LIVE STOCK REVIEW.

Receipts of Low Grade Beeves Large and Markets Lower.

GOOD AND PRIME CATTLE STRONG.

Shippers of Lean Kine Receive Expensive Experience.

GOOD SHEEP FIRM AND LAMBS WEAK

OFFICE OF PITTSBURG DISPATCH, WEDNESDAY, March 4.

There were 85 loads of cattle on the market at East Liberty yards on Monday morning and about 5 loads have been received since Monday. Last week only 70 loads were on sale and the week before 95 loads. Quality of this week's offerings was generally low. There were few good or prime beeves offered in proportion to the whole. Chicago was the main source of supply, there being about 36 loads from that point. The balance were mainly from Ohio and Indiana. On common and medium grades markets opened strong 10 to 15c lower on Monday than the previous week, and a goodly number failed to find purchasers at the decline. Fully a dozen loads were shipped on in first hands, and three or four loads were in yards unsold this morning. Chicago shippers, who look upon this market as good dumping ground for low grade cattle, have received some expensive lessons this week. The shipper who comes out whole on inferior stock may thank his stars. Probabilities are that he has been a loser. The run of prime light butcher beeves this week was light, and markets were steady at last week's prices. A few prime 1,300-lb cattle were on sale, but the highest price offered was 5¼c. This offer not being satisfactory, the holder concluded to try his fortunes in Eastern markets.

There was a good inquiry for stock cattle, but buyers of fat cattle were present in small numbers. One load of good stockers weighing about 900 lbs was sold at $3 70, which was the highest price realized for this grade. Fresh cows were plenty, and markets ranged from $20 to $40 per head. The range for veal calves was 5c to 6½c per lb. With the exception of light, tidy butcher beeves, weighing from 1,100 to 1,200 lbs, markets were dull and slow at lower prices than ruled last week. If anything has been demonstrated the past few weeks it has been that Pittsburg is a very poor market for inferior grades of cattle. The sooner the shipper learns this the better for him and all concerned. Sheep and lambs—The total run for the week has been 15 carloads, and in the run the proportion of choice stock has been small as usual. Good sheep were steady at last week's prices, but lambs were weak and a shade lower. The top of the market for sheep was $5 85, this being paid for a carload of choice from the neighborhood of Columbus, O. The top price of lambs was $6 60, this price being paid for a few bunches of fancy stock. Hogs—Receipts for the week have been between 45 and 50 carloads against little more than half this number last week. There were only 4 loads on sale this morning, and top price was 4c per lb. Top price at Chicago at the same time was $3 55, or 5 to 10c lower than the day before.

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The supply of cattle is liberal, the demand light and market slow and lower; not all sold at present writing. We give the following as ruling prices: Prime, 1300 to 1600 lbs, $4 90@5 10; good, 1200 to 1400 lbs, $4 50@4 80; good butcher grades, 1100 to 1300 lbs, $4 30@4 75; fought fat, 1100 to 1300 lbs, $4 00@4 30; good feeders, 1000 to 1200 lbs, $3 25@3 75; common to fair stockers and feeders, 600 to 1000 lbs, $2 00@3 00; mixed lots, cows, bulls and heifers, $2 25@3 75; fresh cows and springers, $20 00@40 00 per head.

The receipts of hogs light and the market active on best grades, slow on common and light. We quote the market to-day as follows: Selected, $3 90@4 00; best Yorkers, $3 70@3 80; pigs, $3 40@3 60; roughs, $3 25@3 50.

The receipts of sheep fair; market active on sheep and slow on lambs. We quote as follows: Prime Ohio and Indiana wethers, weighing here 105 to 110 lbs, $5 60@5 85; good, 90 to 100 lbs, $5 10@5 50; fair to good mixed, 75 to 80 lbs, $4 50@5 00; culls and common lots, $2 50@3 50; good yearlings, $5 25@5 75; fair to good, 50 to 60 lbs, $4 50@5 00. Lambs—Prime to extra, $6 30@6 60; fair to good, $5 90@6 00; veal calves, 110 to 120 lbs, $5 50@6 25; heavy calves, $2 50@3 00.

Cattle—Receipts, 798 head; shipments, 672 head; market steady; prime, $4 75@5 00; fair to good, $4 25@4 60; common, $3 50@4 00; bulls, cows and stags, $2 25@3 50; 2 cars cattle shipped to New York to-day.

Hogs—Receipts, 2,000 head; shipments, 1,700 head; market active; selected, $3 90@4 00; best Yorkers, $3 70@3 80; common to fair, $3 60@3 70; pigs, $3 25@3 60; 2 cars hogs shipped to New York to-day.

