, $7 21; September, $7 25@7 26. Butter weak and in moderate demand; western dairy, 11@20c; do creamery, 17@25c; Elgins, 26c. Cheese unsettled and dull.

ST. LOUIS—Flour quiet and easy; XXX, $2 50@3 00; family, $3 15@3 25; choice, $3 40@3 50; fancy, $3 90@4 05; extra fancy, $4 15@4 25; patents, $4 50@4 65. Wheat better; there was less pressure to sell and better demand, as cables were better and all other markets stronger, but trading was light and no interesting or new feature turned up; late in the session considerable wheat came out for sale, and the price declined, though the close was ⅛@¼c above yesterday; May was dull and neglected most of the session: No. 2 red, cash, 80c; May, 79⅝@79½c, closing at 79⅝c; June, 76⅛@77c, closing at 76⅞c bid; July, 74⅞@75¼c, closing at 75c bid; August, 74⅛@74½c, closing at 74⅜c bid. Corn firm; May advanced ½c, with fairly active trading; No. 2 cash, 39½c; May, 39⅛@39⅜c, closing at 39⅜c; June, 39½c, closing at 39½c. Oats higher; No. 2 cash, 23½c bid; May, 23½c bid; June, 24c. Rye dull and easy; No. 2, 41@42c. Barley—No market. Flaxseed quotable at $1 45. Cotton bagging in good demand; 1½ pound, 5½c; 2¼-pound, 10½c. Iron cotton ties, $1 10. Provisions dull.

CINCINNATI—Flour in light demand. Wheat dull and neglected; No. 2 red, 84@85c; receipts, 100 bushels; shipments, 2,000 bushels. Corn firm; No. 2 mixed, 36c. Oats heavy; No. 2 mixed, 26c. Rye easier; No. 2, 48@50c. Pork quiet at $12 25. Lard firm, with a good demand; current make, $6 62½. Bulk meats and bacon quiet. Butter quiet. Sugar strong. Eggs firm. Cheese steady.

MILWAUKEE—Flour steady. Wheat firm; cash, 78½c; May, 78⅞c; July, 79½c. Corn quiet; No. 3, 34c. Oats dull; No. 2 white, 27½c. Rye quiet; No. 1, 42½c. Barley dull; No. 2, 56½c. Provisions steady. Pork, $11 45. Lard, $6 85. Cheese steady: cheddars, 10@11c.

BALTIMORE — Provisions quiet and unchanged. Butter quiet and about steady; Western packed, 18@20c; best roll, 15@18c; creamery, 24@27c. Eggs dull and steady at 11c. Coffee quiet and easy; Rio fair, 18¼@18½c.

PHILADELPHIA—Flour weak. Wheat firmer. Corn firm. Oats—Carlots dull and a shade weaker.

TOLEDO—Clover seed dull; cash and April, $4 60. Receipts, 38 bags; shipments, 156 bags.

PITTSBURG IRON.

The Wage Question Has a Depressing Effect Upon the Market.

There has been no material change in the market since last week. Both makers and consumers are proceeding on a conservative basis, the former manifesting no anxiety to sell at present prices and the latter buying sparingly as needed. It is expected that the situation will remain about as it is until after the settlement of the wage question in June.

PIG IRON — Neutral Gray forge, $14 50, cash; white and mottled, $14 00@14 50, cash; all ore mill, $15 75@16 00, cash; No. 1 foundry, $17 25@17 50, cash; No. 2 foundry, $16 00, cash; No. 2 charcoal foundry, $21 00@21 50, cash; cold blast charcoal, $25 00@28 00, cash; Bessemer iron, $16 75@17 00, cash.

FERRO-MANGANESE—Eighty per cent, $55 00@56 00; speigel-eisen, $28 00@28 50 for 20 per cent cash.

MANUFACTURED IRON—Bars, $1 75@1 80, 60 days, 2 per cent off; skelp, grooved, $1 80@1 85; sheared, $1 95@2 00.

