AN UNEASY MARKET.

dition of the Pig Iron Trade

Shaded Prices on Steel Rails for Convenient

Delivery.

A SIMILAR FEELING OVER THE OCEAN

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCE.

Considering that freight rates to West-

out by anybody interested, the equivalent

prices for the Eastern markets are very easily

established. Some sellers have long aban-doned the idea that the Eastern markets can

be held above the parity of those in the West, in Southern irons, and with the sharp competi-

tion for hosiness those who have not already

done so are likely soon to recede from such a

31 50, delivered, for ordinary sizes and specifica

and the market continues nominal at \$23 50@24 for tees. A round lot is offering in this

heavy realizations on the part of holders.

11d, Middlesborough dropped to 45s 7d and

Hematites to 54s ld. To-day there were sales

at 46s for Scotch, 46s for Middlesborough and

54s 6d for Hematites. Cleveland brought a

heavy premium over Scotch for a time, owing

heavy premium over Scotch for a time, owing to a temporary scarcity of warrants for prompt delivery, but subsequent sales affortied an abundant supply. Makers' irons are very unsettled all through. Scotch brands are quoted down 1@5d: Middlesborough, 5@6d: Bessemer about the same, and Spiegelisen 5d from last week's figures. In tin plates there has been a small business, and prices are still very weak. Ordinary cokes have been sold as low as 12s 9d, or within is of the lowest price on record. The trade seems to be in a bad state at the present time. Copper has been affected by the depres-

time. Copper has been affected by the depression prevailing in the general metal trade, and the business in merchant bars is slow. Con

STEEL RAILS STILL DULL.

weak. Bessemer 7x7 quoted £5 5s. f. o. b. ship

o. b. Scrap Iron-A weak market with light sales

TIN ON THE DECLINE.

Pig Tin-Prices have undergone a further

sharp decline, due to anxiety on the part of

sharp decline, due to anxiety on the part of speculators to sell, but the market is now showing rather better tone. Strairs quoted £88 for spot, futures (8 months), £88 los.

Cupper—The depression to other departments caused a further slight fall in copper prices, but latest business shows improvement and the market closes firmer. Chill bars quoted £47 5s. for spot, £47 los. for future delivery. Best selected English, £54.

Lead—The demand better and prices firmer. Soft Spanish quoted at £12 l2s. 6d.

old down Tuesday 45s 7d and closed 45s

position. It is true, however, that for the

port of the market is as follows:

KEEPING UP PRICES.

Coke Operators Continue to Restrict Prodaction- The Switchmen's Strike Favorably Affecting the Trade-Decrease in Shipments-Rates Nominally Unchanged.

ISPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. SCOTTDALE April 17 -The coke trade is NEW YORK, April 17 .- The Iron Age retraveling along in about the same channel as when last reported. No increase in orders is American Pig-Reports from agents differ noted, and operators have made good use of the restriction policy. The operators will make within pretty wide limits. Some report pretty large sales in round blocks, others the year and their employes have co-operated in this aim. If the switchmen's strike is not averted it will certainly have a damaging effect quite a run of only moderate-sized orders. Sales have been made of Virginia and Alaon trade, but just at present it is a factor to aid it, inasmuch as many of the consumers are in-creasing their orders in anticipation of the lama iron during the week on the basis of \$17 for No. 1 and \$16.50 for No. 2. Sellers generally deny that the prices named could

creasing their orders in anticipation of the strike.

The operators are of the opinion that the apparent duliness in the iron trade will soon be overcome and the coke trade again enlivened. At present it is stated that there is no competition worth mentioning to injure trade. Of over 14.600 ovens in the region about 2,000 are idle, and present indications point to the suspension of over 300 more if there is no immediate improvement in orders. be shaded materially. A determined effort is made to represent this market as being relatively higher than those of the West. ern points are well known, and in this manner the net price furnace can be easily figured

MORE OVENS TO BE SHUT DOWN. The Frick Company will -close down next week, unless orders increase in the meantime, the ovens at the following plants: Twenty-two at Henry Clay, 30 at Ohphant, 200 at No. 2 eisenring, 90 at Mammoth, 44 at Valley Works, and 44 at Foundry. No other operators

Works, and 44 at Foundry. No other operators have as yet signified their intentions to close more ovens. The McClure, Frick, Schoonmaker and Hecla in all banked 1,245 ovens the former part of this week.

As long as the coke trade does not fall below 6,000 cars, or 168,000 tons, it is considered very fair, and last week 6,175 cars were sent out. There is a great contrast between these figures and those of the preceding week. Shipments aggregating 6,175 cars, or 111,150 tons, were consigned to the various points of consamption as follows: To points west of Pittsburg, 2,200 cars; to Pittsburg and river points 1,550 cars; to points east of Pittsburg, 1,425. The preceding week's shipments gave a total of 6,830 cars and were consigned as follows: To points west of Pittsburg, 3,230 cars; to Pittsburg and river points, 1,600 cars; to points east of Pittsburg, 1,210 cars. Shipments last week compared with the previous week decreased to Western points 130 cars; to Pittsburg, 150 cars; to Eastern points, 585 cars.

Rainey's works are yet all operating in full, InQUIRING FOR WORK. position. It is true, however, that for the lower grades of iron there is practically no market, either in New England or in New York and vicinity. Northern irons are quiet at \$18 25m19 00 for No. 1, and \$17 00m18 00 for No. 2, according to brand.

Spiegeleisen and Ferro-Manganese—The market is very duil, with 20 per cent spiegeleisen quoted nominally at \$25 50m33 50, and spot ferro-manganese at \$80 00m82 50.

Billets—The market is very quiet at \$30 50m 21 50 delivered for ordinary sizes and specifica-31 50, delivered, for ordinary sizes and specifications.

Wire Rods—We hear of no business of consequence, and quote \$46 50@46 75 at sellers' mill, east of the Alleghenies.

