THE HUMP REVIVED.

A Correspondent Says It Is Standing in the Way of Improvement.

LONG LEASES HURTING THE POINT.

The Change in the System of Selling Realty Beneficial to Buyers.

THE NEWS AND GOSSIP OF THE CITY

In reply to an article in this column, under the caption, "Business Shut Out," in Friday's issue, "A Daily Reader" says: "Your statements are usually correct, but not quite so in regard to property owners. Improvements at the Point are delayed by long leases. Property near the court house, on Wylie, Fifth avenue, High, Tunnel and other streets, is delayed by the city fathers. They will not say if the Hump will be cut off or not. Therefore property owners cannot get the grade on these streets to build."

Another correspondent, "Progress," writes from McKeesport: "Your statement the other day that 'property in McKeesport commands about as high a price as it does in Pittsburg, barring a few of the principal streets,' was not much out of the way. This city is building up very fast. Outsiders are flockington to share our prosperity. This enlarges the demand for property and stiffens prices. Building sites are going off very fast. A number of handsome improvements are in progress and many more are under consideration. We expect quite a boom here the coming summer. The eight-hour agitation is the only thing that stands in the way, and I think it will be settled without a strike."

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A Change for the Better.

The old method of handling real estate has given place to one based on modern business ideas. In most cases the buyer now deals with agents instead of owners, and instead of spending days and perhaps weeks looking up such property as he wants, he has only to make his wishes known to a broker, and in a twinkling he is handed a large list to select from. This saves him money, time and trouble, for house-hunting must be classed with the vexations of life. He is more likely to secure a bargain too, for the broker, anxious to make a sale, will put the price down to the lowest notch. The change has been beneficial to all interested in real estate, but principally to the working people. It is easier to buy and pay for a home under the new system than it was under the old.

There is another phase of the question that deserves notice, since it confirms the statement that the new way is an improvement on the old. Ten years ago, more or less, agents had to sell houses on almost cash terms. Now they are offering the same description of property on terms that amount to about the same as moderate rents. Then it was next to impossible for any one, unless he was prepared to put up the cash, to become a proprietor; now it is comparatively easy for any industrious, frugal man to buy a home and pay for it practically on his own terms.

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Business News and Gossip.

Uncertainty as to whether the "hump" will be removed or not is, it seems, delaying improvement in the Grant street district. The question should be definitely settled one way or another.

It is said that the St. Peter's Episcopal Church property has been definitely withdrawn from the market. There never was much pressure to sell it.

Fine manufacturing sites abound in the vicinity of Brinton and Turtle Creek. Those who think this kind of property is scarce are mistaken.

Henry M. Long yesterday sold $13,000 Pittsburg and Western 4's at 79½.

Colonel W. A. Herron, of W. A. Herron & Sons, is confined to his bed by rheumatism. His condition yesterday was somewhat improved.

The demand for mortgages is fairly good, and houses are renting like hot cakes.

Boston was bullish on Electric yesterday. It was strong there in the afternoon around 12.

John Kelly has sold to Morris Gilanski a lot 25x96, with improvement, on Wylie avenue, Seventh ward, for $15,000.

H. M. Bennett, of the Consolidated Gas Company, is home from a trip to Florida.

Switch and Signal opened lower in fractions below the opening, but was stronger than on Saturday.

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The Building Record.

The following permits for the erection of new buildings were taken out yesterday:

James and Jane Allen, two brick two-story and basement dwellings, 12½x34 feet, on Ochil alley, Thirteenth ward. Cost, $1,800.

Casper Gfroerer, frame two-story and attic dwelling, 19x32 feet, on Boquet street, Fourteenth ward. Cost, $2,300.

Mrs. Annie Heibing, frame addition mansard story dwelling, 15x32 feet, on Stanton avenue, Eighth ward. Cost, $400.

John Todd, frame two-story dwelling, 16x32 feet, on Sylvan avenue, Twenty-third ward. Cost, $900.

E. Davis, brick three-story dwelling, 16x40 feet, on Washington street, Seventh ward. Cost, $1,775.

Miss Jennie Walker, frame one-story store, 14x25 feet, on South Twenty-fifth street, Twenty-fifth ward. Cost, $200.