MUCK BAR—$26 50.

BILLETS—Bessemer steel, $27 00 cash; nail slabs, $27 75@28 00; domestic bloom and rail ends, $19 00@19 50.

NAILS—Carlots 12d to 40d, $1 85, 60 days; 2 per cent off for cash.

WROUGHT IRON PIPE—Discounts on steam, gas and water pipe; black, ⅛ to 1¼-inch, 55 per cent, 1½ to 12 inches, 67½; galvanized, ½ to 1¼-inch, 47½ per cent; 1½ to 12 inches, 55 per cent; oil well casing, 60 per cent; 5⅝-inch casing, 37½ per net foot; 2-inch tubing, 13c; boiler tubes, 62½, and oil well casing, 60 per cent off large lots.

MERCHANT STEEL — Tool, 3¼c; crucible spring, 4½c; crucible machinery, 5c; open-hearth machinery, 2½c.

RAILS AND SPIKES—Spikes, 2.20c per pound, 30 days; splice bars, 1.80@1.85c per pound; square nut track bolts, 2.75@2.85c, and hexagon nut, 2.90@2.95c, f. o. b. Pittsburg.

OLD RAILS—American tees, $24 00@24 50; steel do, $18 50 for short, $19 50 for long.

STEEL RAILS—Heavy sections, $28@29 cash, at works.

SCRAP IRON—No. 1 wrought, $21@21 25 per net ton; cast scrap, $15 50@16; wrought turpings, $13@14, net; cast borings, $12@13, gross; car axles, $23 00@25 50, net; old car wheels, $19 00@19 50, gross; rail ends, $19 50@20 00; bloom do, $19 50, cash.

SKELP IRON — Grooved sizes, $1 65, cash; sheared, 2c.

Wool Market.

ST. LOUIS—Wool in good demand and steady; prices are unchanged.

ONLY A TRIFLE OFF.

Real Estate Business Wonderfully Active for the Season.

THE PUBLIC PARK AGITATION.

Outsiders Hustling the Syndicate for Diamond Street Property.

BROKERS CONTEMPLATING A REST

The slight lull in the real estate market is not greater than was expected to follow the April moving. All of the dealers spoken to yesterday on the subject said business was better and the prospect more encouraging than at the same time last year. So long as there is an abundance of idle money at cheap rates there is no danger that houses and lots will go a-begging. The demand for business property is as urgent as at any previous time this season.

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The public park agitation is beginning to receive its regular summer airing. Like the poor, it is always with us. Said a prominent gentleman yesterday: "I am in favor of more breathing spots; they are as necessary to health as to physical enjoyment. But they should be located in all cases where they can be accessible to the toiling thousands, who have made Pittsburg what it is—one of the greatest industrial centers in the world. Their comfort and convenience should be looked to above every other consideration. The rich can take care of themselves. Distance is no object to them, as they have carriages to rid in. The most of them spend the summer in the country, or at the seaside or in Europe, so they will in no particular need of breaking spots. But not so with the toilers. They are tied to the city the year round. The location of parks, therefore, should have exclusive reference to the industrial element of our population. As there is no available ground for a large central park there should be a number of small ones distributed through the city so as to be available to residents in all sections. In fact, each ward should have a park. There is no insuperable obstacle to this, as ground could be secured if only the right steps were taken. I have no suggestions to offer on this point at this time. This matter is of such paramount importance that I hope the agitation will not be allowed to die out until everything needed in this direction shall have been secured."

Outsiders are so sanguine of the improvement of Diamond street that they are giving the syndicate quite a hustle for property on that thoroughfare. One of them made a bid yesterday on a lot between Smithfield and Wood, on which there is a small building, and will probably get it, as but a small difference as to price remains to be settled. The amount of money involved is not far from $50,000.

