# DOMESTIC MARKETS.

## Creamery Butter and Eggs Are Drifting to a Lower Level.

## APPLES AND POTATOES GO HIGHER.

## Cereals Are Still in Buyers' Favor, but Flour is Very Firm.

## GENERAL GROCERIES MOVE FREELY

OFFICE OF PITTSBURG DISPATCH, SATURDAY, March 15, 1890.

**Country Produce—Jobbing Prices.**

In accordance with stubborn facts, we have reduced our quotations on eggs to 15c per dozen as the outside figure. There are rumors of offers a shade below this figure. Creamery butter has also experienced a slight decline, but good grades are moving out freely. Cheese is firm and steady, the drift of markets is upward. Higher prices already prevail in the East, and it is only a question of a few days when there will be an advance here. Potatoes are scarce and firm. Onions and cabbage are quiet. There is a fair demand for sweet potatoes at quotations. Fancy apples are in good demand. The same is true of choice tropical fruits. Poultry supply is not up to demand and good stock is very firm at outside quotations.

BUTTER—Creamery, Elgin, 29@30c; Ohio do, 27@28c; fresh dairy packed, 22@23c; country rolls, 20@20c.

BEANS—Navy hand-picked beans, $2 00@2 25; medium, $1 75@2 00.

BREESWAX—25@28c ℔ ℔ for choice; low grade, 18@20c

CIDER—Sand refined, $7 50; common, $4 50 @5 00; crab cider, $8 00@8 50 ℔ barrel; cider vinegar, 10@12c ℔ gallon.

CHEESE—Ohio, 11@11½c; New York, 11½c limburger, 9½@11c; domestic Sweitzer, 13@ 14½c; imported Sweitzer, 23½c.

EGGS—14@15c ℔ dozen for strictly fresh.

FRUITS—Apples, fancy, $4 25@4 75 ℔ barrel; cranberries, $4 00@4 25 a crate; strawberries, 35@40c a box.

FEATHERS—Extra live geese, 50@60c; No. 1, do, 40@45c; mixed lots, 30@35c ℔ ℔.

MAPLE SYRUP—New, $1 00@1 25 a can.

POULTRY—Live chickens, 80@85c a pair; dressed, 12½@15c a pound; ducks, 75c@$1 ℔ pair; live turkeys, 13@14c ℔ ℔; dressed turkeys, 16@ 17c ℔ ℔.

SEEDS—Clover, choice, 62 ℔s to bushel, $4 00 ℔ bushel; clover, large English, 62 ℔s, $4 50@ 4 60; clover, Alsike, $8 00; clover, white, $9 00; timothy, choice, 45 ℔s, $1 60@1 70; blue grass, extra clean, 14 ℔s, $1 25@1 30; blue grass, fancy, 14 ℔s, $1 30; orchard grass, 14 ℔s, $1 40; red top, 14 ℔s, $1 00; millet, 50 ℔s, $1 00; Hungarian grass, 50 ℔s, $1 00; Lawn grass, mixture of fine grasses, $2 50 ℔ bushel of 14 ℔s.

TALLOW—Country, 3½c; city rendered, 4½c.

TROPICAL FRUITS—Lemons, common, $3 00 @3 50, fancy, $4 00@4 50; Florida oranges, $4 00 @4 25, Valencia, $4 00@4 50 for 420 case, Jamaica, $7 00 a barrel; bananas, $1 25@1 75 firsts, $1 00@ 1 25 good seconds, ℔ bunch; cocoanuts, $4 00@ 4 50 ℔ hundred; dates, 6½@7c ℔ ℔; layer figs, 12½@15½c.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes, from store, 60@65c; on track, 50@55c; new Southern cabbage, $3 75 one barrel crate; Dutch cabbage, $17 00 ℔ hundred; celery, 40c ℔ dozen; Jersey sweet potatoes, $4 50@4 75 a barrel; turnips, $1 25@1 50 a barrel; onions, $3 00@3 50 a barrel; Bermuda onions, $2 75 bushel crate; parsnips, $2 25@2 50 ℔ barrel.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—$1 75@2 00.

**Groceries.**

The movement is very active, but prices are unchanged. Coffee and sugar are strong enough to go higher, and an early advance is probable in both lines.

GREEN COFFEE—Fancy Rio, 24@25c; choice Rio, 22@23c; prime Rio 22½c; low grade Rio, 20@21c; old Government Java, 28@29½c; Maracaibo, 25@27c; Mocha, 29½@31½c; Santos 21½@ 25½c; Caracas 24@26c; La Guayra, 25½@26½c.

ROASTED (in papers)—Standard brands, 25c; high grades, 26@30½c; old Government Java, bulk, 33@34½c; Maracaibo, 28@29c; Santos, 26@30c; peaberry, 30c; choice Rio, 26c; prime Rio, 24½c; good Rio, 23½c; ordinary 21 @22½c.