Christian Katz, frame two-story dwelling and store, 16x32 feet, on Cespucius street, Twenty-third ward. Cost, $1,700.

H. A. Mitchell, frame two-story stable, 25x50 feet, on Penn avenue, Twentieth ward. Cost, $950.

Silberstein & Mitchell, frame addition one-story shop, 18x24 feet, on rear Grazier street, Twenty-first ward. Cost, $150.

Mrs. E. Conway and Miss S. Kearns, brick two-story stable, 28x36 feet, on Spring alley, Tenth ward. Cost, $1,400.

C. S. Rogers, frame one-story wagon shed, 12x34 feet, on rear Wabash avenue, Thirty-sixth ward. Cost, $20.

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Movements in Realty.

W. A. Herron & Sons sold on O'Hara street, East End, a new brick house of eight rooms and modern improvements, for $5,600 cash.

J. E. Glass closed the sale of three houses in the Twentieth ward and one house in the Fourteenth ward and 50 lots in the Twenty-third ward, for $38,000.

C. Beringer & Son sold for Phillip Schanerhammer to J. H. Cohen, a brick dwelling on Roberts street, for $3,175 cash; also for George Schmidt to S. Birkel, a small brick dwelling on Devillers street, for $1,700.

W. E. Blackett & Son sold a house and lot on Biddle street, Wilkinsburg, for $3,650.

Black & Baird sold to Patrick Morran the southern one-half of lots Nos. 28 and 29 in the John A. Roll plan at Linden station, Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, Fourteenth ward, for $675.

A. J. Byers & Co. sold for C. L. Mohney to A. Hamilton a two-story frame house of six rooms and hall, with lot 22x125 feet to an alley, on McNaugher avenue, Twelfth ward, Allegheny, for $1,600 cash.

HOME SECURITIES.

Brighter Prospect and a Better Feeling—Electric Again Boosted by Boston—Switch and Signal Clipped a Trifle—Other Features.

The local stock market yesterday was dominated by a better feeling than had prevailed for some time previously. There was a liberal supply of orders, and the weather was bright and bracing. News from abroad was more encouraging, and crop reports were of a favorable nature.

Electric was weak at the opening and showed no special change until the last call, when Boston bulled it up and sent some buying orders here. This was sufficient reason for an advance, and from 11¼ bid at the opening this stock moved up gradually until it sold at 12¾. It closed steady at 12 bid and offered at 12¾.

Talk on Change and on the street was to the effect that Mr. Westinghouse was almost certain to succeed in his negotiations. The second extension expires on Thursday. Whether another will be asked for or taken is not known. Some expressed the opinion that the full amount of preferred stock would be subscribed for by that time.

Philadelphia Gas closed a good fraction better than the opening on reports of large earnings and a better supply of fuel. Airbrake was stronger on the dividend, being bid up to 93. Switch and Signal preferred, lacking the stimulus of a dividend, was weaker. The common also lost ground, notwithstanding the opinion generally entertained that it will show up better under the new management. It is probable round lots would bring more than the board quotations.

Luster added half a point to its credit. Silverton was steady. The fractions were featureless. There was very little inquiry for bank and insurance stocks, but there was considerable of the latter in the market. Total sales were 332 shares, as follows:

First Call—20 Philadelphia Gas at 12, 10 at 12¼.

After Call—10 Switch and Signal at 12.

Second Call—20 Electric buyer 30, at 11¾, 20 regular at 11¾.

After Call—50 Electric at 11¾.

Third Call—5 Electric at 11¾, 100 at 11¾, 100 at 12, 13 at 12¾, 10 Switch and Signal at 11¾, 10 at 11¾, 15 Luster at 14¾.