Sheep—Receipts, 1,200 head; shipments, 1,000 head; market firm, slow on lambs and calves; prime, $5 75@6 00; fair to good, $5 00@5 50; common, $3 00@4 00; lambs, $4 50@6 40; veal calves, $5 00@6 25.

By Telegraph.

OMAHA—Cattle—Receipts, 1,650 head; market active and about steady on desirable beeves, undesirable grades slow and 5@10c lower; best butchers' stock active and stronger; others slow and about steady; feeders quiet and unchanged; fancy 1,400 to 1,600-pound steers, $5 00@5 25; prime 1,200 to 1,400-pound steers, $3 90@4 65; fair to good 1,050 to 1,350-pound steers, $2 75@4 15. Hogs—Receipts, 5,200 head; market opened about steady; closed 5c lower; range, $3 00@3 50; bulk, $3 35@3 45; pigs and light weights, $1 75@2 90; light, $3 00@3 40; heavy, $3 20@3 50; mixed, $3 30@3 45. Sheep—Receipts, 170 head; market active and steady; natives, $2 75@5 10; Westerns, $2 50@4 90.

NEW YORK—Beeves—Receipts 3,234 head, including 76 cars for sale; market firm; native steers, $4 50@5 60 per 100 pounds; Texans, $4 00; bulls and cows, $1 60@4 25; dressed beef steady at 7@8½c; shipments to-day, 760 quarters of beef; to-morrow, 430 beeves, 80 sheep and 2,020 quarters of beef. Calves—Receipts 657 head; market steady; Veals, $5 00@8 00; Westerns, $3 00@3 50. Sheep—Receipts, 5,375 head; market ½c per pound higher; sheep, $5 00@6 37½; lambs, $6 00@7 40; dressed mutton firm at 7½@9c; dressed lambs steady at 9@10½c. Hogs—Receipts, 7,627 head, consigned direct; nominally steady at $3 40@3 95.

CINCINNATI—Hogs in light supply and generally higher; common and light, $3 55@3 75; packing and butchers, $3 70@3 95; receipts, 2,000 head; shipments, 970 head. Cattle steady and strong; common, $1 50@2 75; fair to choice butcher grades, $3 00@4 65; prime to choice shippers, $4 50@5 00; receipts, 800 head; shipments, 193 head. Sheep—Best qualities in fair demand; common to choice, $3 00@5 50; extra fat wethers and yearlings, $5 50@5 75; receipts, 125 head; shipments, none. Lambs strong; common to prime butcher, $4 50@6 25; good to choice shipping, $5 50@6 25 per 100 pounds.

CHICAGO—The *Evening Journal* reports: Cattle—Receipts, 13,000 head; shipments 4,000 head; market fairly steady; steers, fancy, $5 00; others, $3 50@4 85; cows, $1 25@3 50; heifers, $3 00@4; stockers, $2 25@3 50. Hogs—Receipts, 48,000 head; shipments, 10,000 head; market slow and lower; rough and common, $3 30@3 40; mixed packers, $3 45@3 55; prime heavy and butcher weights, $3 60@3 70; light, $3 45@3 60. Sheep—Receipts, 8,000 head; shipments, 3,000 head; market active and a shade stronger; Westerns, $4 70@5 85; fed Texans, $4 70; natives, $4 00@5 50; lambs, $5 40@6 10.

ST. LOUIS—Cattle—Receipts, 1,900 head; shipments, 600 head; market slow; good to fancy natives, $4 60@5 10; fair to good natives, $3 80@4 70; stockers and feeders, $2 30@3 50; Texans and Indians, $2 80@4 00. Hogs—Receipts, 3,800 head; shipments, 1,000 head; market lower; fair to choice heavy, $3 60@3 75; mixed grades, $3 25@3 40; light, fair to best, $3 40@3 55. Sheep—Receipts, 300 head; shipments, 700 head; market steady; good to choice, $4 40@5 25.

BUFFALO — Cattle — Receipts, 45 loads through, 1 sale; market quiet; no very good here, only a few odd lots. Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 2 loads through, 30 sale; sales good to best sheep, $5 75@6 25; common to fair, $4 50@5 50; good to best lambs, $6 00@6 75. Hogs—Receipts, 38 loads through, 20 sale; market steady and unchanged; Yorkers, $3 80@3 85; light do, $3 75; mediums, $3 85@3 90.

INDIANAPOLIS—Cattle—Receipts, 250 head; market strong and steady; shippers, $3 25@5 00; butchers, $2 00@3 75; bulls, $1 75@3 25. Sheep—Receipts light; more wanted to make a market; sheep, $3 00@5 00; lambs, $3 50@6 00. Hogs—Receipts, 4,000 head; market active but lower; choice heavy, $3 65@3 70; choice light, $3 50@3 65; mixed, $3 30@3 65; pigs, $2 25@3 25.