The big vault for the Fidelity Company has been completed except painting, which will be deferred until the building is finished. It is the greatest thing of the kind in the city, and one of the greatest in the country. Several bankers in New York and Boston have been in the city within the past few days to examine it, and were deeply impressed with its magnitude and importance as a receptacle for valuables. Some of the leading local experts in the use of dynamite were called in to examine the vault and give an opinion as to its safety. They all readily acknowledged that it was superior to any of the arts or tricks known to them. It is understood that the plant for the manufacture of these vaults will be located in Pittsburg.

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The probability is that the Pittsburg Exchange will be closed from to-morrow noon until Wednesday, to give the members abundant opportunity to participate in the Washington centennial proceedings. In the present state of stock and oil trading this would be about the best thing that could be done, as it would give the brokers time to count up their profits and losses and prepare for the new deal that is on the way. The question will be settled at a meeting to be held to-morrow.

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A New York broker has posted up the following pertinent points of advice as to stock dealings, which will turn out more successful in the long range than 99 per cent. of the average "tips:" Buy stocks on declines—it is not a time to sell them. Sell when stocks have had a rise, and the market is strong and every one wants to buy. Do not buy then. Do not listen to street points on this kind of a market. Sell after a rise on a strong market. Buy after a decline on a weak market. By pursuing this course in his own dealings the broker has amassed a comfortable fortune.

THE COLD WAVE FLAG

Still Displayed at the Stock Exchange—Brokers Not on Trading Terms.

The cold wave signal was again displayed at the opening of the Stock Exchange yesterday morning, and efforts to warm up the brokers were fruitless, only one sale being made, which saved the board from another goose egg. There was a little more warmth in the room in the afternoon, when fine stocks were traded in to the extent of 925 shares. Practically the same relations subsisted between holders and buyers as on the day before, the former regarding any advance as almost certain and the latter hoping to get concessions by waiting. Both sides were obstinate in maintaining their views, and used very little diplomacy to smooth away the differences. Prices showed no important changes from the day before. The prospect is that the market will remain about as it is until after the holidays next week, when there will be a decided movement in some direction—up or down—the former being the most likely. The close was at about medium figures, none of the issues showing any particular strength or weakness. Bids, offers and sales follow:

	MORNING.		AFTERNOON.	
	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.
City Ipsurance	....	345	....	....
Bridgewater Gas	....	....	40	51
Chartiers Val. Gas Co.	....	....	54	....
Kittanning C. N. G.	54¾	55	....	....
Nat. Gas Co. of W. Va	....	....	59	62
Pennsylvania Gas	....	....	....	22
Philadelphia Gas	42½	42¾	42	42¾
Philadelphia Gas Co.	31	32	32	32½
Tuna Oil Co.	65	68	....	....
Washington Oil Co.	....	75	....	75
Central Traction	30½	31¼	30½	30¾
Citizens' Traction	....	....	....	76¾
Pleasant Valley R. R.	175	....	....	....
Pitts., Cin. & St. L. R. R.	....	....	15¼	....
Pitts. & Western R. R.	11	11	10	10½
P. & W. R. R. pref	18⅞	19½	18½	19½
Consignee Mining Co.	20c	....	....	....
La Noria Mining Co.	1¾	1¾	1¾	1¾
Westinghouse Electric	58½	60	58½	59⅞
U. Switch & Signal Co.	25	....	25½	....
Westing'se Air B. Co.	119½	120½	119	119¾
Westing'se E. Co. lim.	54	....	....	....

The only sale at the morning call was of 100 shares Pittsburg and Western preferred at 19. The afternoon sales were 50 shares of Philadelphia Gas at 42¾, 400 at 42½, 200 Wheeling at 32, 100 La Noria at 1¾, 100 Airbrake at 119¾ and 15 at 119½.

The total sales of stocks at New York yesterday were 218,978 shares, including: Atchison, 12,700; Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, 4,600; Erie, 10,100; Louisville and Nashville, 2,000; Missouri Pacific, 3,500; Northwestern, 9,400; Oregon Transcontinental, 6,700; Reading, 22,600; Richmond and West Point, 12,700; St. Paul, 9,170; Texas Pacific, 9,200; Union Pacific, 9,800; Wabash Pacific, 3,000.