Bids and offers at each of the three calls are given in the following table:

	FIRST CALL. B	FIRST CALL. A	SECOND CALL. B	SECOND CALL. A	THIRD CALL. B	THIRD CALL. A
Bank of Pitts.	....	....	95	....	....	....
German Nat. B'k	315	....	315	....	....	....
Iron City N. B'k	85	....	....	....	....	....
Boatmans' ins.	....	32½	....	....	....	....
City Insurance	....	39	....	....	....	58
Citizens' insur.	....	....	....	....	....	38
German Ins.	....	....	....	....	....	84
German A. Insur	....	....	....	....	....	54
Man. & Mer. Ins.	47	....	....	....	....	....
Con. Gas Co. (B.)	40	....	....	....	....	....
Pitts. Gas Co. (B)	72	....	....	....	....	....
Southside G. Co.	....	25	....	....	....	....
Charters V. Gas	....	....	....	16	....	....
P. N. G. & P. Co	9⅞	10½	....	....	....	....
Phila. Co.	12	12½	12	12¼	12¾	12¾
Tuna Oil Co.	....	60	....	....	....	....
Central Traction	17	18	17	....	17	18
Citizens' Trac'n.	....	58	....	....	....	58
Pittsburg Trac.	31½	32	31	32	31½	32
Pleasant Valley	24	24½	24	....	24	24½
Chartiers Ry.	....	57	....	....	....	....
P., Y. & A. R. R	....	38	....	....	....	....
P., Y. & A. pref	53	....	....	....	....	....
P. & C. Shares	5	....	....	....	....	....
N. Y. & C. G. C. C	41	....	....	41	....	....
Hand St. Bridge	....	60	....	60	....	....
LaNoria M'f'g Co.	25	....	....	....	25	....
Luster Mining	13½	14½	13½	14½	14	15
Silverton Min'g	1½	....	1½	....	1⅜	1⅞
Westinghouse E.	11½	11¾	11½	....	12	12¼
Monon. W. Co.	....	....	....	....	27	28
U. S. A & S. Co.	11⅜	13	11⅜	12	11¼	11⅝
U. S. & S. pref.	....	31	....	....	25	31
West'house A. B.	93	....	93	95	....	....
Stan. Un. C. Co.	50	56	50	....	5½	....

The total sales of stocks at New York yesterday were 218,091 shares, including Atchison, 13,323; Lackawanna, 25,740; Louisville and Nashville, 7,458; Missouri Pacific, 5,010; Northern Pacific, 3,035; Northern Pacific preferred, 5,200, Richmond and West Point, 5,285; St. Paul, 31,845; Union Pacific, 6,550.

MONEY MARKET.

Local Business Better Than the Clearing House Figures Indicate.

The local money market presented the same features and conditions yesterday as for some time past. There was a moderate call for loans and an abundant supply of funds. There was a fair volume of checking exchanges, footing up $2,069,259 50, and balances $417,812 90. Rates were exchanged on the basis of 6@7 per cent.

Business is better than it appears as reflected in the Clearing House returns, the bulk of the trading being for cash. This is shown to some extent by the large depositing during the season. The fact that traders are able to get along without constant recourse to the banks is also indicative of easy collections.

Money on call at New York yesterday was 2½@3 per cent; last loan 3, closed offered at 2½. Prime commercial paper, 5@7. Sterling exchange quiet but strong at $4 83¾ for 60-day bills, and $4 88 for demand.

Closing Bond Quotations.

U. S. 4s, reg.	121	M. K. & T. Gen. 5s	95¾
U. S. 4s, coup.	122	Mutual Union 6s	102½
U. S. 4½s, reg.	107	N. J. C. Int. Cert.	110¾
U. S. 4½s, coup.	107	Northern Pac. 1st	118¾
Pacific 6s of '95	111	Northern Pac. 2ds	113
Louisiana stamped 4s	90	Northw'n consols	137¾
Missouri 6s	100	Nor'n deben's 6s	106¾
Tenn. new set. 3s	103	Oregon & Trans. 6s	109
Tenn. new set. 5s	103	St. L. & I. M. Gen. 5s	92¾
Tenn. new set. 6s	71	St. L. & S. F. Gen. M.	104½
Canada So. 2ds	97½	St. Paul consols	121
Central Pacific 1st s.	108	St. P. Chi & Pc. 1st s	115
Den. & R. G. 1st s.	119	Tex., Pac. L. G. Tr. Rs.	87
Erie 2d s.	106	Tex. Pac. R. G. Tr. Rs.	21¼
D. & R. G. West 1st s.	70	Union Pacific 1st s.	109½
Erie 2ds	99¾	West Shore	102½
M. K. & T. Gen. 6s	77¾	Rio Grande W. 1sts	76¾

Bank Clearings.