SPICES—(whole)—Cloves, 17@18c allspice 10c; cassia, 8c; pepper, 17c; nutmeg, 70@80c.

PETROLEUM (refined)—Standard prices—110° test, 7½c; Ohio, 120° 8½c; headlight, 150° 8½c; water white, 10½c; globe, 14@14½c; elaine, 14½c; carnadine, 11½c; royaline, 14c; globe red oil, 11@ 11½c; purity, 14c.

WHISKY OIL—No. 1 winter strained, 44@45c ℔ gallon; summer, 40@43c. Lard oil, 60@65c.

SYRUP—Corn syrup, 26@28c; choice sugar syrup, 38@38c; prime sugar syrup, 30@32c; strictly prime, 33@35c; new maple syrup, 90c.

N. O. MOLASSES—Fancy, new crop, 48@50c; choice, 47c; medium, 38@43c; mixed, 40@42c.

SODA—Bi-carb in kegs, 3½@3½c; bi-carb in ¼s, 5½c; bi-carb, assorted packages, 6½@6½c; bi-soda in kegs, 1½c; do granulated, 2c.

CANDLES—Star, full weigh, 8½c; stearine, ℔ set, 8½c; paraffine, 11@12c.

RICE—Head, Carolina, 6½@7c; choice, 6¼@ 6½c; prime, Louisiana, 5½@6c.

STARCH—Pearl, 2½c; cornstarch, 5@6c; gloss starch, 4½@7c.

FOREIGN FRUITS—Layer raisins, $2 65; London layers, $2 75; Muscatels, $2 40; California Muscatels, $2 25; Valencia, 7½c; Ondara Valencia, 8½@ 9c; sultana, 11c; currants, 5@5½c; Turkey prunes, 5@5½c; French prunes, 7@10c; Salonica prunes, in 5 pound boxes, 8½c; cocoanuts, ℔ 100, $6; almonds, Lan., ℔ ℔, 20c; do Ivica, 17c; do, shelled, 40c; walnuts, nan., 14@15c; Sicily filberts, 12c; Smyrna figs, 12@13c; new dates, 6@ 6½c; Brazil nuts, 11c; pecans, 11@15c; citron, ℔ ℔, 18@19c; lemon peel, 18c ℔ ℔; orange peel, 17c.

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, sliced, per ℔, 6c; apples, evaporated, 9c; apricots, California, evaporated, 16@16c; peaches, evaporated, pared, 24@26c; peaches, California, evaporated, unpared, 18@19c; cherries, pitted, 13@13½c; cherries, unpitted, 5@6c; raspberries, evaporated, 26@27c; blackberries 7@7½c; huckleberries, 10@12c.

SUGARS—Cubes, 7¼c; powdered, 7¼c; granulated, 6¾c; confectioners' A, 6⅝c; standard A, 6½c; soft white, 6¼@6½c; yellow, choice, 5⅞@ 6c; yellow, good, 5⅝@5¾c; yellow, fair, 5½@ 5⅝c; yellow, dark, 5¼@5½c.

PICKLES—Medium, bbls (1,200), $7 00; medium, half bbls (600), $4 00.

SALT—No. 1, ℔ bbl, 55c; No. 1 ex, ℔ bbl, $1 00; dairy, ℔ bbl, $1 20; coarse crystal, ℔ bbl, $1 20; Higgins' Eureka, 4-bu sacks, $2 80; Higgins' Eureka, 16-14 ℔ packets, $3 00.

CANNED GOODS—Standard peaches, $2 00@ 2 25; 2ds, $1 65@1 80; extra peaches, $2 40@2 60; pie peaches, 85c; finest corn, $1 00@1 50; Hd Ct. corn, 60@85c; red cherries, 80@85c; Lima beans, $1 20; soaked do, 80c; string do, 60@65c; marrowfat peas, $1 10@1 15; soaked peas, 70@80c. pineapples, $1 30@1 60; Bahamas do, $2 25; damson plums, 85c; greengages, $1 25; egg plums, $2 00; California pears, $2 40; do greengages, $1 85; do egg plums, $1 85; extra white cherries, $2 40; raspberries, 95c@1 10; strawberries, $1 10; grounds cherries, $1 30@1 40; tomatoes, 80@85c; salmon, 1-lb, $1 65@1 90; blackberries, 65c; succotash, 2-lb cans, soaked, 90c; do green, 2 ℔s, $1 25@1 50; corn beef, 2-lb cans, $2 65; 14-lb cans, $14 00; baked beans, $1 45@1 50; lobster, 1-lb, $1 80@1 90; mackerel, 1-lb cans, broiled, $1 50; sardines, domestic, ¼s, $4 25@ 4 50; sardines, domestic, ⅛s, $6 75@7 00; sardines, imported, ¼s, $11 50@12 50; sardines, imported, ⅛s, $18 00; sardines, mustard, $3 50; sardines, spiced, $3 50.