NOTHING TO COMPLAIN OF.

The Situation at the Banks Denotes a Healthy Business Condition.

The local money market was fairly active in all lines of business yesterday, checking being a feature. A moderate amount of paper was discounted at the usual rates. The Clearing House exchanges were $2,846,642 02 and the balances $547,500 68. Said a Fifth avenue cashier: "We are doing better than at the same time last year. The averages are larger. There is no boom, but business is in a healthy condition. Some people who expected too much express disappointment; but everybody else is in good spirits. Even iron manufacturers smile occasionally that their condition is no worse. I know of nothing to complain of."

Money on call at New York yesterday was easy at 2 to 2½ per cent: last loan, 2½; closed, offered at 2½. Prime mercantile paper, 4@6. Sterling exchange dull but firm at $4 87 for 60-day bills and $4 88¾ for demand.

Government Bonds.

	Bid.	Asked.
U. S. 4½s, reg	108½	108¾
U. S. 4½s, coups	108½	108¾
U. S. 4s, reg	122½	122¾
U. S. 4s, coups	122½	122¾
	Bid.	
Currency, 6 per cent, 1895 reg	121	
Currency, 6 per cent, 1896 reg	124	
Currency, 6 per cent, 1897 reg	127	
Currency, 6 per cent, 1898 reg	129½	
Currency, 6 per cent, 1899 reg	132	

Government and State bonds are steady and quiet

NEW YORK—Bank clearings to-day, $109,164,820; balances, $6,600,224.

BOSTON—Bank clearings to-day, $18,765,411; balances, $1,749,482. Money 3½ per cent.

PHILADELPHIA—Bank clearings to-day, $11,005,491; balances, $1,269,958.

BALTIMORE—Bank clearings to-day, $1,840,000; balances, $325,027.

CHICAGO—Money unchanged. Bank clearings, $10,242,000.

ST. LOUIS—Clearings, $2,005,655; balances, $402,009.

LONDON—The amount of bullion gone into the bank of England on balance to-day is £5,000. The bullion in the Bank of England decreased £64,000 during the past week. The proportion of the Bank of England's reserve to liability is now 42.36 per cent.

PARIS—Rentes, 87f 15c for the account. The weekly statement of the Bank of France shows an increase of 3,825,000f gold and 750,000f silver.

OIL MOVES UP.

An Active Market Closes Two Cents Higher Than the Opening.

The oil market opened up strong yesterday at 83¾, sold up to 85¾, broke to 83, rallied to 84¾, declined a fraction, reacted to 84⅞, sold down to 84¼, and finally, at the last moment, made a spurt to 85¼, 2 cents above the opening, where it closed. There was good trading and a bullish feeling at all the Exchanges.

A broker said: "The market would not have reached so high a point here had it not been for the exaction of an extravagant premium on oil to make clearances with. This snap judgment sort of business is a two-edged sword that cuts both ways, as was shown some time ago when oil was in the nineties." Another broker said: "If carrying is easy to-morrow and oil fairly plenty, it is probable that prices will seek a lower level. It looks to me as if the top of the present spurt has been about reached."

Jennings' No. 6 on the Baerlein farm, Brush creek, was drilled 18 feet in the sand and packed, and was making about six barrels an hour. The Brennen and Hite well, west of the Jennings, on the Boner farm, was in the sand and showing for 200 barrels.

FEATURES OF THE MARKET.

Opened	83½	Lowest	83
Highest	85¼	Closed	85¼

	Barrels.
Runs	55,254
Average	46,110
Shipments	102,202
Average	73,288
Charters	....
Average	32,166
Clearances	3,175,000

Refined, New York 6.85.
Refined, London, 8½.
Refined, Antwerp, 16½.
New York closed 85¾.
Bradford closed 85¾.
Oil City closed 85.
A. B. McGrew & Co. quote puts at 83¾c; calls, 88½c.