CHICAGO—Clearings, $14,333,000. New York exchange was at 70c discount. Rates for money were steady at 6@6½ per cent.

ST. LOUIS—Clearings, $3,782,665; balances, $357,280. Money 6@7 per cent. Exchange on New York 70c premium.

MEMPHIS—New York exchange selling at $1 premium. Clearings, $460,883; balances, $131,201.

NEW ORLEANS—Clearings, $1,554,556. New York exchange, commercial paper, 25c; bank, $1 per $1,000 premium.

NEW YORK—Bank clearings, $73,814,291; balances, $4,367,169.

BOSTON—Bank clearings, $14,056,921; balances, $1,586,840. Money 5 per cent. Exchange on New York, 15 to 25c discount.

PHILADELPHIA—Bank clearings, $9,778,430; balances, $1,767,236. Money 5 per cent.

BALTIMORE—Bank clearings to-day, $33,051,286; balances, $426,986. Money, 6 per cent.

A BAD START.

Nothing Doing in Oil and the Price Clipped a Trifle.

Oil was dull and weak yesterday. There were no sales. The opening and highest price was 87½; the lowest and closing 87¼.

Refined was unchanged. Average daily runs, as posted, were 74,857; average shipments, 65,473; average charters, 35,901.

The conditions being bullish, the only way to account for the depression is on the theory that the Standard is buying. This is the view of most brokers.

McGrew, Wilson & Co., 90 Fourth avenue, quote: Puts, 78; calls, 75@75¼.

Oil Markets.

BRADFORD, March 16.—Petroleum—National Transit certificates opened at 73½c; highest, 74½c; lowest, 73½c; closing, 74c; sales, 118,000 barrels; clearances, 176,000 barrels; shipments, 83,571 barrels.

NEW YORK, March 16.—Petroleum opened dull, but after sagging off slightly rallied ⅜c on a few Western buying orders and closed firm. Pennsylvania oil spot, opening 73⅝c; highest, 74⅝c; lowest, 73⅝c; closing, 73⅝c. April option opening, 73½c; highest, 73⅝c; lowest, 73c; closing 73⅝c. Lima oil, no sales. Total sales, 54,000 barrels.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

A Decided Movement in a Few Leading Shares Relieves the General Stagnation. Advances From the Other Side Did Not at All Favor the Bulls.

NEW YORK, March 16.—The stock market opened the new week with a semblance of activity, but this soon disappeared and the usual stagnation in the general was relieved by the decided movements in a few of the leading shares, while these were generally downward. More attention was paid to Lackawanna by the bears, and that stock shared with Burlington the leadership of the market. The bulls had expected to hear some favorable news from the other side, but the advances from that quarter were of a neutral character and had no influence upon the course of prices either way. The support which the market had last week from the covering of shorts seemed to be lacking after the first hour, and while the bears were credited with having some orders in the Western stocks a large proportion of them were evidently selling orders. The trading, however, was still principally professional, and except in the specialties prices got but small fractions away from the opening figures, which, however, were generally higher than Saturday's closing. The impetus of the strength of Saturday was sufficient to send them up fractionally, but Rouse and Watertown, which had opened up 1⅝ per cent at 132, reacted to 130¾. The traders and bears then made a sharp attack upon the coalers, and Lackawanna in particular, which carried that stock down 1¼. While the rest of the list followed with fractional losses, the report that Burlington's earnings for February would be unfavorable, making that stock the leader. Dullness and stagnation took the place of the animation displayed and not until well into the afternoon was there any change, but toward the closing hour new buying orders were put into the market and decided strength was shown for the remainder of the session, accompanied by considerable activity under the further covering of the shorts. Everything touched the highest prices of the day and many showed material gains at the close, which was quiet but strong. The final gains comprise Rome, Watertown and Ogdensburg, 10 per cent; Missouri Pacific, 1½; Northwestern, 1¼; Sugar, 1½; St. Paul and Burlington each 1⅝, and others fractions.

