FEATURES OF TRADE.

An East End Stockman Furnishes Some Items of General Interest

CONCERNING A TRIP TO WYOMING.

Present Situation and Outlook of the Wholesale Shoe Trade.

GOOD PRODUCE RATHER SCARCE NOW

OFFICE OF PITTSBURG DISPATCH, TUESDAY, April 8, 1890.

An East Liberty stockman, who has just returned from a trip through Wyoming and Montana, in an interview yesterday expressed himself as believing that cattle were bound to be higher in price the coming season than they have been for a year or more. Said he: "I am confident that through the cattle raising-region south and west of great Rollins in Wyoming Territory, the number of cattle on the ranches has fallen off 50 per cent from the number of the average season. Early last fall continuous rains rotted the grass in that section, and this being followed by the heaviest snows for years ranchmen in the North Park region were compelled to drive their cattle southward the past winter in search of grassy valleys and places where there was food for their herds.

"In the eastern part of Wyoming and western part of Colorado there is plenty, and the less favored sections, are forced to draw supplies from those sources. Stockmen in Western Wyoming are now shipping feeders to markets, a thing unusual in the trade. This is due to advance in prices of cattle and failure of hay and grass in that section. Prices are now $1 a hundred more than at this time last year for stockers, and they are being freely shipped to points eastward, where grain and hay are abundant and cheap.

"The general feeling through the cattle regions of Montana and Wyoming is that all grades of live stock must advance. The outside price for stock cattle in Wyoming last fall was 2½c. Now the outside price is 3½c, and at the advance prices are very firm. The only class of cattle selling low are mixed herds. The advance has not yet reached this grade, but probably will if the upward movement continues. All cattle buyers at this stage seem to want steers. There are reported to be 90,000 Texas steers now on the way from that State to the ranches of Wyoming and Montana. When I left Wyoming last week the price of yearlings was $8 00 to $10 00; 2-year olds, $12 00 to $14 00, and 3-year olds, $16 00 to $18 00. These prices are an advance on rates of last season at this time, and all stockmen I met expressed the belief that we were on the verge of a higher priced era in cattle lines."

Jobbing Shoe Trade.

One of our foremost jobbers of shoes said to-day: "Our April trade starts uncomfortably slow, and there is a good reason for it in the wretched condition of country roads through Pittsburg's trade territory. Our traveling men have found it utterly impossible of late to get to their customers without walking. The country districts, from which a large part of our trade comes, has been shut in from the business world for months past. We expect to make up for lost time when the weather settles and roads become passable.

"Prices are not materially changed from last year. There is, however, a growing demand for better grades of goods. This is due to the general prosperity of this section and to the fact that people are waking up to the idea that high-priced shoes are the cheapest in the end. For gentlemen's wear lace and congress shoes are now the rage. Ladies and children only call for button shoes to any great extent.

"Rubber goods were advanced 12 per cent on April 1 owing to the advance on raw materials in Brazil from 65c to 85c per pound.

"While manufacturers of rubber goods will be forced to carry over until next season an unusual amount of rubber goods, stocks are light in the hands of jobbers and retailers in this section."

As to Produce Markets.

The domestic market column reveals the fact that cereals are on a boom, while butter and eggs are demoralized. The advance in grain and hay is no doubt largely due to the difficulty of getting stuff to the market. There is an abundance in the land and there is little doubt that the upward movement will soon be arrested. There are no substantial reasons in sight for any great bull movement in cereals. Good roads will, it is believed, soon correct the present scarcity, and a reaction to the present activity is likely to come soon.

The season is fully on for lower priced butter and advices from the West already point to a sharp decline.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

The Condition of Business at the East Liberty Stock Yards.

OFFICE OF PITTSBURG DISPATCH, TUESDAY, April 8, 1890.

CATTLE—Receipts, 263 head; shipments, 180 head; market slow at yesterday's prices; no cattle shipped to New York to-day.

HOGS—Receipts, 1,250 head; shipments, 700 head; market slow; medium and selected, $4 40@4 50; common to best Yorkers, $4 25@4 40; pigs, $4 10@4 25; 1 car hogs shipped to New York to-day.

SHEEP—Receipts, 1,250 head; shipments, 1,200 head; market fair at yesterday's prices.

By Telegraph.

CHICAGO—Cattle—Receipts, 5,600 head; shipments, 3,000 head; market steady; choice to extra beeves, $4 75@5 25; steers, $3 40@4 60; stockers and feeders, $2 50@3 85; cows, bulls and mixed, $1 25@3 75; Texas, fairly active, $1 90@3 85. Hogs—Receipts, 15,000 head; shipments, 4,000 head; market 5 to 10c lower; mixed, $4 15@4 40; heavy, $4 10@4 45; light, $4 15@4 30; skips, $3 25@4 15. Sheep—Receipts, 6,000 head; shipments, 2,500 head; market active and 10c higher; natives, $4 20@6 25; westerns, $5 00@6 50; Texans, $5 00@5 65; lambs, $5 00@6 75.