Steel rails—The only transaction of any consequence was the sale of 5,000 tons to a Southwestern road by a Pittsburg mill at private terms. It is estimated that husiness aggreating about 40,000 tons is pending, including one lot of 20,000 tons. The bulk of this business, however, is in territory tributary to the Chicago mills. The market is weak, with quotations at \$33 500534 for fair-sized orders. It is probable, however, nor is this denied by some

INQUIRING FOR WORK. The coke superintendents are badly bothered probable, however, nor is this denied by some of the mills, that for good orders for convenient delivery \$35 could be done at the Eastern mills. The mills in the association, which includes all by anxious inquiries for work since the shut ting down of so many ovens. An operator stated that there had been enough men at his works yesterday to operate three plants of his

delivery \$33 could be done at the Eastern mills. The mills in the association, which includes all with the exception of the Allegheny Bessemer and the Colorado, report sales up to April 1 of \$31,173 gross tons, heavy sections out of an allotment of 1,310,000 tons. The deliveries up to the same date aggregate 33,889 tons.

Fastening.—The market is very dull with splice bars, steel selling at \$1,7561 69 delivered. Old Rails—Very little business has been done and the market continues nominal at \$23,50624 Part of the Mahoning plant is still idle.
The Jackson works are in operation again, after a couple weeks' idleness, on account of a land slide.

Five days will likely be the rule in the region next week.
The Pennsville Coke Works were idle yesterday, because of the death of one of the employes.

ployes.

Work is progressing on new ovens in course

"Irondale" pig iron at furnace \$18 for No. 2 and \$17 for gray forge, the freight to Hobben No. 2 and \$17 for gray forge, on cars at furnace, freight to Jersey City \$1 85, and Muirking to Jersey City \$1 85.

Work is progressing on new ovens in course of erection.

Prices are nominally the same: Furnace coke, \$175; foundry, \$2 45; crushed, \$2 65. Freight No. 2 and \$17 for gray forge, on cars at furnace, freight to Jersey City \$1 85.

charcoal, Nos. 1 to 6, \$28 at furnace, freight to Jersey City \$1 95.	To Pittsburg
PRICES LOWER ABROAD.	To Buffalo, N. Y 2 25 To Detroit, Mich 2 25 To Cincinnati, 0 265
Nearly Every Department of Metal Industry Affected by the Decline.	To Louisvitle Ky 3 20 To Chicago, III. 275 To Milwauket, Wis 285 To St. Louis, Mo. 385 To Eas St. Louis 3 20
LONDON, April 17.—There has been a further serious decline in prices of warrants due to	Prices at main points are: Point, Furnace. Foundry, Crushed.

New York Figures. New York April 17.—Pig iron easy. Lead quiet; domestic, \$3.85. Tin steady and dull; Straits, \$19.80.

Pittsburg.
M. aud S. Valleys....
Cleveland....
Buffalo....

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

The Condition of Business at the East Liberty Stock Yards.

OFFICE OF PITTSBURG DISPATCH, 1 THURSDAY, April 17, 1890. CATTLE-Receipts, 220 head: shipments, 180 head; market-nothing doing; all through consignments. No cattle shipped to New York Hogs-Receipts, 1,300 head: shipments, 900

the busine-s in merchant bars is slow. Consumers are buying other sorts than Chili bars, owing to slack deliveries of the latter. The large quantities held by outside French financiers is being absorbed. Large holders will not sell below 50 pounds.

The Tharsis Copper Company has declared a dividend of 20 per cent. The profits for the year were stated as £249,000. At the meeting of the Labiota Company poor results were shown for the last year, and a dividend of only 14 per cent per share was declared. The directors exhead: market steady; medium and selected, \$4 50 &4 55; common to best Yorkers, \$4 30@4 40; purs, \$4 10@4 25; 2 cars hogs shipped to New York tocent per share was declared. The directors ex-

cent per share was declared. The directors expressed hope in the future. Pig tin has had
slow sale for consumption owing to the inactivity in the tin plate trade. The duliness in that
department has led to speculative liquidation,
which, with "bear" pressure, has caused a sharp
decline in prices. All descriptions of steel rails
are again quoted lower. Billets, blooms and
slabs are offered .5 down, and wire rods at 2.6
decline. Old material has moved in sympathy
with other articles, and are offered about 7.6
cheaper to-day than a week ago. SHEEP-Receipts, 1,200 head; shipments, 1,100 head: market dull at yesterday's prices.
Following is the report of the week's transactions at the East Liberty Stock Yards: RECEIPTS.

Thro', Local.

CATTLE, HOGS, SHEEP

cheaper to-day than a week ago,	Friday	140	10	3, 975	1,760	
American Manufacturer's (able Quotations.) Scotch Pig-Heavy realizations by outside speculators cause a fall of nearly is, in warrants.	Sunday Monday Tuesday	540 420 680	720 130 110	6,525 2,100 1,125	2,319 440 4,400	
business having been done at 45s. 8d. From this, a reaction to 40s, has taken place, but the	Wednesday	-	110	2,475	1, 320	
market is still unsettled and prices for makers'	Total	3, 040	1,260	21,675	12,870	
from are difficult to quote with accuracy. The figures given to-day are as follows:	Last week Previous week	1,960 3,040	1,520 1,320	24, 150 19, 800	10,670 10,890	
No. 1 Coltness	BALES.					
No. I Gartsherrie	Thursday Friday Saturday Monday Tuesday Wednesday		3 929 381 341	1, 179 568 551 4, 589 666 568	234 172 566 1, 197 3, 464 986	
Bessemer Pig-Business in warrants has been	Total		1, 200	8, 121	6,529	
done at as low as 54s, or over 5s dectine, and the market has ruled very weak, but shows some improvement to-day. Business in makers' iron	Last week Previous week	***	1,569 1,231	6,936 7,291	6,516 4,865	
has been slow and prices are very unsettled.	-		E 24			

By Telegraph. NEW YORK—Beeves—Receipts, 357 head; all direct to staughterers; no, trading; feeling steady; dresses beef firm at 627½c per B; shipments, 1504 beeves, 1,808 quarters of beel, and

improvement to-day. Business in makers' iron has been slow and prices are very unsettled. Sellers quote West Coast brands Nos. 1, 2, 3 at 648 64 f. o. b. shipping point.