Railroad bonds were more active, the dealings reaching $5,663,000, out of which Atchison incomes figured for $274,000, and Pittsburg and Western firsts $185,000. The market was firm to strong, and many material gains were scored, though the general list shows only small changes at the close. Government bonds have been dull and steady. State bonds have been dull and steady.

The *Post* says: There is evidently someone who has started on a bear campaign against Northern Pacific, as is shown by the numerous anonymous letters of the net earnings and operating expenses sent to newspapers and individuals in the last week or two. The figures and the argument in all these letters are the same, viz: That the surplus of $1,750,543 which was earned in the six months to December 31, over and above the six months' proportion of fixed charges, and which amounted to 4¾ per cent on the $36,909,855 of the preferred stock, "will be all wiped out by the end of the year to June 30, 1891." The amount required for the 4 per cent dividend on the preferred stock is $1,476,360, so that even if there should be a deficit of $274,183 below the fixed charges for the half year to June 30, there would still be enough surplus to pay the year's dividend on the preferred stock. At the end of January, 1890, the earnings of the Pacific showed a deficit of $221,000 below fixed charges up to that date, but on June 30 this deficit had been made up, and there was a surplus of $367,000 over the six months' proportion of fixed charges. If the same should be the experience of this year, the Northern Pacific and Wisconsin Central might run $300,000 below the three months' proportion of fixed charges for the first quarter of 1891 and make it up and a good deal more in the next three months.

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 the New York Stock Exchange, 57 Fourth avenue:

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing Bid.
Am. Cotton Oil	....	....	....	....
Am. Cotton Oil Trust	23¾	24	23¾	23¾
Atch., Top. & S. F.	26¾	....	....	....
Canadian Pacific	76¾	....	....	....
Canada Southern	50	50	50	50
Central of New Jersey	....	....	....	115¾
Chesapeake & Ohio	....	....	....	17¾
Chicago Gas Trust	44½	44¾	44½	44¾
C., Bur. & Quincy	79¾	80	78¾	79¾
C., Mil. & St. Paul	65¼	66½	65½	66¼
C., Mil. & St. P., pf.	113¼	113½	113¼	113½
C., Rock I. & P.	67¾	67¾	66¾	67¾
C., St. P., M. & O.	....	....	....	23
C., St. P., M. & O. pf.	....	....	....	74
C. & Northwestern	104¾	105¼	104	105½
C., C., C. & I.	60½	61	60½	61
C., C., C. & I. pref.	....	....	....	93
Col. Coal & Iron	35¼	36½	35¼	35½
Col. & Hocking Valley	27¼	27¾	27¼	27¾
Ches. & Ohio 1st pref.	51¾	52	51¾	52
Ches. & Ohio 2d pref.	36¾	36¾	36¾	36¾
Del., Lack & West	134½	135	133¾	134¾
Del. & Hudson	133½	....	....	....
Den. & Rio Grande	17¾	....	....	....
Den. & Rio Grande, pf.	59	....	....	....
E. T., Va. & Ga.	....	....	....	6¾
Illinois Central	94½	94½	94	94
Lake Erie & West	13¾	13¾	13¾	13¾
Lake Erie & West pf.	56¾	56¾	56¾	56¾
Lake Shore & M. S.	110¼	110½	110¼	110½
Louisville & Nashville	74½	74¾	74½	74¾
Manhattan Elev.	41½	41¾	40¾	41¾
Missouri Pacific	66¾	68	66¾	67¾
National Lead Trust	18¾	18¾	18¾	18¾
New York Central*	102	102¾	102	102
N. Y. C. & St. L.	....	....	....	13¾
N. Y., C. & St. L. 1st pf	....	....	....	65½
N. Y., L. E. & W.	19	19¾	19	19¾
N. Y., L. E. & W. pd.	51½	51	51½	52
N. Y. & N.	34¾	35¼	34¾	34¾
N. Y., O. & W.	16½	16¾	16½	16¾
Norfolk & Western	....	....	....	14
Northern Pacific	27¼	27¾	27¼	27¾
Northern Pacific pf.	71¾	72	71¾	72
Oregon Improvement	25¾	....	....	27
Pacific Mail	....	....	....	57¾
Peo., Dec. & Evans	19¾	19¾	19¼	19¼
Philadel. & Reading	20	20	19¾	20
Richmond & W. P. T.	18	18¼	17¾	18¼
Richmond & W. P. T. pf.	72¾	72¾	72	72¾
St. Paul & Duluth	....	....	....	25
St. Paul & Duluth pf.	89	89	89	89
St. P., Minn. & Man.	....	....	....	107
Texas Pacific	13¾	14¾	13¾	14¾
Union Pacific	49¾	....	....	50
Wabash	....	....	....	16¾
Wabash preferred	18¾	18½	18¾	18½
Western Union	81	81¾	81	81¾
Wheeling & L. E.	31¾	31¾	31¾	31¾
Wheeling & L. E. pf.	71¾	....	....	....
North American Co.	18	18¼	18	18¼
P., C., C. & St. L.	13¾	14¾	13¾	14½
P., C., C. & St. L. pr.	50	52¾	50	51½