KANSAS CITY—Cattle—Receipts, 4,200 head; shipments, 1,230 head; market steady to strong; steers, $3 25@5 55; cows, $1 50@3 80; stockers and feeders, $2 55@3 85. Hogs—Receipts, 11,040 head; shipments, 2,580 head; market steady; bulk, $3 25@3 65; all grades, $3 00@3 75. Sheep—Receipts, 650 head; shipments, 510 head; market steady and unchanged.

MARKETS BY WIRE.

A Lively Day in the Chicago Grain Pits—A Stampede of Shorts While Values Soar Skyward—Provisions Join the Procession.

CHICAGO—More than the usual amount of excitement prevailed in all the speculative markets this morning. Wheat attracted attention early more from what it did not do. There was no fault to be found on this score later in the da . With the corn and oats markets booming to the highest prices of these crops it was thought that early wheat should certainly have shown a marked advance. All who wanted the grain, however, seemed for a time to have no trouble in getting it from those who already had it. The narrowness of the early market was all the more surprising because of the sensationally large decrease in visible supplies of wheat last week, as reported this morning by *Bradstreet's*, showing them to have decreased 1,772,000 bushels, 1,145,000 bushels of which decrease was at points on the Atlantic slope.

For about 20 minutes the crowd would not believe in those figures, they appeared so utterly out of line with the official visible supply, but when their correctness was substantiated there was an excited scramble to buy. Hutchinson, King, Harlow and Schwartz-Dupee led the early buying, but Hutchinson was apparently peddling the grain out again on the little bulges. Meanwhile corn values kept creeping up, and they ultimately got so high that shorts in wheat could stand the strain no longer. They stampeded in a body, and values went soaring. May wheat, which had started at 97⅝c and had ranged at 97¼@97½c all the morning, got up to 97⅝c about noon. This was the price at which many of the "calls" sold last night. It had sold so near this price so many times before, that holders of these privileges had sold against them. As soon as the market overcame this barrier it went upward with a rush. By 12:30 May was up to $1, but it broke back to 99⅝c in short order. Many holders of grain had plenty to sell at the top price, and by this time most of the shorts were in out of the dampness.

Corn acted suspiciously strong from the start. There was no particular reason that was apparent on the surface for the strength beyond the scarcity of contract corn in sight, but people just seemed to want it. Most of these were people who had sold it short. They found supplies very scarce. Holders of the grain were waiting for large fractional bulges. When these came to buy the grain back, which they ultimately did, they found the market rising very fast. May on a start at 56⅝c, sold for a moment at 56⅞c, then crept up to 56⅞c. After reacting to 56c, it again started upward, and after it once passed 58c the shorts were stampeded, and it went up to 58¾c in very short order.

Oats were simply a repetition of corn. There was a good general demand, followed by a stampede of shorts. May started at 48⅝c and ultimately reached 50c.

The provision market was apparently willing to settle back a little if let alone, but could not under the surrounding influence of the grain pits. May started about 2½c easier than yesterday's closing figures, and the advices from the yards of 5,000 more hogs than had been looked for was the cause of the decline. Later there was an amended report making hog receipts 8,000 more than at first advised, and this caused continued depression.

Speculators from the grain pits filed in among the provision brokers when the former articles began to soar, and prices of hog products were lifted boldly almost in spite of themselves. Shorts were the chief buyers. May pork declined from $9 85 at the start to $9 80, and advanced to $10 05. Lard was 5c lower at the start, but advanced 15¾c over the opening price and closed with a net gain of 2⅝c. The net gain in ribs since yesterday is 5c.

The leading futures ranged as follows, as corrected by John M. Oakley & Co., 45 Sixth street, members Chicago Board of Trade:

ARTICLES.	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
WHEAT, No. 2				
March	95	97½	95	97
May	97⅝	$1 00	97⅝	99⅝
July	92⅞	95⅝	92⅞	95
CORN, No. 2				
March	55½	57½	55½	57⅜
May	56⅝	58¾	56⅝	58¾
July	54⅞	57	54⅞	56⅞
OATS, No. 2				
March	48½	50	48½	49⅝
June	47⅝	49	47⅝	48⅝
July	43½	45	43½	44⅝
MESS PORK.				
March	$9 87½	$9 77½	$9 55	$9 77½
May	9 85	10 05	9 82½	10 05
July	10 20	10 40	10 20	10 40
LARD.				
March	5 65	5 72½	5 65	5 72½
May	5 85	5 95	5 85	5 95
July	6 10	6 17½	6 10	6 17½
SHORT RIBS.				
March	4 62½	4 72½	4 62½	4 72½
May	4 87½	4 97½	4 87½	4 97½
July	5 15	5 25	5 15	5 25