Middlesbrough Pig—Warrants have dropped to 488 7d, a decline of 68 5d during the week, and the market is still in a disturbed condition. Sales to day at 468. Trade in makers' iron has been almost at a standstill and prices are very irregular, with 47s, quoted to-day for No. 3 f. o. b.

Spiegeleisen—There has neen a further dements, 1,504 beeves, 1,808 quarters of beef, and 43 sheep. Calves—Receipts, 2,198 head; market lower; veals, \$4 00@6 00 per 'cwt. Sheep—Receipts, 3 133 head; market firm; unshorn sheep, \$6 25@7 00 per cwt.; clipned do, \$5 50@5 75; unshorn, vearlings, \$7 123@8 00; clipped do, \$6 25@6 60; lambs, \$8 50@12 00; dressed mutton firm at 92/10%c; dressed yearlings steady at 10@113/c. Hogs—Receipts, 2,514 head; all direct to slaughterers; nominally steady at \$4 40@4 90. CHICAGO. CHICAGO. 1. c. b.
Spicgeleisen—There has been a further decline in prices and a fair business done. Euglish 20 per cent quoted at 65s f. c. b. at works.
Steel Wire Rods—Sellers figures are 2s 6d lower but nominal, there being but little business. Mild steel No. 6 quoted at 19 5s 9d f.c.b. shipping port. staughterers; nominally steady at \$4 40@4 90.

CHICAGO—Cattle—Receipts, 11,000 head; shipments, 4,000 head; market stronger; beeves, \$5 00@5 35; steers, \$5 30@4 80; stockers and feeders, \$2 40@3 90; cows, bulls and mixed, \$1 50@3 30; Texas cornfed steers, \$3 00@3 85; grass Texans, \$2 00@3 20. Hogs—Receipts, 20,000 head; shipments, 7,600 head; market strong and 5c higher; mixed, \$4 10@4 40; heavy, \$4 10@4 42½; light, \$4 10@4 35; skips, \$3@4, \$1 10@4 42½; light, \$4 10@4 35; skips, \$3@4, \$1 10@4 42½; light, \$4 10@4 35; skips, \$3@6, \$5 30; lambs, \$5 00@6 50. Steel Rails - Demand has not improved, although makers offer at a further decline. Heavy sections quoted at £5 5s. f. o. b. shipping Steel Blooms-A dull market with prices

ping point.

Steel Billets—Sales moderate and prices again lower with the market weak at the decline. Bessemer (size 2%x2%) quoted at £5 5s. 5 30; lambe, \$5 00@6 50.

ST.LOUIS—Lattle—Receipts, 1,200 head; shipments, none; market steady; good to fancy native steers, \$4 35@4 90; fair to good do, \$3 30 @4 40; stockers and feeders, \$2 40@3 60; Texans and Indians, \$2 50@3 90. Hogs—Receipts, 6,000 head; shipments, none; market steady; fair to choice heavy, \$4 15@4 27%; packing grades, \$4 10@4 20; light, fair to best, \$4 10@4 20. Sheep—Receipts, 1,000 head; market strong; fair to choice, \$4 00@6 00.

CINCINNAT. Hogs steady; common and light eline. Bessemer (size 2½x2½) quoted at £5 5s. f. o. b. shipping point.

Steel Slaus—No business doing and makers' prices again lower. Ordinary sizes quoted at £5 5s. f. o. b. shipping point.

Grop Ends—The market very unsettled and weak with little doing. Run of the mill quoted at £5 1s. 3d. f. o. b. shipping point.

Old Iron Rails—Holders offer freely at lower to the price of the property of th prices. Demand does not improve. Tees quoted at £3 7s. &d. and double heads at £3 10s.

CINCINNATI—Hogs steady; common and light \$3 50@4 25; nacking and butchers, \$4 15@4 35; receipts, 2,970 head; shipments, 1,850 head.

Scrap aron-A weak market with light sales and small demand. Heavy wrought quoted at 12 19s, 3d, f, o. b. shipping points.

Manufactured Iron-There is no improvement in the demand. Prices are weak and page 12 to NEW YORK, April 17.—Trade in dry goods continued moderate at first hands and fair with jobbers. Wash goods were more active with the latter and the distribution of sample goods was steady. There was but a light request for spot goods at the hands of agents, but a fair movement in the way of orders for a few fall specialties.

Special Hat Sale-This Week Only. Our stylish new shapes and colors of hats. The Leader, 89c up, the Henrietta, \$1 24 up, the Guffy, 49c up, and the Jerome, \$1 49 up, at Jackson's Star Corner, 954 and 956 Liberty.

SPECIAL SALE of best sateens, 11% cts. KNABLE & SHUSTER, 35 Fifth ave. 600 new cloth and beaded capes just opened OUT OF THE MARKET

Growing Business Requires Retention of the County Buildings. WILL BE LEASED AND NOT SOLD.

Two Financial Palaces Slowly but Surely Approaching Completion.

A FEW FIGURES FOR THE OUTSIDERS

The County Commissioners having so far failed to receive a satisfactory offer for the county buildings, recently offered at auction, have about made up their minds to lease them for a series of years instead of selling them. They say business is increasing so fast that the new building will in a few years be inadequate to public requirements, and additional room will have to be secured. To meet this exigency they think the buildings in question should be retained by the county, and have so advised.