*Ex-dividend.

Boston Stocks.

Atch. & Top. L. G. 7s	77¾	Calumet & Hecla	260
Boston & Albany	260¼	Franklin	17
Boston & Maine	208½	Kearsarge	13
C., B. & Q.	79¾	Osceola	15
Eastern R. R. 6s	122	Quincy	98
Fitchburg R. R.	83½	Santa Fe Copper	60
Flint & P. M. pre.	75	Tamarack	147
Mass. Central	18¾	Boston Land Co.	48⅞
Mex. Cen. com	21½	San Diego Land Co.	22½
N. Y. & N. Eng.	35¾	West End Land Co.	21½
N. Y. & N. Eng. 7s	108	Bell Telephone	188½
Old Colony	168	Lamson Store S.	19
Rutland pref.	62½	Water Power	31½
Wis. Cen. common	19½	Centennial Mining	16
Allouez M. Co. (new)	1¾	N. Eng. Telephone	51
Atlantic	15	Butte & Bost. copper	14¾
Boston & Mont.	41¾		

Philadelphia Stocks.

Closing quotations of Philadelphia stocks, furnished by Messrs. Whitney & Stephenson, brokers, 57 Fourth avenue. Members New York Stock Exchange:

	Bid.	Asked.
Pennsylvania Railroad	51¾	51⅞
Reading	15⅛	15 3-16
Buffalo, New York and Philadelphia	8⅛	8⅜
Lehigh Valley	49⅞	49⅞
Lehigh Navigation	46⅞	46¾
Philadelphia and Erie	....	30
Northern Pacific common	27¾	27⅞
Northern Pacific preferred	72	72¼

Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, March 16.—Mining quotations: Alice, 150; Bodie, 100; Consolidated California and Virginia, 1050; Crown Point, 300; Homestake, 825; Horn Silver, 320; Iron Silver, 100, Mexican, 300; Ontario, 3850; Plymouth, 160; Savage, 230; Sierra Nevada, 250; Standard, 140; Union Consolidated, 290.

Grain in Sight.

CHICAGO, March 16.—The visible supply of grain as reported by the Board of Trade: Wheat, 22,900,000 bushels; decrease, 250,000 bushels. Corn, 2,720,000 bushels; increase, 94,000 bushels. Oats, 2,816,000 bushels; decrease, 46,000 bushels. Rye, 416,000 bushels; increase, 21,000 bushels. Barley, 1,864,000 bushels; decrease, 194,000 bushels.