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour firm and unchanged. No. 2 spring wheat, 97@97½c; No. 3 spring wheat, 86@91c; No. 2 red, 98½@99½c; No. 2 corn, 57½c; No. 2 oats, 48⅝@48¾c; No. 2 rye, 87@88c; No. 2 barley nominal; No. 1 flaxseed, $1 20; prime timothy seed, $1 27. Mess pork, per bbl, $9 75. Lard, per 100 lbs, $5 72½. Short rib sides (loose), $4 65@4 75; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4 05@4 10; short clear sides (boxed), $4 85@4 90. Sugars unchanged. No. 2 white oats, 49c. No. 3 white 47½c; No. 3 barley, f. o. b., 66@71½c; No. 4, f. o. b., 65@68c. On the Produce Exchange to-day the butter market was steady; extra creamery, 30@32c; extra firsts, 26@28c; firsts, 22@24c; extra dairy, 26@28c; extra firsts, 22@24c; firsts, 20@21c. Eggs, 17@18c.

NEW YORK—Flour strong and active. Cornmeal firm and fairly active; yellow Western, $2 85@3 35. Wheat—Spot market ⅛@1¼c higher, strong and dull; No. 2 red, $1 11¼ in elevator; $1 12⅞ afloat; $1 12⅝@1 13⅜ f. o. b.; No. 3 red, $1 06@1 06⅜; ungraded red, 92¼@$1 11; No. 1 Northern, $1 19⅝; No. 1 hard, $1 23⅝; options 1@1½c higher, closing strong through manipulation at the Week; No. 2 red, March, $1 09⅞@1 11, closing at $1 11; May, $1 06 3-16@1 07⅝, closing at $1 07⅝; June, $1 03⅞@1 05⅜, closing at $1 05⅜; July, $1 00, closing at 1 01⅜; August, 97⅞@98⅝c, closing 98⅝c; September, 97⅞@98⅝c, closing 98⅝c; December, 99½@$1 00⅝, closing at $1 00⅝. Barley dull and easy; No. 2 Milwaukee, 80@82c; ungraded Western, 75@81c. Barley malt dull; Canada country made, $1 00@1 05. Corn—Spot market strong, lc higher and fair business; No. 2, 60@60½c elevator; 67@68c afloat; ungraded mixed, 66@68c; steamer mixed, 66@67½c; No. 3, 65½@66¼c; options excited on light supplies and anxiety to cover contracts with prices 1¼@1½c higher and strong; March, 66⅝@66⅞c, closing at 66⅞c; May, 65@64¾, closing at 64½c; June, 63¾@63⅝c, closing at 63⅝c; July, 62@62⅝c, closing at 62½c; August, 62⅝c. Oats—Spot market active and higher. Options active and stronger; March, 50½c; May, 54⅛@55c, closing at 55c; July, 53⅛@54c, closing at 54c; spot No. 2 white, 55⅝@57½c; mixed Western, 53@56½c; white do, 55@60c; No. 3 Chicago, 58½c. Hay weak and quiet. Hops easy and quiet. Tallow firm and quiet, city (82 for packages), 4 23-32c. Eggs weaker, Western, 17¾@18c. Hides steady and quiet. Pork firm, fair demand; old mess, $9 25@10 00; new mess, $10 50@11 25; extra prime, $9 62@9 87. Cut meats quiet and steady, middles firm. Lard firmer, more active; Western steam, $6 05; March, $6 05 bid; April, $6 10; May, $6 11@6 15, closing at $6 15; June, $6 26; July, $6 37 bid; August, $6 44@6 46, closing at $6 48 bid. Butter in fair demand and firm; Western dairy, 16@26c; do creamery, 25@35c; Elgin, 35@36c. Cheese strong, good demand; light skims, 5@9½c; Ohio flats, 8@10½c.