Other Oil Markets.

OIL CITY, April 25.—National transit certificates opened at 83½c; highest, 86c; lowest, 83c; closed, 85¼c.

BRADFORD, April 25.—National transit certificates opened at 83½c; closed at 85½c; highest, 85½c; lowest, 83½c.

TITUSVILLE, April 25.—National transit certificates opened at 83½c; highest, 85¼c; lowest, 83c; closed, 85¼c.

NEW YORK, April 25.—Petroleum opened firm, but soon became strong on urgent buying orders from the West, where certificates were very scarce. The offerings were light, and the Western orders forced the market steadily up to 85¾c. A reaction then occurred, but was followed by a spurt on covering of shorts, and the market closed strong at 85¼c. Sales, 2,819,000 barrels.

LANDS AND HOUSES.

The Latest Transactions in City and Suburbs—Good Prices Paid.

Black & Baird, 95 Fourth avenue, sold for Mrs. Annie D. Hill to Mrs. Jennie M. Dickenson a residence site at Edgewood station, Pennsylvania Railroad, 125x250 feet, adjoining Mr. A. T. Rowan's residence on Maple street, for $2,500. The purchaser will build at once.

Lashell & Rankin, No. 67 Fourth avenue, sold for Benjamin Short 6 acres and 65 perches of ground near Stoop's Ferry station, Pittsburg and Lake Erie Railroad, to Mrs. Lucinda P. Fozer for $700.

John F. Baxter sold to Elizabeth A. Dodson lot No. 90 in the Bank of Commerce addition, at Brushton, fronting 40 feet on Kelly street and extending back 157 feet to a 20-foot alley, for $600. The purchaser intends building.

Reed B. Coyle & Co., 131 Fourth avenue, sold for Jas. P. Speer a lot on Ward street, Oakland, size 22x165, for $1,000 cash.

Alles & Bailey, 164 Fourth avenue, sold for T. Griffen lot 20x90 feet, corner Wylie avenue and Wandless street, for $800 cash.

The Dilworth mansion, at Shadyside, with nine acres of ground, was sold to S. Jarvis Adams at a price not given, but understood to be somewhere near $60,000. The Fifth avenue front, 250 feet deep, was reserved.

L. O. Frazer sold for George Wright, Jr., lot 20x85 feet, on the northeast side of Main street, near Penn avenue, Sixteenth ward, to Mrs. Mary Wolf, for $925 cash. He also placed a $1,200 mortgage on Fifteenth ward property for two years at 6 per cent.

GAINS ALL AROUND.

Wall Street Surprised by a Boom in Stocks—American Securities Strong in London—The Entire List Closes Strong and Higher.

NEW YORK, April 25.—The stock market to-day was more active and decidedly stronger than at any time during the past two weeks, and while the aggregate of the business done was not very large the gains at the close of business are universal and material. The improvement in the temper of the speculation was somewhat of a surprise to the local traders, who had expected nothing but dullness and stagnation until after the coming holidays, but the impetus came from the other side, where the firmness displayed by the American securities, and the unusual ease of money in London, have generated a strong speculative sentiment on American stocks. The buying orders from London were very large, and were variously estimated up to 50,000 shares, and the London favorites were the leaders in the market.

Louisville and Nashville was specially prominent, though the foreigners took lines of Reading, Union Pacific, Norfolk and Western preferred and some others. The statements of President Haghitt of the Northwestern in regard to the earliness of the crops in the West and the harmony existing among the members of the State Association did much to bring the Western stocks to the front, and the Southwesterns later became active and Richmond and West Point, Missouri Pacific and Texas Pacific which have lain almost dormant for some time advanced materially on a largely increased business.