FISH—Extra No. 1 bloater mackerel, $36 ℔ bbl.; extra No. 1 do, mess, $40; extra No. 1 mackerel, shore, $32; extra No. 1 do, mess, $36; No. 2 shore mackerel, $24. Codfish—Whole pollock, 4½c ℔ ℔; do medium, George's cod, 6c; do large, 7c; boneless hake, in strips, 4½c; do George's cod in blocks, 6½@7½c. Herring—Round shore, $5 00 ℔ bbl; split, $5 50; lake, $2 90 ℔ 100-lb bbl. Whitefish, $6 50 ℔ 100-lb half bbl. Lake trout, $5 50 ℔ half bbl. Finnan haddock, 10c ℔ ℔. Iceland halibut, 13c ℔ ℔. Pickerel, half bbl, $2 00; quarter bbl, $1 35; Potomac herring, $5 00 ℔ bbl; $3 50 ℔ half bbl.

OATMEAL—$6 00@6 25 ℔ bbl.

**Grain, Flour and Feed.**

Sales on call at the Grain Exchange, 3 cars No. 2 white oats, 28c, 10 days, P. R. R.; 3 cars No. 1 timothy hay, $11, April delivery. Receipts as bulletined, 44 cars, of which 24 cars were by the Pittsburg, Ft. Wayne and Chicago, as follows: 9 cars of hay, 6 of oats, 2 of barley, 5 of corn, 2 of flour. By Pittsburg, Cincinnati and St. Louis, 6 cars of oats, 2 of corn, 1 of millfeed, 1 of hay, 2 of middlings. By Baltimore and Ohio, 5 cars of hay, 1 of straw. By Pittsburg and Lake Erie, 2 cars of oats. Total receipts for the week ending March 14, 233 cars, against 184 last week and 303 cars for the week closing March 15, 1889. The week has developed no new features in the cereal situation. Markets are fairly steady, but outside of flour are in buyers' favor. The latter shows an upward drift, and while there has been no advance in prices, holders are very firm in their ideas of values, and concessions are no longer made on our quotations.

Prices below are for carload lots on track:

WHEAT—New No. 2 red, 82@83c; No. 3, 79@ 80c.

CORN—No. 2 yellow, ear, new, 37@38c; high mixed, new, 34@35c; No. 2 yellow, shelled, old, 36½@37c; new, 35@36c. Rejected shelled, corn, 30@31c; high mixed shelled corn, 33@34c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 27½@28c; extra, No. 3, 27 @27½c; mixed, 24½@25½c.

RYE—No. 1 Pennsylvania and Ohio, 53@54c; No. 1 Western, 51@52c.

FLOUR—Jobbing prices—Fancy winter and spring patents, $4 75@5 25; winter straight, $4 50@4 75; clear winter, $4 00@4 25; straight XXXX bakers', $3 75@4 00. Rye flour, $3 25@ 3 50.

MILLFEED—Middlings, fine white, $15 50@ 17 00 ℔ ton; brown middlings, $14 50@14 75; winter wheat bran, $14 00@14 25; chop feed, $15 50@16 00.

HAY—Baled timothy, No. 1, $15 50@12 00; No. 2 do, $9 00@9 50; loose from wagon, $11 00@14 00, according to quality; No. 2 prairie hay, $7 00@ 8 00; packing do, $6 75@7 00.

STRAW—Oat, $6 75@7 00; wheat and rye, $6 00@6 25.

**Provisions.**

Sugar-cured hams, large, 9½c; sugar-cured hams, medium, 10c; sugar-cured hams, small, 10½c; sugar-cured breakfast bacon, 8c; sugar-cured shoulders, 6c; sugar-cured boneless shoulders, 7¼c; sugar-cured California hams, 7½c; sugar-cured dried beef flats, 9c; sugar-cured dried beef rets, 10c; sugar-cured dried beef rounds, 12c; bacon, shoulders, 5½c; bacon, clear sides, 7½c; bacon clear bellies, 7½c; dry salt shoulders, 5½c; dry salt clear sides, 7c. Mess pork, heavy, $11 00; mess pork, family, $12 50. Lard—Refined, in tierces, 5½c; half-barrels, 5¾c; 60-℔ tubs, 5¾c; 20-℔ pails, 6c; 50-℔ tin cans, 5½c; 3-℔ tin pails, 6½c; 5-℔ tin pails, 6½c; 10-℔ tin pails, 5½c; 5-℔ tin pails, 6c. Smoked sausage, long, 5c; large, 5c. Fresh pork links, 9c. Boneless hams, 10½c. Pigs' feet, half-barrels, $4 00; quarter-barrels, $2 15.

# MARKETS BY WIRE.

## Live Trade in Wheat With Higher Prices—Oats Quiet and Steady—Slight Decline in Lard—Moderate Trade in Cut Meats at Steady Prices.