ST. LOUIS—Cattle—Receipts, 1,100 head; shipments, none; market strong; good to fancy native steers, $4 20@4 90; fair to good do, $3 30@4 35; stockers and feeders, $2 40@3 40; Texas and Indian steers, $2 40@3 85. Hogs—Receipts, 5,900 head; shipments, 2,100 head; market steady; fair to choice heavy, $4 20@4 32½; packing grades, $4 15@4 25; light, fair to best, $4 10@4 20. Sheep—Receipts, 3,200 head; market steady; fair to choice, $4 00@5 75.

INDIANAPOLIS—Cattle—Receipts light; market steady; shippers, $3 00@4 00; butchers', $1 25@3 75; bulls, $1 50@3 25. Hogs—Receipts, 2,500; market active and a shade stronger. Choice heavy and medium, $4 20@4 37½; mixed, $4 00@4 30; light, $4 10@4 37½. Sheep—Receipts light; market unchanged; lambs, $3 50@5 75; sheen, $2 75@5 65.

BUFFALO—Cattle feeling firm; receipts, 310 loads through, no sale. Sheep feeling firm; receipts, 5 loads through, no sale. Hogs steady; receipts, 10 loads through, no sale; mediums and heavy and mixed, $4 55; Yorkers, $4 50@4 55; pigs, $4 30.

CINCINNATI—Hogs stronger; common and light, $3 50@4 25; packing and butchers, $4 15@4 35; receipts, 1,700 head; shipments, 1,600 head.

Wool Markets.

PHILADELPHIA—Wool, prices steady with fair inquiry. Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia XX and above, 32@34c; X, 30@33c; medium, 36@38c; coarse, 33@35c; New York, Michigan, Indiana and Western fine, or X and XX, 28@30c; medium 36@37c; coarse, 33@35c; fine washed delaine X and XX, 35@37c; medium washed combing and delaine, 38@41c; coarse do., 34@36c; Canada washed combing, 32@34c; tub washed, choice, 39@40c; fair, 37@38c; coarse, 32@35c; medium unwashed combing and delaine, 27@30c; coarse do, 26@27c; Montana, 16@25c; Territorial 15@22c.

BOSTON—There is a very good demand for wool, and prices remain firm on all desirable grades. Ohio and Pennsylvania fleeces are quoted at 38@41c for X; 42@43½c for XX and XX and above; and 36@38c for No. 1. In Michigan fleeces there have been sales of X at 28@29c, and New York fleeces sell at the inside figure. Combing and delaine fleeces are in good demand at full prices but supplies are small. Territory wools continue to sell well at 57@58c for fine, 53@55c for fine medium, and 50@52c for medium. Texas and California wools are well sold up. In Oregon wools there have been sales on the range of 16@19c for Eastern. Pulled wools are in steady demand at 30@38c for super and 25@28c for extra.

Drygoods.

NEW YORK, April 8.—The drygoods market presented few features of special interest. There was, however, a fair volume of goods in motion on account of previous transactions, which keeps stocks from accumulating to any unreasonable extent, and a better tone to low grade cotton goods results from the improvement in the prices of print cloths.

Metal Market.

NEW YORK—Pig iron market dull and easy. Copper firm; Lake, April, $14 50. Lead dull and heavy; domestic, $3 90. Tin quiet and easier; straits, $20.

FOR DYSPEPSIA

Use Horsford's Acid Phosphate.

Dr. J. J. McWilliams, Denison, Ia., says: "I have used it largely in nervousness and dyspepsia, and I consider that it stands unrivalled as a remedy in cases of this kind. I have also used it in cases of sleeplessness, with very gratifying results."

MARKETS BY WIRE.

A Good Movement in Wheat—May Higher and July Lower—Traders Rattled by the St. Louis Failure—Pork Unsettled.

CHICAGO—A good business was transacted in wheat to-day and the feeling was unsettled and somewhat feverish. Fluctuations at times were rapid and frequent, and the failure of a prominent St. Louis trader helped to unsettle affairs somewhat. The market opened rather weak at a shade under yesterday's closing and immediately declined ¼@⅜c, and then advanced ⅜@½c, fluctuated some little time, and then receded ⅜c for May and ⅜c for July, but later advanced 1c for May and ⅞c for July, and the closing was ⅝c higher for May and ⅛c lower for July than yesterday. There was not much news of any kind from the outside, and the market was governed by speculative influences.