The big bank building at the corner of Wood street and Seventh avenue is slowly nearing ompletion, but there is a great deal of work to do on it before it will be ready for occupancy. Cashier Wade said yesterday they expected to nove into it about August 1. It will be as nearly fire proof as possible. The vault will be very strong. It will have a lining of nine inches of steel, inside of which the safe proper will be placed. One would suppose from a casual glance at the building that a very small force of workmen was employed on it; but it was full of people yesterday afternoon-elecdumbers, carpenters and others, and all making as rapid progress as could be expected from the nature of the work.

The German National Bank, near-by, is not so far advanced as its neighbor. It is not so large a building, but will cost about \$100,000 more. The work is both heavy and intricate making progress very slow. It will not be com-pleted until some time in the winter.

Outsiders are beginning to realize the magni ude of the trade of Pittsburg, but, as a general thing, their conception of it is still under mark. A few figures may set them right. The number of industrial establishments in the city and immediate vicinity is, in round numbers, 4,000. The capital invested in these various enterprises approximates \$150,000,000, and the number of persons employed in them exceed 110,000. The output of iron and steel last year was nearly one-fifth of that of the whole coun try. The amount of railroad tonnage originating and passing through Pittsburg in 1889

exceeded that of any other city in the Union except New York.

Great as it is, the business of Pittsburg is capable of almost indefinite expansion. With coundless resources of natural gas, coal oil and other products of nature, it is impossible to set a limit to her possibilities. The field of opera-tions is a broad one, and is open to all who de-sire to take advantage of it. Men of capital and enterprise will always find a cordial wel-

come awaiting them. In this connection it may be of importance to state that first-class manufacturing sites abound both in the city and immediate vicinity and can be purchased at very reasonable price

HITCHES ALL AROUND.

Stock Trading Below Zero, With Gains and

Losses About Even. Considerable effort was made to market loca stocks yesterday, and bids and offers for the most part were reasonably close together, but there was a hitch in almost everything, which curtailed business to 20 shares, 10 each of Pleasant Valley and Citizens' Insurance. There were no special teatures, and gains and lossesin all cases small fractions-were about evenly The report that the Duquesne Traction Com-

pany had sold out body and breeches to the Pittsburg Traction Company was the occasion of some talk on 'Change, where it was declared the biggest canard of the season, there being no foundation whatever for the story.

	MOBNING, Bid. Asked.		Hid. Asked.	
Fidelity Title & T. Co.		- 7 - 7		160
Citizens Insurance	35	****	****	****
Humboldt Ins. Co		50	****	
Allegheny Gas Co., Ill	40%			
Allegheny Heating Co.	104		****	****
Bridgewater	85	40	3516	
Chartlers V. Gas Co	42	44%	4134	43%
l'eople's Nat. Gas	- 25.537	40	1000	10/6
reopie's Nat. Gas.	15	- 100	1514	1634
People's N.G. & P.Co.	-1436	15	14%	
Pennsylvania Gas Co.,	30%	31%	201	14%
Philadelphia Co	20	21	20	21
Wheeling Gas Co	\$5	100	20	100
Forest Oll Co	80	100		100
Washington Oil Co		****	80	****
Central Traction	27%	2836	2734	27%
Citizens' Traction	66	****	66) a	****
Pittsburg Traction	3814	3914		30/2
Pleasant Valley	26/6	2734	26%	27
l'itts., A. & Man	297	307	****	****
Pitts. Junction R. R. Co	10000	30	****	30
Pitts, & W.R. Co	****	****	****	1234
Pitts & West. R.R pf.	****		****	18%
N. Y. & Cl. G. C. Co	****	3236	3014	3234
Ewalt (43d st.) Bridge.	58			
La Norla Mining Co	14	14	14	
Luster Mining Co	14%	15	14	14%
East End Electric	60			
Westinghouse Electric	4236		4216	4335
U. S. & Sig. Co	100	14		
U. S. & Sig. Co. pref		44	****	****
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W'ti'ghouse B. Co. Lm. 66
Sales were: First call, 10 shares Citizens' Insurance 35½: last call, 10 shares Pleasant Valley s. o. 60, 26½.
W. F. Maxon sold 15 shares Luster at 15½.
Andrew Caster sold \$1,000 St. Clair Incline Plane 68 at 105 and interest.
The total sales of stocks at New York yester day were 194,073 shares, including Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, 42,149: Missouri Pacific, 5,335; Louisville and Nashville, 3,150; Oregon Transcontinental, 4,230; Pacific Mail, 5,775; Reading, 8,800; Richmond and West Point,5,788; St. Paul, 7,560; Union Pacific, 5,710.

A GOOD SHOWING.

Money in Fair Supply and Demand-Bank Exchanges Crawling Up.

Bank exchanges are holding up to the high level of the year, and at the same time showing steady gains over those of the same time in Of course, if business were not good all round this could not be. In this view of the case the Clearing House reports are of interest to all classes of people, as they afford an accu-rate diagnosis of the state of the business pulse. The exchanges yesterday were \$2,890, 865 09, and the balances \$465,837 63. 865 08, and the balances \$465,837 63.

Bank officers reported an ample supply of money to carry the spring trade through. Considerable paper was offered for discount by regular customers, and there was some outside borrowing. Rates were steady at 697 per cent. It is expected the démand will be sufficient to maintain these figures throughout the season. Money on call at New York yesterday was easy, ranging at 395 per cent; last loan, 3; closed offered at 3. Prime mercantile paper, 5975. Sterling exchance quiet and steady at \$4 85 for 60-day bills and \$4 87 for demand.

Closing Bond Quotations. Cleaing Bond Quotations.

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\$0.636.683. HOSTON — Clearings, \$17.610,661; balances, \$2.338,303. Money, 4 per cent. PHILADELPHIA—Clearings, \$13,407,919; balances, \$116.564 ances, \$2,116,564.
BALTIMORE—Clearings, \$2,589,839; balances \$315,704.

Lendon—The amount of bullion withdrawn from the Bank of England on balance to-day is £614,000. The bullion in the Bank of England increased £42,000 during the past week. The proportion of the Bank of England's reserve to liability is now 35.4 per cent.