CHICAGO.—Wheat—Trading was quite large and prices again reached a higher point. The market opened excited and ⅝@⅞c higher than yesterday's closing, declined ⅜c, rallied ½c, fluctuated and closed ½@⅝c higher than yesterday. Shorts were again quite nervous and anxious to cover; at the same time there was considerable wheat for sale at top prices, which caused a reaction and held the market in check.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

WHEAT—No. 2, March, 80⅝@80⅞@79⅞@79⅞c; May, 80½@80⅝@79⅞@80c; July, 78½@78⅝@77⅞ @78⅜c.

CORN—No. 2, April, 29@29⅛@28⅞@29c; May, 29⅛@29⅞@29⅛@29½c; July, 31⅛@31⅜@30⅞@31c.

OATS—No. 2, March, 21⅝@21⅞@21c; May, 21⅝@21⅞@21⅛@21½c; June, 21½@21⅝@21⅛@21⅜c.

MESS PORK, per bbl.—March, $10 35@10 45@ 10 32½@10 32½; May, $10 70@10 70@10 45@ 10 57½; June, $10 47½@10 52½@10 37½@ 10 52½.

LARD, per 100 ℔s.—March, $6 05@6 05@6 05@ 6 05; May, $6 17½@6 17½@6 10@6 10; June, $6 15 @6 20@6 15@6 15.

SHORT RIBS, per 100 ℔s.—March, $5 05@ 5 05@5 00@5 00; May, $5 07½@5 12½@5 07½@ 5 05; June, $5 12½@5 15@5 10@5 10.

NEW YORK—Flour active instances, 5@10c up stronger; sales, 26,450 barrels. Wheat—Exports, 48,000; sales, 5,050,000; spot market higher with options quiet. No. 2 red, 88⅛@88½c in elevator; 89@90c afloat; 89⅛@91c f. o. b.; steamer No. 2 red, 84½c; No. 3 red, 84½c; steamer No. 3 red, 79½@76c; ungraded red, 68@88½c; No. 1 northern, 99½@97c; No. 1 hard, 97½@98c. Options active; ½@1c up on March, ⅝c up on late months; firm; No. 2 red March, closing, 88⅝c; April, closing, 88⅝c; May, 88⅝@88½c; closing, 88½c; June, 87⅞@87½c; closing, 87½c; July, 85½@ 85½c; closing, 85½c; August, 84½@84⅝c; closing, 84½c; September, 84½@85c; closing, 85c; December, 87½@87½c; closing, 85½c. Rye firm; western, 55@57c. Barley dull; western, 46@52c; Canada, 57@70c. Barley malt dull; Canada, 72½c. Corn—Spot market firmer and dull, with light offerings; No. 2, 36⅝@36⅞c in elevator; 37½@37⅝c afloat; ungraded mixed, 29@33½c; steamer mixed, 36½@37½c; No. 2 white, 40c; No. 3, 39½@39½c; options quiet, ½@¾c up and steady; March, 36½c; April, 36½@36c, closing at 37c; May, 37½@37¼c, closing at 37¼c; June, 37½c; July, 38½@38¾c, closing at 38½c. Oats—Receipts, 63,000 bushels; exports, 2,000 bushels; sales, 35,000 bushels futures; spot market quiet and steady; options dull and steady; March, 28½c; April, 27½c; May, 27c; spot, No. 2 white, 29⅝@31c; mixed Western, 27@30c; white do, 30@35c; No. 2 Chicago, 29½c. Hay—Quiet; fore steady shipping, 35@ 40c; good to choice, 65@85c. Hops quiet. Coffee—Options opened steady, 10@15 points up, and closed steady, 10@15 points up; sales, 35,750 bags, including March, 18.10c; April, 17.80@ 18.00c; May, 17.65@17.80c; June, 17.55@17.65c; July, 17.40@17.50c; August, 17.25@17.35c; September, 17.05@17.20c; October, 16.90@17.00c; November, 16.85c; December, 16.75@16.80c; spot Rio firm and quiet; fair cargoes, 20½c; No. 7 flat bean, 19½c. Sugar—Raw quiet and firm; refined quiet, 1-16c down, and easy; C, 5 3-16@ 5 7-16c; extra C, 5 9-16@5⅞c; white extra C, 5 5-16@5 9-16c; yellow, 4 13-16@5 7-16c; off A, 5⅛@ 5 15-16c; mold A, 5⅞c; standard A, 6⅛c; confectioners' A, 6c; cut loaf, 7⅝c; crushed, 7⅝c; powdered, 6 9-16c; granulated, 6⅜c; cubes, 6 9-16c. Molasses—Foreign easy; 50° test offered at 29½c; New Orleans firm; common to fancy, 31 @36c. Rice quiet and firm; domestic fair to extra, 4½@6½c; Japan, 4¾@5½c. Cotton seed oil strong; crude, 28c; yellow, 34c. Tallow strong; city (2 for pkgs), 4⅝c. Rosin steady; strained, common to good, $1 15@1 20. Turpentine steady at 43½@43½c. Eggs quiet and steady; western, 14c; receipts, 8,576 pkgs. Pork stronger; mess, old, $10 25@10 75; do new, $11 50 @12 00; extra prime, $9 50@10 00. Cutmeats quiet; pickled bellies, 5⅞@5⅞c; pickled shoulders, 4½@4½c; pickled hams, 4¾@4¾c. Middles dull; short clear, 5⅞c. Lard dull and easier; sales, 750 tierces; Western steam, $6 50, closing at $6 50 bid; options, sales, 2,250 tierces; March, $6 49; May, $6 47@6 48, closing at $6 49@6 50; June, $6 50, closing at $6 52; July, $6 53@6 54, closing at $6 55; August, $6 59, September, $6 64; October, $6 69. Butter steady and fairly active; Western dairy, 9@16c; do creamery, 13@22c; do factory, 6@19c; Elgin, 27@27½c. Cheese firm and less active; Western, 10@10½c.