ST. LOUIS—Flour very strong and higher for some grades. Wheat opened unchanged to ⅛c lower. The market was nervous, but fluctuations were within a narrower range until just after the noon call, when there was a rush to buy, and the market became wildly excited, values advancing by big jumps, closing strong at the highest of the day; No. 2 red, cash, 87⅝c, nominal; May, 97⅞@98½c, closing at 98⅝@98½c; July, 87⅞@88½c, closing at 88½c; August, 86⅝@86c, closing at 87⅞c. Corn was ⅛c lower at the opening, but good buying orders and outside markets started an advance, which continued throughout the session; the closing figures were 1⅝c above yesterday; the trading was active; No. 2, cash, 52⅞@53½c; May, 53⅞@54⅛c, closing at 54⅛c; July, 52⅞@53½c, closing at 53½c bid. Oats excited and higher, but trading light; No. 2 cash, 46⅝@47c; May, 48⅝@49c, closing at 49⅝@49½c. Rye—No trading. Barley nominal. Hay steady and unchanged. Bran dull and lower; sacked, f. o. b., 87½@88c. Butter higher; creamery separator stock, 30@32c; gathered cream, 26@28c; dairy, choice to fancy, 24@25c. Eggs steady at 15c. Cornmeal firm at $2 75@2 80. Provisions—Fair business done. Pork steady; standard mess, $10 00@10 12½. Lard steady at $5 40@5 50. Dry salt meats quiet and easier; boxed shoulders, $3 75; longs and ribs, $4 87½; short clear, $5 50. Bacon good demand and firm; boxed shoulders, $4 50; longs and ribs, $5 25; short clear, $5 37½.

MINNEAPOLIS—Cash wheat was slow to-day. Receipts were again large, and there was more wheat on the tables than sellers could find buyers for. Local millers were apparently fully supplied and bought very sparingly. Prices were somewhat lower than yesterday, notwithstanding futures were stronger. Fancy No. 1 Northern generally sold at ¼@⅜c above May, but the common lots went at about the May price. Poor wheat and low grades were dull. Take it all around it was called the slowest day for spot wheat since the long snap began. There was less than the usual buying for outside account. Closing quotations: No. 1 hard, March, 99c; on track, 98c; No. 1 Northern, March and April, 98c; May, 98⅝c; on track, 98c; No. 2 Northern, March, 93½c; on track, 93½@94c.

PHILADELPHIA—Flour weak. Wheat steady; No. 2 red March, $1 05⅞@1 05⅞; April, $1 06¼@1 06¾; May, $1 06¾@1 06⅞. Corn ¼@½c higher; No. 3 mixed, track and in grain depot, 61½c; steamer No. 2 yellow, in grain depot, 64c; steamer, in export elevator, 64c; No. 2 mixed, in grain depot, 64½c, and No. 2 yellow, in elevator, 65½c; No. 2 mixed, March, 64¼@64½c; April, 64@64¼c; May, 62@62½c; June, 62@62½c. Oats—Carlots strong and higher; futures closed lc higher but quiet; No. 3 white, 54@54½c; No. 2 white, 54½@55c; do private, in grain depot, 55½c; No. 2 white, March, 54¼@54½c; April, 55⅝@55¾c; May, 55⅞@55⅞c; June, 55⅞@55⅞c. Butter quiet but firm under scarcity; Pennsylvania print, extra, 36@38c. Eggs steady; Pennsylvania firsts, 18c.

CINCINNATI—Flour quiet. Wheat strong; No. 2 red, 98c. Corn active and higher; No. 2 mixed, 57¾@58c. Oats firm; No. 2 mixed, 48c. Rye strong at 92c. Provisions firm. Pork, $10 00. Lard, $5 62½. Bulk meats, $4 80@4 85; bacon, $5 75@5 80. Butter strong and higher; fancy Elgin creamery, 37@38c; Ohio and Indiana, 28@30c; prime dairy, 22@25c. Eggs active and higher at 14½c. Cheese scarce and stronger.

MILWAUKEE—Flour unchanged. Wheat higher; No. 2 spring, on track, cash, 95@97c; May, 95¾c; No. 1 Northern, $1. Corn firm; No. 3, on track, 54c. Oats firm; No. 2 white, on track, 49½c. Barley firm; No. 2, in store, 67½c. Rye firmer; No. 1, in store, 88½c. Provisions quiet. Pork—May, $9 87½. Lard, May, $5 87½.

AN EASTERN CRITIC

Shows Up the Shortcomings of Pittsburg Property Owners.

BUSINESS HOUSES TOO SMALL.

A Few of the Interesting Features of Carson Street Pointed Out.

STOCK YARDS AGITATION SETTLED

A New York man was in the city yesterday trying to rent a large business house, but failed. This led him to say: "I am surprised at the smallness of the rooms in which business is transacted in Pittsburg. The most of them are mere boxes compared with those in other cities. I notice there is plenty of room here in which to expand and build. The trouble seems to be that the lots were laid out originally too small. They met the demands of that time, no doubt, but allowed nothing for growth. The consequence is that attempts to carry on business now in the same space as 40 years ago are failures. It can't be done."

There is much truth in this. Those who build should not content themselves with one small lot, 17 or 18 feet front but should buy at least three and put one large or two medium-sized buildings thereon. This would make the owners more money, and at the same time bring in new blood and capital. There would be no delay in renting, such buildings being in constant demand. The sooner Pittsburg owners look at this matter in this light the better it will be for them and the city.