Corn was traded in to a fair extent, the market ruling a little irregular within comparatively narrow limits. The bulk of business was in May and July, the latter in particular receiving unusual attention. The straits were reported open and vesselmen were preparing to move out the fleet.

Oats—The market was inactive and steadier, but prices were confined to a smaller range. Closing prices showed a slight gain over those of yesterday.

A fairly active business was done in pork, but the feeling was somewhat unsettled. Early prices advanced 10c, later, the feeling growing easier, prices settled back again 7½@10c. Toward the close the feeling was steadier and the market closed with the greater portion of the advance lost.

Trading was light in lard and the feeling was steady, price changes very slight.

Only a fair business was transacted in ribs and the feeling was steady.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

WHEAT—April, No. 2, 80@80⅜@79⅞@80¼c; May, 80⅝@81⅛@80⅝@81¼c; June, 80⅝@81⅛@80⅝@81⅛c.

CORN—No. 2, April, 30@30¼@30@30¼c; May, 30⅞@31@30⅞@31c; July, 32½@32⅝@32@32⅛c.

OATS—No. 2, May, 22⅝@22¾@22⅝@22¾c; June, 22½@22⅝@22½@22¾c; July, 22⅝@23@22⅝@23c.

MESS PORK, per bbl.—May, $10 65@10 75@10 65@10 65; June, $10 75@10 82½@10 75@10 75; July, $10 85@10 95@10 82½@10 85.

LARD, per 100 lbs.—May, $6 15@6 17½; June, $6 22½@6 22½@6 22½@6 22½; July, $6 27½@6 30@6 20@6 20.

SHORT RIB SIDES, per 100 lbs.—May, $5 17½@5 20@5 17½@5 20; June, $5 25@5 25; July, $5 30@5 32½@5 30@5 32½.

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour firm, with an advance of 10c asked by dealers in some brands. No. 2 spring wheat, 80@80½c; No. 3 spring wheat, nominal; No. 2 red, 80@80½c. No. 2 corn, 30½@30⅝c. No. 2 oats, 22½@22⅝c. No. 2 rye, 43½c. No. 2 barley, nominal. No. 1 flaxseed, $1 49. Prime timothy seed, $1 22. Mess pork, per bbl, $10 60@10 62½. Lard, per 100 lbs, $6 12½@6 15. Short ribs sides (loose), $5 17½@5 20; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4 50@4 60; short clear sides (boxed), $5 50@5 60. Sugar—Unchanged. Receipts—Flour, 19,000 barrels; wheat, 15,000 bushels; corn, 301,000 bushels; oats, 123,000 bushels; rye, 3,000 bushels; barley, 33,000 bushels. Shipments—Flour, 12,000 barrels; wheat, 201,000 bushels; corn, 275,000 bushels; oats, 212,000 bushels; rye, 50,000 bushels; barley, 32,000 bushels.

On the Produce Exchange to-day the butter market was weak. Fancy Elgin, 20@20½c; finest Western, 18@19c; fine, 16@17½c; finest dairies, 18@20c; fine, 14@17c. Eggs, 10½c.

NEW YORK—Flour active for export and home and firmer. Wheat—Spot stronger and irregular, closing steady; options active in protecting contracts, with a few outside orders: most of the business was done early in the day; prices have fluctuated ½@⅝c closing weak at ⅛c advance for May and ¼@⅜c decline on later months. Cornmeal steady. Rye strong; Western, 57@58½c. Barley firm; Western, 45@62c; Canada, 60@70c. Barley malt steady; Canada, 75@87½c. Corn—Spot firmer and moderately active; options dull and firmer. Oats—Spot fairly active; options fairly active and firmer. Hay quiet; steady. Hops weak; quiet. Coffee—Options opened steady; 5@10 points down; closed steady; unchanged to 10 points down. Sales, 21,750 bags, including April, 17.70@17.75c; May, 17.50@17.60c; June, 17.35c; July, 17.15@17.20c; August, 17.05c; September, 16.80@16.85c; October, 16.65c; November, 16.40c; December, 16.35@16.40c; January, 16.25@16.35c. Spot Rio quiet and steady; fair, 20½c; No. 7 flat bean, 19@19¼c. Sugar—Raw steady; fair demand; fair refining, 4 13-16c; sales, 6,560 bags centrifugals, 96° test, 5⅜c; refined weak; off A, 5 11-16@5 5-8c; confectioners A, 5⅝c; powdered, 6¼c. Molasses, foreign dull. Rice quiet. Orleans steady. Rice firm, good demand. Cottonseed oil strong. Tallow steady. Rosin steady, strained common to good, $1 25@$1 30. Turpentine firm: 43c, spot; 41@41½c to arrive. Eggs quiet, weaker; Western, 11½@11⅝c; receipts, 14,055 packages. Pork quiet and firm; mess, old, $11 00@11 25; do new, $11 75@12 25; extra prime, $9 50@10 00. Cutmeats strong; pickled bellies, 5½@5¾c; do shoulders, 5⅝c; do hams, 9¼@10c. Lard quiet, steady; Western steam, $6 50; sales, 500 tierces; options, sales, 3,250 tierces; April, $6 49; May, $6 47@6 48, closing $6 49; June, $6 54; July, $6 58@6 59, closing $6 60; August $6 67; September, $6 75; closing, $6 74; October, $6 74c, closing, $6 78 bid. Butter, liberal supply, weak; Western dairy, 7½@13c; do creamery, 10@19c; do held, 6@12c; do factory, 4@14c; Elgin, 21c. Cheese strong, active; Western, 10¼@10½c.