MINNEAPOLIS—Wheat—Receipts, 166 cars and shipments 38 cars. The stocks here in public elevators are expected to show about 100,000 bushels increase for the week. The change from decrease in previous weeks to an increase now, is due to the large arrivals from interior elevators for several days. The farm movement was quite large, but small, except a few points in Minnesota. The local demand for spot wheat was smaller, as the flour market did not respond to wheat. In the last up movement holders of spot wheat asked higher prices to correspond with the rise in futures, but millers hold back, and there was little outside buying. Closing quotations: No. 1 hard, March, 78c; April, 78¼c; May, 81c; on track, 79@79½c; No. 1 Northern, March, 76½c; April, 77c; May, 78½c; on track, 78c; No. 2 Northern, March, 74½c; April, 75c; May, 76½c; on track, 75@76½c.

PHILADELPHIA — Flour firm, with a moderate demand. Wheat strong, and options advanced 1½c; receipts, 60,000; sales, 90,000 bushels milling wheat, 75@82c; prime to fancy, 85@91c; No. 2 red, in export elevator, 84c; No. 2 red, March, 84½@85c; April, 85@85½c; May, 86@86½c; June, 86@86½c. Corn firm and prices generally quiet at ½c higher; lots for local trade ruled steady, but demand very moderate; No. 4 at 30@31c; No. 3 in Girard Point elevator, 33c; steamer, in do, 34½c; No. 2 mixed, in Twentieth street elevators, 36½c; No. 2 mixed March, 35½@36c; April, 35½@36c; May, 35½@36c; June, 36¼@36⅞c. Oats—Very little doing in carlots, but prices steadily held; No. 3 white, 28c; No. 2 white, 30c; ungraded clipped, 31½c; futures quiet; No. 2 white, March, 28½@28¾c; April, 28 @28½c; May, 28½@28½c; June, 28½@28½c. Rye dull and weak; Pennsylvania firsts, 12½@13c.

# LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

## The Condition of Business at the East Liberty Stock Yards.

OFFICE OF PITTSBURG DISPATCH, SATURDAY, March 15, 1890.

CATTLE—Receipts, 986 head: shipments, 924 head: market nothing doing; all through consignments; 2 cars cattle shipped to New York to-day.

HOGS—Receipts, 2,400 head: shipments, 2,250 head: market active; medium and selected, $4 45@4 50; common to best Yorkers, $4 25@ 4 40; pigs, $4 10@4 20; 13 cars of hogs shipped to New York to-day.

SHEEP—Receipts, 1,200 head: shipments, 1,200 head; market fair at unchanged prices.

## By Telegraph.

CHICAGO—Cattle—Receipts, 2,000 head: shipments, none; market steady: steers, $3 30@4 70; stockers and feeders, $2 00@3 65; cows, bulls and mixed, $1 50@3 20; Texas corn-fed steers, $3 00@3 70. Hogs—Receipts, 15,000 head; shipments, none; market weak; mixed and light, $4 20@4 22½; heavy $4 20@4 40; skips, $3 40@ 4 15. Sheep—Receipts, 1,800 head: shipments, none; market steady; inferior to choice, $3 50@5 90; Western corn-fed, $4 50@5 60; Texans, $3 90@ 5 10; lambs, $5 00@6 30.

ST. LOUIS—Cattle—Receipts, 600 head; shipments, none; market steady; good to fancy native steers, $4 20@5 00; fair to good, $3 30@ 4 40; stockers and feeders, $2 20@3 60; range steers, $2 25@3 75. Hogs—Receipts, 1,200 head; shipments, 1,600 head; market higher; fair to choice heavy, $4 10@4 20; packing grades, $4 05@ 4 15; light, fair to best, $4 00@4 20. Sheep—Receipts, 400 head; shipments, none; market steady; fair to choice, $4 00@5 70; lambs, $5 00 @6 25.