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A Great Thoroughfare.

Carson street, the principal thoroughfare on the Southside, possesses some interesting features. It is a hive of business. For two or three miles it presents an almost unbroken array of stores and shops, liberally supplied with everything necessary to meet the wants of the community. There are few large concerns, as the business is almost exclusively of a retail character. Millmen are the principal customers, and they want the best. Many of these stores are as handsomely fitted up as any to be found on this side of the river, while the goods displayed are abundant and attractive. A trip from the Smithfield street bridge to Thirteenth street yesterday disclosed only two houses to let. A few improvements were seen, but nothing important. Most of the building is in the vicinity of the railroad bridge and on the hilltops. The introduction of rapid transit will increase the importance of Carson street by bringing all parts of it into closer relationship with the business and residence centers.

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Settled for Good.

It seems to be settled that the East Liberty stockyards are not to be removed to Walls or anywhere else—just now. Improvements about to be made in the way of buildings and extensions show that they are to remain at Torrens. It is well that this matter has been brought to a head. Its periodical agitation from time immemorial has kept property owners and investors in an unpleasant frame of mind. They would neither sell nor buy with the doubt hanging over them. But now that they know there will be no change they will be free to act. The removal of the yards would open the way to many valuable improvements which are now impracticable. There will be considerable building out there this season, but the houses will be small.

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Lower Allegheny.

There is a good movement in realty in the lower wards of Allegheny City, several sales having been closed within the last few days. Among these were three handsome dwellings on Allegheny and Ridge avenues. As but few of the transactions are permitted to reach the surface, it is impossible to make an estimate of the business done, but it is considerable—equal, perhaps, to that of an equal area in the busiest part of the East End. Owners are not anxious to sell. They are holding back for the opening of California avenue, which they think will stiffen values and stimulate improvement—certainly a reasonable conclusion.

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Business News and Gossip.

A good volume of business was transacted yesterday, but there was no rush. The weather was bearish.

A good business house is talked of in place of the old structure on the corner of Seventh and Carson streets, Southside.

Mr. McMillan, who recently purchased the Bull's Head Hotel on Second avenue, is putting in a new front and making other repairs.

The cold weather is delaying work on nearly all the buildings under way. Ground was to have been broken for six dwellings on Franklin street, Wilkinsburg, on Monday, but nothing could be done.

Eleven of 29 mortgages on file for record yesterday were for purchase money. The largest was for $6,500.

A list of all the transactions in Diamond alley real estate occurring last year was published in this column about two months ago, the seller, buyer and price being given in each instance.

On Change yesterday there was a bid of 115 for Panhandle first mortgage 7s. Pittsburg and Western gained 1 point since it were offered at 80, and Citizens' Traction 5s at 106.

George B. Hill & Co. bought Electric and sold Philadelphia Gas.

Among improvements soon to be started at Washington, Pa., are an addition to the college and a fine dwelling by L. T. Chalfant.

At private sale yesterday a small lot of Pittsburg Plate Glass stock brought $175, and Liberty Bank 100.

The payment of quarterly pensions yesterday made things lively at the depository banks.

Coupons of the Union Switch and Signal 6s will be paid on presentation at the Masonic Bank.

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The Building Record.

The following permits for improvements were issued yesterday:

Chaplin, Fulton & Co., limited, one-story addition frame and brick shop, 78x75 feet, on rear Penn avenue, First ward. Cost, $3,000.

Henry Berrian, frame two-story dwelling, 17x30 feet, on Home street, Eighteenth ward. Cost, $1,800.

Adelbert Hahn, frame two-story and mansard dwelling, 17x36 feet, on Monastery avenue, Twenty-seventh ward. Cost, $1,200.

Tim McCarthy, frame two-story dwelling, 19x30 feet, on Omega street, Twenty-first ward. Cost, 1,000.

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Movements in Realty.

A. Z. Byers & Co. sold for the Park Homestead Loan and Trust Company of Allegheny City, to W. C. Morrison, a two-story frame house of six rooms and hall, with lot 20x100 feet, running through from Carroll to East Jefferson street, being the property No. 75 Carroll street, Second ward, Allegheny City, for $3,000.

Reed B. Coyle & Co. sold lots Nos. 109 and 110 in their Marion place addition, fronting 50 feet on Sylvan avenue by 165 feet to Speer street, for $1,500 cash.

Black & Baird sold to J. C. Buffun lot No. 55 in the Dunlevy plan, Twenty-second ward, fronting 25 feet on the east side of Hastings street by a depth of 120 feet to a 20-foot alley, for $525.

D. Behen & Son sold for Sidney H. Newbury to Frand Layneckl lot 25x120 feet on Brereton avenue, Thirteenth ward, for $610.