BALTIMORE—Wheat—Western, firmer; No. 2 winter red spot and April, 84½@84⅝c; May, 85⅛@85⅜c; July, 82⅞c, bid. Corn—Western, firm; mixed, spot and April, 37¼@37½c; May, 37⅜@37½c; June, 38⅛@38⅜c; July, 38⅝@38⅞c; August, 39½c, bid; steamer, 35¾@36c. Oats, firm; Western white, 30@31½c; do mixed, 27@29c; grades No. 2 white, 31c. Rye quiet at 55@56c. Hay, steady; prime to choice timothy, $12 50@13 00. Provisions quiet and steady. Mess pork—Old, $10 75; new, $11 75. Bulk meats, loose, shoulders, 5c; long clear and clear ribs, sided, 5½c; sugar-pickled shoulders, 5½@5¾c; sugar-smoked shoulders, 6½@6¾c; hams, 10½@12c. Lard, 7½c; crude, 6¼c. Butter active and lower; Western, 13@16c; creamery, 19@21c. Eggs quiet at 13c. Coffee dull; Rio fair at 20¼@20½c.

MINNEAPOLIS—The receipts of wheat for the day were 103 cars, with 45 shipped out. There was a good demand for better grades of cash wheat, with local millers taking the most of low grades. Low grades were generally pronounced dull and dragging. The smallness of the receipts caused some competition among buyers, and prices show a slight advance over those of yesterday for high grades. Reports from the country show bad roads, and very little wheat moving from farm granaries. The closing quotations: No. 1 hard, May, 81½c; July, 80¾c; on track, 181½c; No. 1 Northern, April 79¼c; May, 79⅝c; July, 81⅜c; on track, 80¾c; No. 2 Northern, April, 76c; May, 77c; July, 79⅝c; on track, 76@78c.

ST. LOUIS—Flour very firm, but quiet. Wheat—Higher, from a wild and higher curing, caused by the failure of a prominent terminal broker; the market opened steady for May and ⅛c up on July from yesterday's regular close; the market was rather nervous throughout, and closed with May, June and July ¾@⅞c and August ⅜c above yesterday; No. 2 red, cash, 81c; May, 79⅝@80⅝c; closed, 80⅝c asked; June, closed 80¼c bid; July, 77⅝c asked; August, 77⅝c. Corn better; No. 2 mixed, cash, 28c; May closed at 28⅝c; July, 28¼@28⅜c asked; August, 30½c. Oats higher; No. 2, cash, 22c bid; May, 23½c. Rye, No. 2 lower, at 41½c. Barley firm and scarce. Provisions steady and firm. Pork, $10 60.

MILWAUKEE — Flour dull. Wheat ⅛c higher; No. 2 spring, on track, cash, 75@77½c; bid; No. 1, northern, 81c. Corn firm; No. 3, on track, 33c. Oats quiet; No. 2 white, on track, 24½@25½c. Rye firm; No. 1, in store, 46c bid. Barley excited; No. 2, in store, 52c. Provisions steady. Pork, $10 70. Lard, $6 12½. Butter lower; dairy, 15@16c. Eggs—Market lifeless; fresh, 11c. Cheese unchanged; cheddars, 10@10½c. Receipts—Flour, 8,300; wheat, 11,600; barley, 11,200. Shipments—Flour, 13,100; wheat, 2,200; barley, 8,400.

PHILADELPHIA—Flour easy. Wheat ruled firm under small supplies and a good demand from mills. Receipts—Flour, 29,081 bushels; wheat, 11,000 bushels; corn, 274,000 bushels; oats, 19,000 bushels; rye, 3,000 bushels. Shipments—Flour, 35,630 bushels; wheat, 4,000 bushels corn, 132,000 bushels. Sales—Wheat, 14,000 bushels; corn, 300,000 bushels.

TOLEDO—Wheat active and easier; cash and May, 82¾c; July, 81c; August, 80½c. Corn dull and firm; cash, 33c; May, 32½c. Oats steady and firm; cash, 29½c. Cloverseed dull and steady; cash, $3 30.