New York Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, March 16.—Coffee — Options steady at 15 points up; sales, 28,000 bags: April, 17.60@17.65; May, 17.45; June, 17.05@17.10; July, 16.95; August, 16.80; September, 16.25@16.30; October, 15.70; November, 15.40; December, 14.65@14.70 spot. Rio quiet and steady; fair cargoes, 20c; No. 7, 18½@18¾c.

Price of Bar Silver.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

NEW YORK, March 16.—Bar silver in London, 45 5-16d per ounce. New York selling price, as reported by bullion dealers, 99¾c.

Metal Market.

NEW YORK—Pig iron quiet: American, $16 00@17 00. Copper nominal. Lead quiet and easier; domestic, $4 32½. Tin dull and easier; Straits, $20 10.

HELP FOR HOSPITALS.

Permanent Organization of the Allegheny Saturday and Sunday Society—Objects to be Kept Steadily in Mind and How It Expects to Do Its Work.

An organization of ladies was effected yesterday that promises to be of invaluable assistance to the West Penn, the Allegheny General and Homœopathic hospitals. The meeting was held in the latter institution and was well attended, being called in pursuance of a circular sent out by the Hospital Saturday and Sunday Association to many ladies, requesting them to meet and form a similar organization.

Superintendent Cowan, of the West Penn Hospital, explained to the ladies the reason of the call. He stated that in England the hospitals received their support from the Hospital Saturday and Sunday Association, which is mainly conducted by ladies. These ladies stand on the street corners at certain times of the year and take up a collection; others visit the business houses, and in this manner secure the aid needed, which, although often large, is always more than met by the amount which is there so liberally subscribed.

B. F. Benbow, agent of the Hospital Saturday and Sunday, Association testified also to the success of the movement by the ladies in England. He said that several secure a sheet and stand on prominent streets, and there, with the sheet outstretched, receive the contributions. In Liverpool alone $200,000 was raised last year by the ladies by this plan.

Mrs. T. L. Rodgers said she thought the plan looked a little formidable; that on each Saturday the ladies should stand on the street with a sheet. She was promptly assured that only once a year would this be asked, and also that a box, instead of a sheet, could be used possibly to the same advantage. She then expressed her hearty interest in the undertaking, and moved that an organization be effected. The permanent organization and officers elected are as follows:

President, Mrs. C. V. Sherriff; First Vice President, Mrs. T. L. Rodgers; Second Vice President, Mrs. William Gillespie; Secretary, Miss Lida McCreery; Treasurer, Fidelity Title and Trust Company; Executive Committee, Mrs. C. L. Magee, Mrs. J. L. McCoy, Mrs. E. J. Snead, Mrs. Dr. Wilson, Mrs. M. Eartyman, Mrs. L. A. Turner, Mrs. Agnes Montreville, Miss Mary McClelland and Mrs. Thomas McConnell.

The ladies deemed it best to wait until a meeting in the future before they adopted any particular plan for raising money. The remarks of Mr. Cowan and Mr. Benbow had been listened to attentively, but the ladies wished time to digest them and formulate a plan which might be similar to that described or follow a different course. Before adjourning the organization was named the Ladies' Hospital Saturday and Sunday Association. The next meeting will be held Monday afternoon next at the same place, the authorities having offered the use of the hospital to the ladies.

Early Spring Opening.

On "Thursday and Friday, March 19 and 20," we will show pattern hats and latest novelties in millinery. E. S. GILES, 56 Sixth street, Pittsburg; 94 and 96 Federal street, Allegheny.

B. & B.

Easter booklets—1,000 beautiful booklets, 25 designs, 10c each; 100 dozen, regular price, 25 cents. Specially or Sunday school classes. BOGGS & BUHL.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

Monday an Off Day in Produce and Transactions Light.

EGG MARKET TENDING UPWARD.

The Cereal Boom Checked, but No Decline in Prices so Far.

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OFFICE OF PITTSBURG DISPATCH, MONDAY, March 16.

Country Produce—Jobbing Prices.