A. Goeddel sold for Mellon Bros. a lot 92x120, on Margaretta street, to Z. H. Palmer for $5,050.

Baxter, Thompson & Co. sold for George Morris a tract of land in Penn township, consisting of two acres, with a two-story frame house of five rooms, for $1,200 cash. Mathew Blocher was the purchaser.

John K. Ewing & Co. sold for C. Scharb to Conrad Buetell, a lot 40x129, with a four-roomed frame house, on Ann street, Twelfth ward, Allegheny, near East street, for $1,050 cash.

Charles Somers & Co. sold for the Brushton School Board eight $500 5-20 school bonds at 5 3-10 per cent.

A LITTLE BETTER.

Some Trading in Oil and Price Moves Up a Trifle.

There was some demand for oil yesterday, and 10,000 barrels were unloaded at 76⅝c. The market closed at 76½c. The feeling was a little better. Oil City did some buying. Some of the brokers predicted a revival.

Refined was steady and unchanged all round. Average runs, 40,810; average shipments, 49,976; average charters, 4,762.

McGrew, Wilson & Co., 90 Fourth avenue, quote puts, 76c; calls, 78@78⅛c.

Oil Markets.

BRADFORD, March 4.—National Transit Certificates opened at 75¾c; closed at 77c; highest, 77⅞c; lowest, 75⅝c; clearances, 382,000 barrels.

OIL CITY, March 4.—National Transit Certificates opened at 75¾c; highest, 77¼c; lowest, 75⅝c; closed, 77¼c; sales, 189,000 barrels; clearances, 118,000 barrels; charters, 68,730 barrels; shipments, 81,966 barrels; runs, 56,706 barrels.

NEW YORK, March 4.—Petroleum opened steady for Pennsylvania oil, and advanced ⅛ on Western buying, closing firm. Lima oil declined 2¼c on the sale of a small lot for a tired holder. Pennsylvania oil, April option: Sales, 55,000 barrels; opening, 76c; highest, 77c; lowest, 75¾c; closing, 77c. Lima oil: Sales, 5,000 barrels; opening, 19c; highest, 19c; lowest, 19c; closing, 19c. Total sales, 67,000 barrels.

HOME SECURITIES.

A Day Without Vim or Special Incident—No New Move in Electric—Philadelphia Gas Holds Its Ground—Air-brake Becomes Stronger.

Yesterday was the quietest day at the local Stock Exchange for a month or more. The demand for securities was very light, and sales dropped to 446 shares, of which 205 were Electric. Buying and selling orders were too close together for business.

Electric was strong in Boston and steady here, with little doing in it at either point. Opening and closing prices here were the same, but a 100-share lot sold a fraction higher. The time for completing the placing of the preferred stock has been extended to the 20th of this month. Creditors are believed to have received private information of a nature to make them willing to wait.

Airbrake was stronger on assurance that the usual quarterly dividend of 4 per cent would be paid in April. The scare caused by the loan of $500,000 of the company's money to Mr. Westinghouse had a short run.

Philadelphia Gas was in good demand around 13. It closed a trifle lower. Central and Pittsburg Traction finished at a fractional loss. Luster added a little to its credit. Switch and Signal was weak. Chartiers Valley Gas was in bad repute, 6¼ being the only bid. Sales and fluctuations follow:

First call—50 shares Electric at 11⅛, 10 Switch and Signal 10¼, 6 Switch and Signal at 10.

Second call—5 shares of Electric at 11⅛, 5 Luster at 15¼, 200 La Noria at 25c, 20 Philadelphia Gas at 13.

Third call—50 Electric at 11⅛.

Before call—100 Electric at 11⅛.

	FIRST CALL. B	FIRST CALL. A	SECOND CALL. B	SECOND CALL. A	THIRD CALL. B	THIRD CALL. A
P. F. S. & M. Ex.	600	625	....	....	....	....
Chartiers V. Gas	....	....	....	....	6¼	10
People's N. G.	....	....	....	....	....	....
Phila. Co.	13	13½	12⅞	13	12⅞	13
Central Traction	17¾	18½	17¾	18½	17	18
Citizens' Trac'n.	57¾	58	57¾	58	57¾	58
Pittsburg Trac.	....	33	....	33	....	33
Pleasant Valley.	24	....	24	....	24	....
Second Ave.	51½	55	51½	55	....	....
Chartiers Ry.	....	57	....	57	....	....
P., Y. & A.	....	38	....	38	....	....
P., Y. & L. pref.	53	....	53	....	....	....
Pitts. & C. Stan.	5	....	5	....	....	....
LaNoria M'g Co.	25	26	25	26	26	30
Luster Mining.	15	16	15	15¼	15⅛	15¼
Silverton Min'g.	75	....	87½	....	87½	....
Westinghouse E.	11½	11⅝	11½	11⅝	11½	11⅝
U. S. & S. Co.	9½	10½	9	10½	....	10½
U. S. & S. pref.	....	35	....	35	....	35
Westhouse A. B.	91¾	....	96	95	92⅝	....
Stan. Un. C. Co.	55	57½	....	57½	55	57