ENCOURAGING ANNUAL REPORT.

The Agreement for the Consolidation Was Not Submitted.

COLUMBUS, April 8.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Pittsburg, Cincinnati and St. Louis Railway Company was held in this city to-day. The annual report for 1889 shows an increase in gross earnings, as compared with 1888 of $485,844 and a decrease in expenses of $3,079. The net earnings for 1889 were $1,684,259 98. The surplus for the year 1889 was $626,257. Deduct losses on leased lines $340,194, leaves surplus on all lines for 1889 $286,062 34, against a deficit upon all lines for 1888 of $95,254 74. The tonnage on all lines increased 176,501 tons. The number of passengers carried on all lines decreased 30,445.

The agreement for the proposed consolidation with the Chicago, St. Louis and Pittsburg Railroad Company was not submitted at this meeting. A special meeting for that purpose will be called later. The old Board of Directors was re-elected with the exception that Henry D. Welsh was chosen in place of Wm. Thaw, deceased.

Gratifying to All.

The high position attained and the universal acceptance and approval of the pleasant liquid fruit remedy Syrup of Figs, as the most excellent laxative known, illustrate the value of the qualities on which its success is based and are abundantly gratifying to the California Fig Syrup Company.

A RUMOR RUN DOWN.

Reported Sale of the Holmes Property on Fifth Avenue Denied.

SEVERAL BIG MORTGAGES PLACED.

The Work of Opening Up Sewickley Valley Progressing Favorably.

HOW REAL ESTATE LOOKS TO AN EXPERT

A report obtained considerable currency on Fourth avenue yesterday evening, in substance that Mr. Americus Holmes had sold his Fifth avenue property—a frontage of 120 feet to McMasters alley—at a steep figure.

Mr. Holmes was seen and asked for particulars. He said: "Such a report is out, is it? Well, it's news to me. If I've sold I don't know it. The author of the story must be mistaken." That settled it.

Messrs. W. A. Herron & Sons yesterday placed the following mortgages on city property: One of $20,000 at 6 per cent, one of $11,000 at 5 3-10 per cent, and one of $6,000 at 5 per cent.

Samuel W. Black & Co. yesterday placed a mortgage of $16,500 on Third avenue property for two years at 6 per cent.

There was a $16,000 deal in acre property at Hazelwood yesterday, but particulars were undobtainable.

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It seems to be settled that there will be no boom, no inflation, no kite-flying in Pittsburg real estate. This is encouraging. It means an active, steady market. In regard to this matter one of the most prominent real estate brokers in the city said yesterday: "A year ago I was fearful that the activity in realty would have a bad effect upon owners, by encouraging them to put up prices beyond the reach of ordinary buyers. But I was mistaken. They have not done so, and thereby showed their good sense. It is true property is higher now than it was a year ago, but the city contains more people and has more business. It would be foolish to expect property to remain stationary under such conditions. Like everything else it keeps pace with the demand. There is no danger in this. It is legitimate. The danger lies in outstripping the demand. But this is not likely, or it would have been attempted long ago.

"At present the market is working quietly and smoothly. There are fewer new buyers than usual, but sales in a regular way are respectable in number and value. A great many important deals are under way, but as they involve large amounts of money it takes time to bring them to a conclusion. There are no indications of a waning interest. I look forward to a season of great activity. The market is not oversold, and there is no scarcity of good property for all purposes—improved and unimproved."

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A great change is in progress along the Ohio river which will bring real estate in that section into equal prominence with that in any other locality adjacent to the city. California avenue is being opened to the full width of 60 feet. This is an important improvement and should be pushed vigorously. A fine bridge across McClure avenue is under way and will be completed in a short time.

A 60-foot street has been opened to Jack's Run, where another bridge will be erected to connect Allegheny with Bellvernon, the Council of which place is considering the question of granting right of way for an electric road, which will no doubt be granted and the road be built as soon as possible to Dixmont, and probably to Sewickley, in order to head off another company which proposes to build one along the New Brighton road. The road first mentioned is now running cars to Strawberry lane. When completed, as proposed, it will open up some very fine residence property.

It will pass through Emsworth—one of the liveliest and most romantically situated little towns on the route, where there are a large number of fine sites for county residences—equal to anything in the East End—and much cheaper. Further down, the new town of Clifton is being laid out, with good prospects of rapid growth. It will cover about all the ground between Emsworth and Dixmont; but plenty of land is still available in good locations, either in blocks or lots, in and around Emsworth, Laurel and Avalon at moderate figures.

The oil craze has struck these communities pretty hard, and everybody is waiting to see what it will amount to. The people, however, have not permitted the excitement to divert their attention entirely from ordinary affairs. There is a good inquiry for building sites, and a large number of houses will go up this year, oil or no oil.