NEW YORK—Beeves—Receipts, 800 head, all for exporters and slaughterers; no trade; feeling steady. Calves dull and unchanged. Sheep—Receipts, 650 head; market firm, but not quotably higher; sheep, $5 00@6 87½; yearlings, $6 00@7 50; spring lambs, $3 00@6 50 per head. Hogs—Receipts, 3,300 head; none for sale alive; nominal market at $4 30@4 60.

"THE biggest thing out" is what the druggists call Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup. 25 cents.

ARMOUR & CO., of this city, report the following sales of dressed beef for the week ending March 15, 1890: 167 carcasses, average weight 576 pounds, average price $5 92.

PITTSBURG BEEF CO., wholesale agents for Swift's Chicago dressed beef, sold for week ending March 15, 170 carcasses of beef. Average weight per carcass, 627 pounds; average price per pound, 6.38 cts.

# A STRONG CLOSE

## Noted on the Home Exchange—The Clearing House Still Gaining on Last Year—Features of Saturday's Speculative Markets, Etc.

Saturday ended one of the dullest weeks ever known on the Stock Exchange. Sales for the day were 55 shares, and for the week 960. There were no material changes either way, but nearly everything was firm.

The prevailing apathy should not be attributed to a want of confidence in the securities, but to a radical and apparently irreconcilable difference between buyers and sellers, and both so settled in their convictions as to be unwilling to make concessions. That prices remain strong with so little doing would convince investors of the futility of holding out for more favorable terms.

There were no surprises during the week. The decline in Allegheny Heating Company was only a natural reaction from a too sudden advance. The sharp rise in Westinghouse Air-brake was the logical result of statements showing the company to be overrun with business.

Sales were 5 shares of Switch and Signal at 14½, and 50 Citizens' Insurance at 36.

Sproul & Lawrence sold 25 shares East End Electric Light Company at 60¼.

Robinson Bros. sold $5,000 Little Rock, Ark., water bonds, 6s, at par and interest. They are guaranteed by the American Water Works and Guarantee Company of this city.

Rea Bros. & Co. bought 100 shares People's Natural Gas and Pipeage Company at 15¾.

H. M. Long bought 150 shares Pleasant Valley Railway at 25, and sold 50 shares Westinghouse Electric at 46.

C. L. McCutcheon sold 50 shares Philadelphia Company at 33.

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The local financial situation was comfortable and encouraging Saturday. Checking showed an improvement over the previous day, and depositing was brisk. There was a fair business demand for discounts and plenty of cash to supply it. Disagreeable weather was the only thing complained of.

Bank clearings for the week were nearly $2,500,000 greater than those for the same time last year. If business was good then, as was claimed at the time, and with no small degree of pride, it must be better now. The gain can be explained no other way. Signs of an active spring trade are multiplying, and preparations for it are well under way.

The Clearing House report for the day and week, as prepared by Manager Chaplin, is appended:

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| Saturday's exchanges | $2,408,506 10 |
| Saturday's balances | 425,062 35 |
| Previous balances | 13,766,300 40 |
| Week's balances | 2,292,997 72 |
| Exchanges week of 1889 | 11,373,344 28 |
| Balances week of 1889 | 1,797,672 38 |
| Gain for week over 1888 | 2,421,116,12 |

## BULLS ARE BRAVER.

### Reading is Strong Regardless of the State of the Coal Trade.

NEW YORK, March 15.—The general market to-day has been steady and dull, with a notable absence of outside inquiry for stocks. The sentiment at large is bullish rather than bearish, but it does not manifest itself in any important buying. While such shares as Atchison, the Grangers, Louisville and Nashville and Missouri Pacific were practically unchanged, a good rise took place in the Vanderbilts. Lake Shore, New York Central and Michigan Central are closely held for investment, and a little demand puts them up easily, as for example, the same demand would advance Delaware and Hudson.

Manhattan Elevated was a feature among the specialties, and it rose 1¾ per cent on limited business.

Reading was strong throughout and the prospect is that it will go still higher on Monday. There is no use to argue about the state of the coal trade. It has nothing to do with the market price of Reading. There is a bull clique in absolute control and a short interest that must settle.

Warm weather and floods are bear points, but the impetus given to the market last week, while not continuing to move up quotations, leaves a hopeful feeling among the general run of traders. The worst feature is the deadly apathy of professionals and outsiders.