PARIS—Three per cent rentes, 89f 15c for the account. account.

NEW YORK—Government bonds have been dull and steady. State bonds have been dull and steady to firm.

NEW YORK-Clearings, \$118,151,428; balances 5,636,693.

Philadelphia Stocks. Closing quotations of Philadelphia stocks, furnished by Whitney & Stephenson, brokers, No. 57 Fourth avenue. Members New York Stock Exchange: Asked. 55% 20 11-16 52% 82% 81% 74% Reading
Buffalo, Pittsburg & Western
Lebigh Valley
Lebigh Navigation
Northern Pacific
Northern Pacific

SCORED A GAIN.

Oil Closes Half a Cent Better Than the The oil market was firm on its feet yester day in spite of a report that a 300-barrel gusher on the Hartley farm in the Chartiers Valley had been brought in during the previous night. At 3 o'clock the well was said to be producing

At 3 o'clock the well was said to be producing at the rate of about 60 barrels a day.

The market opened at 83 and gradually crept up to 84%, the highest point, about 2 o'clock, after which it weakened off and closed at 83%, one-half a cent better than the opening. The extreme fluctuations were: Opening 83, highest 84%, lowest 83 closing 83%. The strength was derived from New York and Oil City, which did most of the buving. Trading was fair, however, all round. Wednesday's clearances were 60,000 barrels.

F. W. Phillip's No. 4, on the Douthett farm at Glade Ran, and the Fisher Oil Company's O'Neil farm well at Millerstown, in the Hundred-foot district, are both dry.

The Vandergrift well at Groveton increased its output to 70 barrels an hour after being shot.

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Both operations and production have fallen off greatly in the Sheffield field. The daily production is now about 2,200 barrels from 31 wells. Hague & Grandin have completed Nos. 11 and 13 on lot 167, which are making about 100 barrels a day each. On lot 197 the North Penn Oil Company has completed Nos. 1 and 5, the former being a dry hole and No. 5 a 250-barrel producer. Horton, Crary & Co. got a duster on lot 280, close to their No. 1, and L. F. Watson and Wilbur & Francis likewise on lots 639 and 616.

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The North Penn Oil Company has completed three wells there that are doing 4, 8 and 10 barrels a day respectively, while Sheasley & Grant got a 20-barrel well on the Schnoir farm. The Nesbit well on the Snyder farm, which started off at 25 barrels a day, is now doing 20 barrels 11.

A rig is being erected by James Amm & Co., four miles ahead of developments, on the Ferguson farm, in the direction of Murdochsville. Their well on the J. Hill farm is dry.

W. P. Black is operating extensively on the Schofield farm, near Warren. He has completed four wells and the fifth will be finished in a day or two. Several more wells will be drilled by him, for which the rigs are under way.

way.

The Forest Oil Company has purchased a half interest in the Griffith well at Wildwood, together with four adjoining leases, comprising 500 acres.

Features of Yesterday's Oil Market Corrected daily by John M. Oakley & Co., 45 Sixth street, members of the Pittsburg Petro-eum Exchange: Barrels. Average charters... Average shipments
Average runs
Redned, New York, 7.10c.
Redned, London, 57-16d,
Redned, Antwerp, 15/4f,
Redned, Liverpool, 5 11-16d,
Bedned, Bremen, 6.55m,

A. B. McGrew quotes: Puts, 821/4@82%c; calls, 843/4@85c. Other Oil Markets.

OIL CIT7. April 17.—Petroleum opened at 83c: bighest, 84%c: lowest, 83c; closed at 83%c, Sales, 89,600 barrels; clearances not re-ported; charters 90,635 barrels; shipments, 76,-918 barrels: runs, 77,541 barrels. BRADFORD, April 17.—Petroleum opened at 82%c; closed at 83%c; highest, 84%c; lowest, 82%c; clearances, 115,000 barrels.

NEW YORK, April 17.—Petroleum opened steady at 82%c, but quickly became strong. Spot oil advanced to 84%c and closed dull at that figure, while May option advanced to 84%c then reacted and closed stroady at 83%c. Srock Exchange: Opening, 82%c; highest, 84%c; lowest, 82%c; closing, 84%c. Consolidated Exchange: Opening, 82%c; nighest, 84%c; lowest, 82%c; closing, 83%c. Sales, 485,000 barrels.

MOVEMENTS IN REALTY.

Wilkinsburg Methodists Let a Lot Go-Other Important Transactions.

Hamnett & Meredith, 102 Fourth avenue, and Church of Wilkinsburg a lot 100x110 on Ross street, Wilkinsburg, for \$3,000. Black & Baird, 95 Fourth avenue, sold to

Thomas W. Aisbitt for J. P. Speer a tract of vacant land, corner of Cato and Juliet streets. Oakland, size 192 feet on Juliet street and 165 feet on Cato street to Hardie alley, for \$5.750. They also sold two more lots ir the J. Wallace Hay plan, of Valley View place, situate on Wicklow street, and being Nos. 40 and 41, each 20x100 feet, for \$600. William Manchester was

the purchaser.

Reed B. Coyle & Co., 131 Fourth avenue, sold to J. D. Banks lot No. 22 in the plan of lots at Marion station, Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, for \$350. for \$350.

Samuel W. Black & Co., \$9 Fourth avenue, placed a mortgage for \$1,200 on property on Rose street, McKeesport, for five years at 6 per

cent.
C. Beringer & Son, 156 Fourth avenue, sold a lot at Woods' Run, in John A. Eckert's plan, to Thomas Riley, for \$500.
W. A. Herrou & Sons sold lots Nos. 287 and 288 in the Aspinwall Land Company's plan, at Aspinwall station, in size 25x100 feet each, for \$650.

Alles & Bailey, 164 Fourth avenue, sold at public sale No. 51 Page street, Allegheny City, a two-story brick dwelling, lot 16 feet by 106 feet by 66 feet 3 inches, for \$1,750.

MONEY MAKES BULLS.