LOCAL SECURITIES.

A Brief Spurt in Pleasant Valley Railway—Several Weak Spots.

The feature of the stock market yesterday was a brisk demand for Pleasant Valley. It sold up to 27¾, but weakened off and closed at 27. Wheeling Gas was also strong.

The weak spots were Philadelphia and Chartiers Gas, Central Traction and Switch and Signal, all of which showed fractional concessions.

Trading was very slow in the forenoon. After dinner the brokers concluded to fill some of their orders, and this caused quite a spurt of activity. Sales were 450 shares, of which 320 were Pleasant Valley.

	MORNING. Bid.	Asked.	AFTERNOON. Bid.	Asked.
Pitts. P. S. & M. Ex...	425	....	....	....
Masonic Bank.....	....	....	64⅝	....
Allegheny Insurance..	....	55	....	....
Boatman's Insurance...	27½	....	....	....
City Insurance.....	....	36	....	....
Western Insurance Co.	....	51	....	....
Allegheny Heating Co.	109	....	109	....
Chartiers V. Gas Co....	46¾	48½	46¾	47
Ohio Valley.....	11	....	....	....
People's N. G. & F. Co.	16¾	17	....	17
Pennsylvania Gas Co..	....	....	....	15
Philadelphia Co.....	....	32	31½	31¾
Wheeling Gas Co.....	19¾	21	20	20¾
*Forest Oil Co.....	....	....	95	....
Washington Oil Co....	80	90	80	....
Central Traction.....	27	27¾	25¾	27½
Pitts. Traction.....	....	40	39	39½
Pleasant Valley.....	26⅞	27½	27	27¼
Pitts. Junction R. R. Co	....	31	....	31
La Noria Mining Co....	....	¼	....	....
Luster Mining Co.....	16	17¾	16	18
Westinghouse Electric	....	....	....	45½
U. S. & Sig. Co.....	....	....	13½	....
U. S. & Sig. Co. pref..	....	....	....	45
Westinghouse Alt'n'ke.	111	....	....	....
Pitts. Plate Glass Co..	....	....	....	200
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*Ex. div.

At the morning call 40 shares of Pipeage sold at 17, and 50 East End Electric at 60.

The afternoon sales were 300 shares of Pleasant Valley at 27¼, 10 s. o. 60, 27, and 10 regular 27, 20 Wheeling Gas at 20, 10 Philadelphia Gas at 31¾ and 10 Chartiers Gas at 47.

E. P. Long sold 50 shares Philadelphia Gas at 32¼, 100 shares Pleasant Valley at 27¼, 20 shares Westinghouse Electric at 45 and 35 shares Union Switch and Signal Company at 13¾.

The total sales of stocks at New York yesterday were 83,247 shares, including Atchison, 4,245; Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, 6,520; Oregon Transcontinental, 2,700; Union Pacific, 5,070.

A GOOD RECORD.

Bankers Report a Good, Steady Business, With Fine Prospects Ahead.

The second day of the week is generally considered an off day for business, but last Monday was an exception to the rule. It held its own in comparison with other days, and raised the bank clearings, as reported yesterday, to a high figure—$2,501,461 19. The balances were in fair proportion, $450,828 08. This serves to show that Pittsburg trade is not spasmodic, but steady and reliable.

While there was nothing strikingly new in the local money market yesterday, there were no weak or discouraging features. There was a good supply of the needful, for which there was a moderate demand from business sources. There was no change in rates, but some shading was admitted for first-class paper. The outlook for busy times, now almost at hand, was admitted to be all that could be desired.

Money on call at New York yesterday was easy at 4@4½ per cent, last loan 4, closed offered at 4. Prime mercantile paper, 5@7½. Sterling exchange quiet at $4 85 for 60-day bills, and $4 87½ for demand.

Closing Bond Quotations.

U. S. 4s, reg.....	122	M. K. & T. Gen. 5s..	64¼
U. S. 4s, coup.....	122	Mutual Union 6s....	103½
U. S. 4½s, reg.....	103½	N. J. C. Int. Cert...	111¾
U. S. 4½s, coup.....	103½	Northern Pac. 1sts..	116
Pacific 6s of '95.....	116	Northern Pac. 2ds..	111¼
Louisiana stamped 4s	96¾	Northw'n consols.	142
Missouri 6s.....	100	Northw'n deben's 5s	110¼
Tenn. new set. 6s....	118	Oregon & Trans. 6s.	107½
Tenn. new set. 5s....	104	St. L. & I. M. Gen. 5s.	88⅝
Tenn. new set. 3s....	74½	St. L. & S. F. Gen. M.	111½
Canada So. 2ds.....	97¾	St. Paul consols.....	127¾
Central Pacific 1sts.	111½	St. P. Chi & Pc. 1sts.	116
Den. & R. G. 1sts...	118⅝	Tx., Pc. L. G. Tr. Rs.	92¼
Den. & R. G. 4s.....	79⅞	Tx., Pc. R. G. Tr. Rs.	38⅛
D. & R. G. West 1sts.	—	Union Pacific 1sts...	112
Erie 2ds.....	101¼	West Shore.....	105¾
M. K. & T. Gen. 6s..	75		

Government and State bonds are dull and steady.