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

| | Opening. | High-est. | Low-est. | Closing Bids. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Am. Cotton Oil Trust | .... | .... | .... | 27 |
| Atch., Top. & S. F. | 36 | 36⅛ | 36 | 35⅞ |
| Canada Pacific | .... | .... | .... | 85½ |
| Canada Southern | 54⅝ | 55⅛ | 54⅝ | 55 |
| Central of New Jersey | .... | .... | .... | 119½ |
| Central Pacific | .... | .... | .... | 33½ |
| Chesapeake & Ohio | .... | .... | .... | 23⅝ |
| C., Bur. & Quincy | 107¼ | 107¼ | 107 | 106⅞ |
| C., Sin. & St. Paul | 68⅞ | 69⅝ | 68⅞ | 69 |
| C., Mil. & St. P., pf. | .... | .... | .... | 119⅛ |
| C., Rock I. & P. | 94 | 94⅛ | 93⅞ | 93⅞ |
| C., St. L. & Pitts. | .... | .... | .... | 17 |
| C., C., C. & I., pf. | .... | .... | .... | 89 |
| C., St. P., M. & O. | 82⅝ | 82⅝ | 82⅝ | 82⅝ |
| C., St. P., M. & O., pf. | .... | .... | .... | 92 |
| C. & Northwestern | 110⅝ | 111⅛ | 110⅝ | 110⅝ |
| C. & N. W. pfd. | .... | .... | .... | 141 |
| C., C., C. & I. | 71⅞ | 71⅞ | 71⅞ | 71 |
| Del., Lack. & W. | .... | .... | .... | 137 |
| Col. Coal & Iron | 45⅞ | 45⅞ | 45⅞ | 45½ |
| Col. & Hocking Val. | 20⅞ | 20⅞ | 20⅞ | 20⅞ |
| Del., L. & W. | 136 | 136½ | 135⅞ | 135⅞ |
| Del. & Hudson | .... | .... | .... | 145½ |
| Denv. & Rio G. | .... | .... | .... | 15 |
| Denver & Rio G., pf. | .... | .... | .... | 46 |
| E. Tenn. Va. & Ga. | .... | .... | .... | 8⅞ |
| E. T., Va. & Ga. 1st pf. | 72 | 72 | 72 | 72 |
| E. T., Va. & Ga. 2d pf. | .... | .... | .... | 37 |
| Illinois Central | .... | .... | .... | 113½ |
| Lake Erie & Western | .... | .... | .... | 17⅞ |
| Lake Erie & West. pf. | 63⅞ | 63 | 63⅞ | 63⅞ |
| Lake Shore & M. S. | 106⅞ | 107⅛ | 106½ | 107 |
| Louisville & Nashville | 83⅞ | 84⅛ | 83⅞ | 83⅞ |
| Michigan Central | 96⅞ | 97⅞ | 96⅞ | 97⅛ |
| Mobile & Ohio | .... | .... | .... | 15 |
| Missouri Pacific | 74 | 74⅛ | 74 | 74 |
| New York Central | 107⅞ | 107⅞ | 107⅞ | 107⅞ |
| N. Y., L. E. & W. | 26⅞ | 26⅞ | 26 | 26 |
| N. Y., L. E. & W. pf. | .... | .... | .... | 97 |
| N. Y., C. & St. L. | 17⅞ | 17⅞ | 17⅞ | 17 |
| N. Y., C. & St. L. pf. | .... | .... | .... | 70¼ |
| N. Y., C. & St. L. 2d pf. | 39 | 39 | 39 | 39 |
| N. Y. & N. E. | 47⅞ | 47⅞ | 47⅞ | 47⅞ |
| N. Y., O. & W. | 18 | 18⅛ | 18 | 18 |
| Norfolk & Western | .... | .... | .... | 19⅛ |
| Norfolk & Western, pf. | 60½ | 60½ | 60½ | 60½ |
| Northern Pacific | .... | .... | .... | 30⅞ |
| Northern Pacific pf. | 72⅞ | 72⅞ | 72⅞ | 72⅞ |
| Ohio & Mississippi | 20⅞ | 20⅞ | 20⅞ | 20⅞ |
| Oregon Improvement | .... | .... | .... | 29⅞ |
| Oregon Transcon. | 47⅞ | 47⅞ | 47⅞ | 47½ |
| Pacific Mail | 38 | 38 | 37⅞ | 37⅞ |
| Peo. Dec. & Evans. | .... | .... | .... | 18½ |
| Philadel. & Reading | 39⅞ | 40⅛ | 39⅞ | 40¼ |
| Pullman Palace Car | .... | .... | .... | 191 |
| Richmond & W. P. T. | 20⅞ | 21 | 20⅞ | 21⅛ |
| Richmond & W. P. T. pf | .... | .... | .... | 112 |
| St. P., Minn. & Man. | 112⅞ | 112⅞ | 112⅞ | 112 |
| St. L. & San Fran. | .... | .... | .... | 18 |
| St. L. & San Fran pf. | .... | .... | .... | 38⅞ |
| St. L. & San F. 1st pf. | .... | .... | .... | 125 |
| Texas Pacific | 20 | 20½ | 20 | 20 |
| Union Pacific | 63⅞ | 63⅞ | 63⅞ | 63⅞ |
| Wabash | .... | .... | .... | 12⅞ |
| Wabash preferred | 27⅞ | 27⅞ | 27⅞ | 26⅞ |
| Western Union | 83 | 83 | 82⅞ | 82⅞ |
| Wheeling & L. E. | 7⅞ | 7⅞ | 7⅞ | 7⅞ |
| Sugar Trust | 66⅞ | 68⅞ | 66⅞ | 67⅞ |
| National Lead Trust | 19⅞ | 19⅞ | 18⅞ | 18⅞ |
| Chicago Gas Trust | 42⅞ | 43 | 42⅞ | 42⅞ |

*Ex-dividend.