The total sales of stocks at New York yesterday were 177,331 shares, including Atchison, 6,598; Lackawanna, 9,050; Louisville and Nashville, 9,755; North American, 3,520; Northern Pacific, 6,025; do preferred, 23,290; Pacific Mail, 7,210; St. Paul, 12,750.

MONEY MARKET.

A Fair Movement at the Banks, but No Change in Conditions.

There was only a moderate borrowing demand for money yesterday, with plenty of it to lend at 6@7 per cent. A few call loans were taken at the inside figure. Currency was scarce at some of the banks and in good supply at others.

Routine lines were satisfactory, with depositing the feature. This shows general trade is good. Clearing House exchanges were $2,337,331 34 and balances $418,118 34.

Money on call at New York yesterday was easy, ranging from 3 to 4 per cent, last loan 3, closed offered at 3. Prime mercantile paper 5@7. Sterling exchange quiet at $4 85 for 60-day bills, and $4 88¼ for demand.

Closing Bond Quotations.

U. S. 4s, reg.	120	M. K. & T. Gen. 5s	79½
U. S. 4s, coup.	121¼	Mutual Union 6s	108
U. S. 4½s, reg.	102	N. J. C. Int. Cert.	110¼
U. S. 4½s, coup.	102	Northern Pac. 1st	115⅝
U. S. 2s of '96	100	Northern Pac. 2d	112½
Louisiana stamped	92½	Northwest'n consols	137
Missouri 6s	....	Nortw'n deben's 5s	107
Tenn. new set. 6s	103	Oregon & Trans. 6s	....
Tenn. new set. 5s	101	St. L. & I. M. Gen. 5s	93
Tenn. new set. 3s	71	St. L. & S. F. Gen. M.	100
Canada So. 2ds	97½	St. Paul consols	122
Central Pacific 1st	109	St. P. Chi. & Pc. 1st	118
Den. & R. G. 1st	117½	Tex. Pac. L. G. Tr. Rc.	85½
Den. & R. G. 4s	81¾	Tex. Pac. E. G. Tr. Rc.	22
D. & E. G. Westists.	—	Union Pacific 1st	108¼
Erie 2ds	99¾	West Shore	102½
M. K. & T. Gen. 6s	76¾	Rio Grande W. 1st	76¾

N. Y., L. E. & W. pd.	32	....	31
N. Y. & N. H.	36¾	35½	35½
N. Y., O. & W.	16¾	16½	16½
Norfolk & Western	15¾	....	....
Northern Pacific	28⅝	28⅛	27⅝
Northern Pacific pf.	73⅝	74	72⅝
Ohio & Mississippi	....	....	16½
Oregon Improvement	....	....	25½
Pacific Mail	38⅝	39	37⅝
Peo., Dec. & Evans	19	19¼	19
Philadel. & Reading	32¼	32¾	31⅝
Pullman Palace car	....	....	193
Richmond & W. P. T.	18¼	....	18
Richmond & W. P. T. pf	73⅝	....	73¾
St. Paul & Duluth	....	....	24
St. Paul & Duluth pf.	....	....	85
St. P., Minn. & Man.	....	....	133¼
Sugar Trust	86⅝	....	85
Texas Pacific	14⅛	14½	13¾
Union Pacific	45¾	....	44⅝
Wabash	19	....	9⅝
Wabash pref.	17¾	....	17¾
Western Union	81¼	81¾	80⅝
Wheeling & L. E.	32	32	31⅝
Wheeling & L. E. pref.	77	77	76⅝
North American Co.	18⅛	18⅛	17⅞
P., C., C. & St. L.	14¾	....	14
P., C., C. & St. L. pr.	....	....	49

*Offered.

Boston Stocks.

Atch. & Top L. G. 7s	23¾	Franklin	163⅝
Boston & Albany	201	Huron	23⅛
Boston & Maine	208	Kearsarge	13⅛
C., B. & Q.	78⅛	Osceola	38
Eastern R. R. 6s	122	Quincy	97
Fitchburg R. R.	83	Santa Fe Copper	⅝
Mass. Central	17⅛	Tamarack	145
Mex. Cen. com	21¼	Boston Land Co.	5⅛
N. Y. & N. Eng.	35½