NEW YORK—Clearings, $128,402,572; balances, $5,878,277.

BOSTON — Clearings, $15,833,856; balances, $1,456,017. Money 6@7 per cent.

BALTIMORE—Clearings, $2,402,086; balances, $425,634.

PHILADELPHIA—Clearings, $11,640,742; balances, $1,752,867.

LONDON—The amount of bullion gone into the Bank of England to-day is £152,000. Bar silver 45¾d. per ounce.

PARIS—Three per cent rentes, 88f 92½c for the account.

CHICAGO—Clearings, $11,729,000. New York exchange at par. Money steady and unchanged.

A RALLY IN OIL.

The Market Active and Strong, Closing Above the Eighty Mark.

There was a fairly good oil market yesterday. It opened off a small fraction, but acquired strength later on, and recorded a handsome advance, with a fair amount of business. Nobody seemed to know what put it up any more than they knew what put it down. It is probable the shorts were seized with one of their periodical scares, made a dive for the stuff and got hit. They are always hit when they make a move. New York and Pittsburg were the bull points. The close was steady at next to the highest point of the day. The extreme fluctuations were: Opening, 79½c; highest, 80⅞c; lowest, 79⅛c; closing, 80⅝c. Monday's clearances were 514,000 barrels.

The only important news from the Hundred-foot district, Butler county, yesterday was that several wells were about to be abandoned as dusters.

The Sheffield district is not yet entirely worn out. Hague & Grandin's No.12 on lot 169, which started out at 150 barrels an hour about a week ago, is completed and doing 1,000 barrels a day. The North Penn Oil Company's No. 4, on lot 197, is making 150 barrels a day, and Horton, Crary & Co.'s No. 10, which started at 1,000 barrels a day when brought in last week, is now producing 400 barrels a day. Their No. 7 on lot 198 is doing 100 barrels a day. They completed four wells last week, three of them being dry, and six drilling. The North Penn Oil Company has four drilling wells in the field and Hague & Grandin two.

A good strike has been made near Titusville at the Northern Oil Company's well in the English settlement, six miles north of Titusville, that is doing 100 barrels a day. This strike opens up six miles of new territory, as it extends the old Church Run belt.

The Forest Oil Company has bought out the United Oil and Gas Trust property, consisting of 100,000 acres of territory in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Ohio, and 17 producing wells, with a daily production of about 250 barrels. The price is not named.

Daily Bros.' No. 1, on the Rea farm in the Westview field, is a dry hole beyond much doubt, as it is so far in the sand that there is but little hope of getting oil. Griffith's Wildwood well is making about 300 barrels a day.

Features of Saturday's Oil Market

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

Opened.....	79½	Lowest.....	79¼
Highest.....	80⅝	Closed.....	80⅛

	Barrels.
Average charters.....	26,342
Average shipments.....	63,597
Average runs.....	55,679

Refined, New York, 7.10c.
Refined, London, 5 7-16d.
Refined, Antwerp, 16¾f.
Refined, Liverpool, 5 11-16d.
Refined, Bremen, 6.55m.

A. B. McGrew quotes: Puts, 79½c; calls, 81½@81¾c.

Other Oil Markets.

BRADFORD, April 8.—Petroleum opened at 79½c; closed at 80⅝c; highest, 80⅞c; lowest, 79⅛c. Clearances, 832,000 barrels.

OIL CITY, April 8.—Petroleum opened at 79½c; high, 80⅝c; lowest, 79c; closed, 80c. Sales, 229,000 barrels; clearances not reported; charters, 51,905 barrels; shipments, 78,543 barrels; runs, 65,700 barrels.

NEW YORK, April 8.—Petroleum opened weak at 79½c, but after the first sales became strong, and advanced to 80⅝c. The market then became weak, and closed steady at 80½c. Stock Exchange: Opening, 79½c; highest, 80⅝c; lowest, 79½c; closing, 80½c. Consolidated Exchange: Opening, 79¾c; highest, 80⅝c; lowest, 79⅝c; closing, 80⅝c; total sales, 380,000 barrels.

STILL MOVING.

A Number of Dickers in Real Estate Brought to a Finish.

