

LIVE STOCK REVIEW.

MARKETS BY WIRE.

The Supply of Good Beeves for Butchering Not Up to Demand.

PRICES HIGHER THAN LAST WEEK.

The Eastern Live Stock Markets at the Mercy of Chicago.

SHEEP AND SWINE DRIFTING DOWN

OFFICE OF PITTSBURG DISPATCH, Wednesday, May 14, 1890.

On Monday the offerings of cattle for local trade were 55 carloads against 68 the previous Monday, and 100 loads the week before. Our local trade demands at least 20 loads more than were offered this week, and as a consequence of the shortage, prices were up to 10¢ per ewt. all along the line, and, at the advance markets were very active, and all offerings were promptly taken. Some of the retailers finding markets on Monday, wired to Chicago for additional supplies which showed up this morning. Total receipts for the week, so far have been about 61 carloads, and markets have been growing stronger since the 10 to 15 advance on Monday. A leading commission man said this morning: "I had consigned to me three carloads of butcher cattle on Tuesday morning, and in 20 minutes' time sold them out at 3¢ stronger price."

The highest prices obtained for load lots was \$4. There were no heavy cattle, and no strictly primes on the market. The general run of offerings were fair to good butchering beeves, the best weighing 1,250 to 1,300 lbs. Nice, tidy, fat butcher stock weighing from 1,300 to 1,400 lbs. were held strong, and were put up at a week's notice. Some dealers report even greater advance. Markets closed down with everything cleaned up at an average of 1¢ better price than were obtained last week. Calves were in lighter supply than last week, and prices were firm at a sharp advance over last week's prices. The range of prices was \$4 to \$6 per ewt.

Fatt Cattle Remarkably Scarce.

An East Lake live stock commission merchant who comes to town every day, a quarter of a century, said to-day: "I have never known the time when Western Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana were so bare of fat cattle at this time of the year as now. All Eastern markets are now dependent on Chicago and the far West for their supply of cattle. We are getting in a few and Eastern live stock dealers wait for the next 30 days to look to Chicago for the cattle needed."

By the middle of June grass cattle will begin to come to market from the Middle States, but in the meantime we must look to the far West for supplies. Chicago is not slow to see its opportunity, and makes many advances every week or two past. There was an advance of 10¢ at Chicago yesterday. It is very plain that we have entered upon an era of higher-priced cattle."

The market for mutton opened up Monday morning at an advance of 10¢ over last week's price. A few loads of mutton had a depressing influence, and prices declined 10¢ at 15¢, this losing more than the gain on last week's prices. This morning there were eight or nine loads on the market, and up to 9 o'clock there had been no sales. Prospects were that holders would be forced to make further concessions before selling.

Markets are not less than 1¢ off from prices of last week. All the offerings were clipped, as demand for wool sheep is a thing of the past. The best wethers were sold at \$5.40, and yearlings at 6¢. The range for spring lambs was 7¢/8¢.

The run of hogs for the week has been lighter than last week, and the average price this morning was \$4.35, and market was slow notwithstanding offerings were very light.

McCall & Co.'s Weekly Review.

The supply of cattle has been light, and the market active at an advance of 10¢/25¢ per cwt. on all grades. Market closed strongly; all sold. We give the following as ruling prices: Prime, 1,200 to 1,600 lbs., \$4.80/5.00; grain, 1,100 to 1,300 lbs., \$4.80/5.00; butchers, 1,000 to 1,200 lbs., \$4.80/5.00; sheep, 4,000 lbs.; calves, 1,000 to 1,200 lbs., \$4.80/5.00; lamb, 75¢/85¢; receipts, 17 loads through 7 on sale; market firm at an advance of 7¢ to 8¢ per ewt.

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