Not Much Vim In Railrond Shares, But a Better Tone and Some Important Advances-Sugar and Luckawanna

NEW YORK, April 17 .- The stock market, while rather dull to-day, was strong almost all the way through, and while the movements in most of the list were confined to insufficient proportions, a few stocks made large advances, and the activity in them served to make a moderate day's business. Sugar Refineries was the feature of the forenoon, and Lackawanna of the latter portion of the day, and except in a few specialties these two stocks monopolized the attention of the traders and showed the

only wide fluctuations.

The probability of some legislation which will make silver of more consequence in the world, and at the same time afford a means of increasing the amount of available funds for the purposes of speculation, gave the market an impetus, and with other favorable factors entirely overrode the effect of the rather dis-couraging stems of news from Chicago. The announcement of the intention to at-tempt to use the steamers of the Pacific Mail

company in connection with the Northern Pa-cific, despite the relations now existing be-tween the Pacific Mail and the Union Pacific, tween the Pacific Mail and the Union Pacific, and the further reduction of rates by the Northern are regarded as evidence that the fight between the Rock Island, Missouri Pacific and the Union Pacific is to be even more bitter than at present. The contest is so demoralizing to business in Wall street that the bulls threaten to cut away from those stocks altogether. This morning, however, the further reduction in the minimum rate of discount of the Bank of England to 3 per cent and the prevailing low rates for money in the open market there, created a more bullish feeling on stocks at London and higher prices were made for American stocks, which gave this market quite an impetus at the start.

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The recommendation of the Ways and Means Committee on the sugar tariff made Sugar Refineries the principal feature at the opening, and the buying on the impression that the new legislation will increase the consumption of sugar and so give employment to the idle refineries was sufficient to send the certificates upnearly 3 per cent during the forenoon, and though the dealings in them afterward slacked off materially the price was held up to near the best figure.

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The builtsh feeling in the general list was helped further by the strength in Lackawanna, which was bought openly by its usual supporters, and it assumed the first position in the market. The report that came from Philadelphia that the Reading had advanced coal prices from 15 to 25 cents per ton also belped the improvement in Lackawanna, and also in Jersey Central. The bidding up of silver certificates was of marked influence on the list, and while trading and fluctuations were small the strength was undoubted, and the upward movement only ceased with the close of business.

Among the specialties which showed marked strength Tennessee Coal, Chesapeake and Ohio, Wheeling and Lake Erie were prominent. The close was firm at about the best prices of the day. Tennessee Coal is up 2½, Sugar Refineries 2½, Chesapeake and Ohio first preferred 1½, and Rock Island 1 per cent.

Railroad bonds were strong all the way out, though few important advances were scored, and the principal activity was in a few issues. Texas Pacific contributed \$250,000, kilo Grande Western firsts \$212,000, and Fort Worth and Denver firsts \$282,000 to the grand total of \$1834,000. The news from Philadelphia stimus.

Western firsts \$212,000, and Fort Worth and Denver firsts \$233,000 to the grand total of \$1,834,000. The news from Philadelphia stimulated the Reading issues, but most of the other marked gains were in the inactive bonds. The most important gains were in Cenar Falls and Minneapolis firsts, 4 to 70, and St. Joe and Grand Island incomes, 3 to 43.

The Post says: There was the usual quota of discourtaging reports from the West, but the temper of speculation has become more bullish, and reports from Chicago are received with considerable caution. The reduction in the Bank of England rate of discount to 3 per cent and the higher prices for Americans in London helped to strengthen the market, The advance in Lackawanna was due to buying orders, partly for the short account, and also on the improved condition of the company's business. The gross earnings of the St. Paul per mile for the week were \$81, against \$76 for the same week in 1899, \$78 in 1888, \$70 in 1884.

The following table shows the prices of active

stocks on the New York Stock Exchange yester-day. Corrected daily for The DISPATCH by WHITNEY & STEPHENSON, oldest Pittsburg mem-bers of New York Stock Exchange, 57 Fourth ave-nue:

Am. Cotton Oil 1954
Am. Cotton Oil pref. 284
Am. Cotton Oil Trust. 285
Atch. Top. & S. F. 38
Canadian Pacific. 745
Canada Southern 55
Central of New Jersey, 129
Central Pacific. 28
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Union Pacific 63%
Wabash 124%
Wabash preferred 25%
Western Union 25%
Western Union 55%
National Lead Trust 17%
Chicago Gas Trust 46%

Mining Stocks.

New York, April 17.—Mining quotations: Alice, 125; Caledonia B. H., 225; Chollar, 330; Crown Point, 250; Consolidated California and Virginia, 475, Commonwealth, 250; Deadwood T., 125; El Cristo, 140; Eureka Consolidated, 250; Gould & Curry, 165; Hale & Norcross, 260; Homestake, 350; Horn Silver, 240; Iron Silver, 195; Mount Diablo, 200; Ontario, 4000; Ophir, 425; Savage, 200; Plymouth, 350; Sierra Nevada, 250; Sutter Creek, 150; Union Consolidated, 250.

Business Notes. FORTY-TWO mortgages were recorded on

Wednesday. The two largest were for \$5,000 SEVERAL handsome stone dwellings will be

erected in the lower part of Allegheny this ALL roads will meet the cut of the Missour Pacific on passenger rates to Pueblo and will extend it to all Colorado points.

THE railroad trouble had a depressing effect on Fourth avenue yesterday. Beal estate men were the principal complainants. * THE directors of the Baltimore and Ohio road declared a dividend of 5 per cent on the stock of the Washington branch of the business for six months ended March 31.

PROMINENT New York commission houses. which have been doing nothing for six months, have commenced to buy stocks, and are advising their customers that a change for the bet-THE leading executive officers of one of the

big Missouri river roads says that the refusal of the Atchison to pro-rate on grain will force down grain rates east of the Missouri river. A storm is brewing which will involve many rail-THERE was considerable talk on Fourth ave

nue yesterday anent the double sale of the Blackmore property. Henry A. Weaver & Co, entered suit for their commission, and De Roys will sue Mr. Blackmore for damages if the property shall be awarded to Mr. Lang.