Battensperger & Williams, 154 Fourth avenue, sold for John Berry to Mrs. Wormald the property No. 179 Franklin street, Allegheny, being a two-story and mansard brick dwelling of nine rooms. Lot 24x130, for $6,200 cash. They also placed a mortgage of $5,000 on property in the Tenth ward, Allegheny, for three years at 7 per cent.

Ewing & Byers, No. 93 Federal street, sold for Robert M. Campbell to Thomas A. Rife, a vacant lot on Alpine avenue, Second ward, Allegheny, being in size 33x66 feet, running through to a 5-foot alley, for $1,950 cash.

Hassett & Meredith, No. 102 Fourth avenue, Pittsburg, and Wilkinsburg, sold a lot at Edgewood, 55x160, for A. V. D. Watterson, to W. G. Wurtzell for $1,300.

Black & Baird, No. 95 Fourth avenue, sold to W. C. Lyne, of the firm of Orbison, Neil & Lyne, the well-known insurance agents in the Lewis Block, lot No. 69 on Thomas street, Boulevard place, size 54x140 feet, for a price approximating $3,750. They also placed a mortgage for $3,500 for three years at 5 per cent on a house and lot in Oakland.

Baxter, Thompson & Co., No. 162 Fourth avenue, sold to George Hubbard a lot on Bennett street, Homewood, size 23x135 feet, to a 20-foot alley, for $450.

SAVED BY A SCRATCH.

Unlisted Shares Prevent Total Stagnation in Wall Street—A Few Good Features and Many Bad Ones—No Important Changes.

NEW YORK, April 8.—The stock market today was intensely dull in the regular list but showed some animation in the unlisted department, with a few wide changes in the specialties to save the dealings from utter stagnation. Not one of the usually active stocks fluctuated over a range of more than ⅛ per cent, and while Union Pacific, Atchison, Lackawanna, Chicago Gas and St. Paul were more active than the rest of the list, there was no interest in either of them.

The news of the day, especially that from the West, was rather discouraging, and the general disposition was to await further developments in regard to the Western railroad situation. This only restricted trading and failed to cause any weakness in the market anywhere. The bears were afraid to hammer the list after their experience with Union Pacific, Missouri Pacific and Reading yesterday, and the last stock was very active to-day.

The unlisted department was unusually prominent to-day, and some buying of Sugar by the traders upon the discovery that there were more buying orders than selling orders in the market a material rise was brought about in the stock. The buying in of a moderate amount of Cohorn silver mining stock for the account of the Sistares served to increase the total details, but had no effect upon the market.

The great feature of the day was the unusual activity and strength in Manhattan, which not only had the advantage of large earnings of late, but also reports of the advantageous settlement of a large number of damage suits against the company.

Among the low-priced shares Wheeling and Lake Erie was again prominent. The Rio Grande Western stocks sprurted up sharply, but Evansville and Terre Haute, of which the last sale was at 120, dropped back to 111 to-day. The market presented no further feature of interest, and at the closing was intensely dull and steady at about first prices. Sugar rose 1⅝ and Manhattan 1¼.

Railroad bonds continued uninfluenced by the forces at work upon the share list, and a moderate business with little positive character was transacted. The sales reached $1,447,000, out of which $153,000 were Atchison incomes, $115,000 Atchison 4s, and $102,000 Duluth, South Shore and Atlantic. There were very few changes of note and no positive tendency of prices in either direction.

The *Post* says one of the features about the present condition of the stock market is the disposition on the part of newsmongers to "stir it up" by false reports and the wildest kind of exaggerations about such events in connection with stocks. An instance of the latter was in the reports of the Sistare failure yesterday, which were exaggerated in some of the city papers until their accounts of it early elicited laughs of ridicule from the best informed Stock Exchange men. The financial weakness of the Sistares has been so well known in the Stock Exchange for some months that it is absurd to think that they could have made any sudden or unexpected disbursement of $250,000 or even $100,000 by a defalcation or otherwise. Their capital had been too much reduced two years ago and by various events and complications, some of them dating back as far as the famous Hannibal and St. Joe corner, to make it possible for them to lose any large sums very recently. There was unquestionable sympathy on the part of every right-minded man on the Stock Exchange for an old house compelled to suspend, but it was no surprise to the majority. It was a clear case of "dry rot." The bad effect of the exaggerations which appeared in some of the dailies is that outside of New York the sensation grows in proportion to the distance it travels, and makes people think something more serious to business has occurred.

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.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing Bid.
Am. Cotton Oil	19½	19½	19½	19½
Am. Cotton Oil Trust..	26⅝	26⅝	26⅝	26⅝
Atch., Top. & S. F.....	38¼	38½	38	38
Canadian Pacific.....	....	....	....	72¼
Canada Southern.....	55½	55½	55	54¾
Central of New Jersey.	118	118¾	118	118¾
Central Pacific.....