Among the specialties there were a few marked movements and Pullman again became remarkable for its strength, though the shipment of a block of stock to the other side recently has favored a small floating supply on the street. Erie was another stock which was called into life by the foreign purchasers and the transactions in the stocks of that company were larger for to-day than for two weeks past together. The opening figures were among the active shares from ⅛ to ⅝ per cent. higher than last evenings prices which tempted considerable selling to realize, while the Chicago speculators and the local bears resisted the upward tendency with some effect in the early trading, forcing off from ⅛ to ⅜ per cent. The unusually heavy demand, however, was too much for them and prices began to advance after the first half hour.

Later dullness set in as the first demand was satisfied, and the bears drew off to see how far it would go, but while the fluctuations were small there was no weakness anywhere apparent, and in the afternoon the upward movement was resumed. This frightened the bears into covering to some extent, and several stocks which have been dull of late sprang into prominence and advanced materially. The best prices were generally reached toward delivery hour, but there was no marked recession after that time, and the market finally closed active and firm at about the highest figures.

The securities in the unlisted department were somewhat neglected, and the movements were confined to the smallest fractions, and Brunswick was a shade lower at 20¼. With the single exception of Memphis and Charleston, which retired 4 per cent, the entire list is higher to-night. Oregon Improvement preferred rose 3¼, Pullman 2, Louisville and Nashville 1¼, Manitoba 1¼, Burlington and Quincy and Texas Pacific 1½ each, Lake Shore, Erie preferred, Missouri Pacific, Richmond and West Point and Union Pacific 1 per cent each, and the others fractional amounts.

The impetus given to the speculation was shown most forcibly in the dealings in railroad bonds, and the business of the day extended to a very large number of issues and aggregated for all issues $8,378,000, of which Texas Pacific 2s contributed $688,000, the 1sts $157,000 and Richmond and West Point trust 5s $162,000. The market was firm to strong all the way out and the active bonds mentioned with the Green Bay incomes were the features. The improvement extended to all portions of the list. The most important gains were Brooklyn Elevated 1sts ¾ to 110¼, Houston and Texas 2nd receipts 2 to 120, Cedar Falls and Minneapolis 1sts 2 to 70, Rochester and Pittsburg consols 2 to 117, Manitoba 4s 2 to 90, Toledo and Mt. Pleasant 6s 4 to 96, and Green Bay incomes 3 to 52.

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.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing Bids.
Am. Cotton Oil	35¾	....	....	35¼
Atch., Top. & S. F.	42⅞	42⅞	41¼	42⅜
Canadian Pacific	....	....	....	50½
Canada Southern	52⅞	52¾	52½	52½
Central of New Jersey	95¼	96	95	96
Central Pacific	34⅝	35	34¼	35⅛
Chesapeake & Ohio	17⅛	17⅜	17⅛	17⅜
C., Bur. & Quincy	93⅞	94⅛	93⅞	94⅛
C., Mil. & St. Paul	65¼	65⅝	65¼	65½
C., Mil. & St. P., pf	105	105¼	105	105¼
C., Rock I. & P.	92⅞	93½	92¾	93¼
C., St. L. & Pitts	....	....	....	17
C., St. L. & Pitts. pf.	....	....	....	38½
C., St. P., M. & O.	....	....	....	82½
C., St. P., M. & O., pf.	92	92	92	92½
C. & Northwestern	106	106¾	105⅞	106⅝
C. & Northwestern, pf.	138½	138½	138½	138¾
C., C., C. & I.	....	....	....	68
Col. & Hocking Val.	18⅞	18⅞	18½	18½
Del., L. & W.	137	137	136⅞	137¼
Del. & Hudson	136⅜	136¼	136	136½
Denver & Rio G.	....	....	....	16⅞
Denver & Rio G., pf.	46½	46½	46¼	46
E. T., Va. & Ga.	....	....	....	9¼
E. T., Va. & Ga., 1st pf	....	....	....	68
E. T., Va. & Ga. 2d pf.	....	....	....	21¾
Illinois Central	113⅝	113⅝	113