MARKETS BY WIRE.

A Large Business in Wheat, With Prices Irregular and Erratic-Corn and Oats Gain a Little-Pork Nervous and Stendy.

CHICAGO-Quite a large business was transacted in wheat to-day, and the feeling was unsettled. The course of prices was irregular and the erratic nature of the market was dulargely to speculative influences. Outside busi ness continues good. There was considerable interest among local dealers to decipher the movement of a certain operator here. The opinion seemed to prevail that the party in question was trying to sustain the market and get rid of some time of long wheat, and as soon as traders discovered an attempt to unload, the market quickly weakened and some rapid and sharp changes occurred.

The market opened 14@14c higher, and advanced 1/2 more, then became weak and de-clined 13/6/2c for May and June, and 2c for July, rallied some and fluctuated frequently, closing about 11/2c lower for May, and Ic higher for July, than closing figures on 'Change yesterday.' Trading centered mainly in July, most of the transactions being to effect settlements. Corn was fairly active and a little unsettled, prices fluctuating frequently within 180 %c, but the market on the whole was firmer. The bulk of the trading was local, and prices were governed largely by the changes in wheat. The market opened firm at an advance of 1/4c over closing prices yesterday, and under a good demand gradually sold up 10/40/4c, reacted on increased offerings, railied a little and ruled easier, closing 160/4c better than yesterday. Oats were active, stronger and higher. There was no pressure to sell and a good demand. The advance in wheat also had a good effect on values and assisted in advancing prices 160/4c. On the appreciation offerings increased and slight recessions followed, but the market closed steady at a net gain of 1/40 %c.

The mess pork market was unsettled and nervous, with frequent fluctuations in prices. Opening sales of July were made at 10c advance and followed by a further improvement of 10c. Later a weaker feeling set in, offerings were larger and prices declined 10/265c. Toward the close they railied 30/25c, but settled back 71/40 0c, closing rather steady.

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Quite an active business was done in ribs, but the feeling was unsettled and prices irregular. Opening sales were at 5@10c advance, but with more pressure to sell a reduction of 15c was submitted to. Later the market showed a little more strength with fair buying by local operators, and prices rallied 7%@10c, closing easy.

off. Rye strong: Western, 574@584c. Barley strong. Barley malt firm. Corn fairly active, closing firm options moderately active, ½@5c higher and firm. Oats—Spot stronger and active; options fairly active and firmer. Hay quiet and steady. Hops easy and quiet. Coffee—Options opened barely steady, 10@25 points down; closed steady and unchanged to 10 points down; closed 15.250 bags, including April 17.05 @17.19c; May, 18.56@15.65c; Spot Rio doll and formal; fair cargoes, 193/e; No. 7 flat bean nominally 18@183/c. Sugar—Raw firm and quiet; sales, 1,000 bags; molasses sugar, 80° test, at 2 21.32c; refined again firmer and active confectioners A. 5605-156c; strandard A. 5466-516c; confectioners A. 5605-156c; off A. 5466-5136c; confectioners A. 5605-156c; strandard A. 6-16c; granulated, 6-3-16c; closes, 6-7-16c. Molasses—Foreign firm; 50° test, 213/c bid; New Orleans, steady. Rice firm and fairly active. Cottonseed oil strong: crude. 283/@29c. Tallow firm. Rosin firm; common to good. \$1 30@1 32½. Turpentine dull; offered at 40/cc. Excs firm and in fair demand: Western, 123/e13c; receipts, 6,781 packages. Pork strong. Cut meats firm. Middles strong; sales short clear, 56 20. Lard higher; No. 2 quiet; sales 1,250 tierces Western steam. \$6 800/6 29/c, closing at \$6 87; June, \$5 95; May, \$7 700/67 68, closing at \$6 87; June, \$5 95; July, \$7 000/67 68, closing at \$6 87; June, \$5 95; July, \$7 000/67 68, closing at \$6 87; June, \$5 95; May, \$6 7766 88, closing at \$6 87; June, \$6 95; May, \$6 7766 88, closing at \$6 87; June, \$6 95; May, \$6 7766 88, closing at \$6 87; June, \$6 95; May, \$7 000/67 68, closing at \$6 87; June, \$6 95; May, \$6 7766 88, closing at \$6 87; June, \$6 95; May, \$7 000/67 68, closing at \$

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PHILADELPHIA — Flour—Firm but quiet. Wheat, strong and advanced 2@2½c in sympathy with other grain centers, but little or no demand from any source, and local prices were to a great extent nominal. Rejected, 72@78c: fair to good milling wheat, 86@92c: prime to fancy, 91@38c; No. 2 red, April, 92@92/cc: May, 85%@9c. c; June, 91%@92/dc: July, 88%@9c. Corn, firm and closed 5/@5/c higher, in sympathy with the West. Carlots, for local trade, quiet; No. 4 mixed, in grain depot, 35c: No. 3 mixed, in grain depot, 37%c: do on track, 38c; No. 2 yellow, on track, 41c: No. 2 mixed, April, 39@39%c: May, 39@39%c: June, 39%@39%c: July, 39%@40c. Oats—Carlots, strong with an upward tendency; fair local trade demand. No. 2 mixed, 33c; No. 3 white, 34%c: No. 2 white, 35%c: futures, in fair request and firm; No. 2 white, April, 33%@34%c: May, 315@32%c: June, 31%@32%c: June, 31%c: No. 2 white, April, 38%c: No. 2 white, April, 38%c: May, 315@32%c: June, 31%c: More and firm; No. 2 white, April, 38%c: More and firm; No. 2 whi

ST. LOUIS-Wheat opened sharply higher; ST. LOUIS—Wheat opened sharply higher; the first sale of May being Ic above yesterday's close and July ½c up. Advances of ½%½c were then made, after which there was a slump and May closed the same, while July went ½c below yesterday; No. 2 red cash. 86c nominal; May closed 86c; July, 82½c; August, 82½c. Corn higher and strong; No. 2 cash. 21½6393½c; May closed 29½629½ a sked; July, 30½c; September, 32½c asked. Oats bircher and firm; No. 2 cash 21½625c; May 24621½c; July, 23½62222 24½c, closed, 24624½c. Rye very quiet; 44c bid. Barley weak and nothing done. Flaxseed salable at \$145. Iron cotton ties, \$1306135. Provisions firmer. Pork, job lots, \$13 75. Lard nominally \$6 25.