**Closing Bond Quotations.**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| U. S. 4s, reg. | 122⅞ | M. K. & T. Gen. 5s | 64⅞ |
| U. S. 4s, coup. | 122⅞ | Mutual Union 6s | 100 |
| U. S. 4½s, reg. | 103½ | N. J. C. Int. Cert. | 111⅞ |
| U. S. 4½s, coup. | 103½ | Northern Pac. 1sts | 115¼ |
| Pacific 6s of '95 | 118 | Northern Pac. 2sts | 114⅞ |
| Louisiana stamped 4s | 96 | Northw'tn consols | 141 |
| Missouri 4s | 100 | Northw'n deben's | 110¼ |
| Tenn. new set. 6s | 109 | Oregon & Trans. 6s | 106⅞ |
| Tenn. new set. 5s | 104⅞ | St. L. & I. M. Gen. 5s | 92⅞ |
| Tenn. new set. 3s | 78⅞ | St. L. & S. F. Gen. M. | 109⅞ |
| Canada So. 2ds | 97⅞ | St. Paul consols | 127 |
| Cen. Pacific 1sts | 112⅞ | St. Pl. Chi & Pc. 1sts | 116 |
| Den. & R. G., 1sts | 118⅞ | Tx., Pc. L. G. Tr. Rs | 92 |
| Den. & R. G. 4s | 75⅞ | Tx., Pc. R. G. Tr. Rcts | 38⅞ |
| D. & R. G. West. 1sts | .... | Union Pac. 1sts | 113⅞ |
| Erie, 2ds | 101⅞ | West Shore | 105¼ |
| M. K. & T. Gen. 6s | 75¼ | | |

**Boston Stocks.**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Atch. & Top. | 36 | Allouez Mg Co | 3⅞ |
| Boston & Albany | 217 | Boston & Mont | 49⅞ |
| Boston & Maine | 222½ | Calumet & Hecla | 260 |
| C., B. & Q. | 107¼ | Franklin | 19 |
| Chic. San. & Clev | 23¼ | Huron | 8⅞ |
| Eastern R. R. | 164½ | Kearsarge | 10⅞ |
| Eastern R. R. 8s | 125¼ | Oceola | 20¼ |
| Flint & Pere M. | 29½ | Pewabic | 8 |
| Flint & Pere M. pfd. | 95 | Quincy | 72 |
| L. R. & F. S. 7s | 108 | Santa Fe copper | 1.05 |
| Mass. Central | 16¼ | Tamarack | 150 |
| Mex. Central con. | 17⅞ | Anniston Land Co. | 50 |
| N. Y. & New Eng. | 46 | Boston Land | 6¼ |
| N. Y. & New Eng 7s. | 128 | San Diego | 17 |
| O. & L. C. com | 8 | West End Land Co. | 24⅞ |
| Old Colony | 176 | Bell Telephone | 220 |
| Rutland preferred | 72 | Lamson Store | 29⅞ |
| Wis. Central com. | 29½ | Water Power | 5⅞ |

**Philadelphia Stocks.**

Closing quotations of Philadelphia stocks, furnished by Whitney & Stephenson, brokers, No. 57 Fourth avenue. Members New York Stock Exchange.

| | Bid. | Asked. |
|---|---|---|
| Pennsylvania Railroad | 54 | 54¼ |
| Reading | 20 13-16 | 20¾ |
| Buffalo, Pittsburg & Western | 8⅝ | 8⅞ |
| Lehigh Valley | 51⅞ | 51⅞ |
| Lehigh Navigation | 52 | 52⅞ |
| Northern Pacific | 30½ | 31 |
| Northern Pacific preferred | 72¼ | 72⅞ |

**Features of Saturday's Oil Market.**

Corrected daily by John M. Oakley & Co., 45 Sixth street, members of the Pittsburg Petroleum Exchange.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Opened | 89⅛ | Lowest | 89⅛ |
| Highest | 90⅛ | Closed | 89⅛ |

| | Barrels. |
|---|---|
| Average charters | 24,153 |
| Average shipments | 68,818 |
| Average runs | 61,098 |

Refined, New York, 7.30c.
Refined, London, 5½d.
Refined, Antwerp, 17½f.
Refined, Liverpool, 6d.
Refined, Bremen, 6.35m.
A. B. McGrew quotes: Puts, 88⅝c; calls, 91⅛@91⅜c.

**Drygoods.**

NEW YORK, March 15.—Stormy weather curtailed trade in dry goods, as regards transactions on the spot, but jobbers had a fair business under the circumstances. While agents received the usual volume of small orders by mail for replenishments, there was no change and no feature to the market.

**Mining Shares.**

NEW YORK, March 15.—Mining quotations: Alice 100, Adams Con