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MINNEAPOLIS—Receipts of wheat for the day 164 cars, with 47 shipped out. The demand for cash wheat was very poor, and the market dragged along slowly to the close. Holders held out for pretty full prices at the start, but were obliged to accent some concessions in order to affect sales. Closing quotations: No. 1 hard April and May, 85%c; July, 87%c; on track, 87%g88c; No. 1 Northern, April and May, 85%c; July, 88%c; on track, 88%g8%c; No. 2 Northern, April and May, 82c; July, 83c; on track, 82g84c.

BALTIMORE—Wheat—Western steady; No. 2 winter red, spot and April, 87½@37½c; May, 88@88½c; July, 88@88½c. Corn—Western strong; mixed, spot and April, 38½@39½c; May, 38½@39½c; June, 18½%c RAI TIMORE-Wheat-Western steady; No

MILWAUKEE-Flour steady. Wheat-No. milwaukle-Flour steady. Wheat-No. 2 spring on track, cash, 82@83c; May, 82c; No. 1, Northern, 88c. Corn steady; No. 3, on track, 34c. Oats steady; No. 2 white, on track, 25%c. Rye firm; No. 1, in store, 49%c. Barley steady; No. 2, 48%c. Provisions easier. Pork, \$13,00, Lard, \$6,50. Cheese unchanged; cheddars, 10@10%c.

TOLEDO — Wheat active: cash, 88c; May, 873/c; July, 854/c; August, 844/c. Corn dull and firm; cash, 36c; May, 344/c. Oats quiet: cash, 25c. Cloverseed steady; cash and April, \$3 40; October \$2 55.

THE TANNERS REJOICING. Delighted That Hides Are to Continue on the

Free List. The Allegheny tanners are happy over the success of the movement to keep hides on the free list so far as tariff is concerned. A prominent dealer in hides said to-day: "I was agree ably disappointed at the action of the Ways and Means Committee in the report which placed hides on the free list. While the proposed tax would have been an immediate ben-efit to my trade, it would have been a disadvantage in the long run. We have had hides free of duty for the past 20 years and have fairly prospered under the old system. I feared that the pressure from the farmers of the West

fairly prospered under the old system. I feared that the pressure from the farmers of the West would overbalance the protests of the New England tanners and shoe manufacturers, out am glad to learn that my fears were groundless.

"The Yankees, backed by tanners all over the country, have gained their point, and we are to have hides free of duty in the future as in the past."

A leading Allegheny tanner talked in the same strain. Said he: "Our industry has been on a healthy basis for the past year or two. To be sure, profits have not been big, and it requires close watching and a large volume of trade to bring margins cut to the right side of the ledger. But this is better than the big profits of former years, which stimulated trade beyond that which was healthy and legitimate, to be followed by reactions and depression.

"I am glad that the powers that be have concluded to let well enough alone, and feel confident that our trade has a fair future before us since we are to be let alone by Congress. Hides and leather are lower than they have been in my memory, but with improved machinery and close watching there is a reasonable profit to the trade, and I prefer this to the booms which are inevitably followed by reactions."

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A SIMPLE SERVICE,

But a Hest of Mourning Friends Mark the Funeral of the Dead Statesman-Randall's Remains Carried to Their Resting Pince.

(FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.) WASHINGTON, April 17 .- The funeral of the late Representative Randall was conducted with the same simplicity as usually attends that of the obscurest citizen, and was far more solemn for that reason than a State funeral would have been, but no desire for quiet and unobtrusiveness could keep away the crowds who revered the name of the dead statesman, Practically all Congress and the officials of the administration, as well as all citizens who could gain entrance to the church, assembled to pay their last respect to the remains of one whose proudest epitaph will be "He was an honest man." taph will be, "He was an honest man." Hardly a Pennsylvanian in the city but was there, and many citizens came from the nearer counties of the State to take a last look at the face which has for long years been more sought than any other in the hall of Representatives by every visitor to the National Capitol. All the Pennsylva-

the National Capitol. All the Pennsylvania members of Congress were present at the
church, and all accompanied the remains to
Philadelphia, with the exception of Senator
Cameron and Representative Bayne, who
were detained for good reasons.

The services were opened with the hymn,
"Lead, Kindly Light," by the Schubert
Quartet of male singers. Prof. Bischoff
presided at the organ. Prayer was then
offered by Chaplain Milburn, after which
the pastor of the church, Rev. Dr. Chester,
delivered the funeral sermon. An anthem delivered the funeral sermon. An anthem followed the sermon, and then Chaplain Milburn pronounced the benediction. The ceremonies were concluded about 11 A. M., when the procession formed and moved to the Pennsylvania Railroad station, through the Capitol grounds and Pennsylvania ave-nue, which was lined with sympathetic spectators. Arriving at the depot the remains were placed aboard a train, which soon after started for Philadelphia.

A dispatch from Philadelphia says; The train bearing the remains of the late Samuel J. Randall, arrived at Ridge avenue station on the New York division of the Pennsylvania road, a few minutes after 3 o'clock, vania road, a few minutes after 3 o'clock, and the cortege proceeded out Ridge avenue to Laurel Hill Cemetery. A large crowd of sympathetic spectators had gathered at the station and hundreds followed the funeral procession to the cemetery.

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