Monday is uniformly one of the quiet days of the week in this line, and to-day was no exception to the rule. The supply of eggs is scarcely up to demand and prices are a shade higher. In job lots 17½c per dozen is the rate, but single cases were sold at 18c and even more. The scarcity of eggs is charged up by dealers to the late cold snap. High priced creamery butter the past week or two has had the effect of very much lessening the demand. The average consumer cannot afford to pay 40c per pound for butter and either refrains or takes the imitation at one-half the price. The butter boom has been more profitable to dealers in oleo than to dealers in the genuine article made from cow's milk.

APPLES—$4 50@6 50 a barrel.

BUTTER—Creamery, Elgin, 38@39c; other brands, 32@33c; common country butter, 15@18c; choice country rolls, 18@20c; fancy country rolls, 28@30c.

BEANS—New crop beans, navy, $2 30@2 35; marrows, $2 35@2 40; Lima beans, 5¼@6c.

BEESWAX—28@30c ℔ ℔ for choice; low grade, 22@25c.

CIDER—Sand refined, $9 50@10 00; common, $5 50@6 00; crab cider, $12 00@13 00 ℔ barrel; cider vinegar, 14@15c ℔ gallon.

CHEESE—Ohio cheese, 11@11½c; New York cheese, 11¾c; Limburger, 13½@14c; domestic Sweitzer, 15@16c; Wisconsin brick Sweitzer, 13c; imported Sweitzer, 27½@28c.

CRANBERRIES—Cape Cod, $3 25@3 50 a box; $11 50@12 00 a barrel; Jerseys, $3 50 a box.

DRESSED HOGS—Large, 4@4½c ℔ ℔; small, 4½@5c.

EGGS—17@18c for strictly fresh.

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

HONEY—New crop white clover, 20@22c ℔ ℔; California honey, 12@15c ℔ ℔.

MAPLE SYRUP—New, 90c@$1 00 ℔ gallon.

NEW MAPLE SUGAR—10c ℔ ℔.

NUTS—Shell bark hickory nuts, $1 50@1 75 a bushel; peanuts, $1 50@3 75, roasted; green, 4½@6c ℔ ℔; pecans, 16c ℔ ℔; new French walnuts, 7½@16c ℔ ℔.

POULTRY—Alive—Chickens, 75@90c a pair; turkeys, 12@13c a pound; ducks, 80@90c a pair; geese, $1 00@1 00 a pair. Dressed—Turkeys, 17@18c a pound; ducks, 15@16c a pound; chickens, 15@16c; geese, 10@11c.

TALLOW—Country, 4c; city rendered, 5c.

SEEDS—Reclaned Western clover, $5 00@5 20; timothy, $1 60@1 65; blue grass, $2 85@3 00; orchard grass, $1 85; millet, 75@90c; lawn grass, 25c ℔ ℔.

TROPICAL FRUITS—Lemons, $3 25; fancy, $3 75; Jamaica oranges, 86@60 a barrel; Messina oranges, $2 50@3 00 a box; Florida oranges, $3 00@3 50 a box; bananas, $1 75 first, $1 50 second; good seconds, ℔ bunch; Malaga grapes, $7 00@12 50 a half barrel, according to quality; figs, 15@16c ℔ ℔; dates, 4½@5½c ℔ ℔.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes, $1 10@1 20 ℔ bushel; Jersey, $3 50@3 75; calabaces, $8@9 ℔ hundred; German cabbage, $13@14; onions, $4@4 25 ℔ barrel; celery, 75c@$1 00 a dozen bunches; parsnips, 35c a dozen; carrots, 35c a dozen; parsley, 15c a dozen; horseradish, 50@75c a dozen; turnips, 75c@$1 ℔ barrel.

Groceries.

Sugars are quiet and weak, and likely to keep so until the removal of the Government tax, which transpires April 1, when a drop of 2c per pound will be due. Coffees are firm at the recent advance.

GREEN COFFEE — Fancy, 25@26c; choice Rio, 23¾@24½c; prime Rio, 23c; low grade Rio, 21½@22½c; old Government Java, 30@31c; Maracaibo, 26@28c; Mocha, 30¼@32½c; Santos, 22½@23½c; Caracas, 25½@27½c; La Guayra, 26½@27½c.

ROASTED (in papers)—Standard brands, 25½c; high grades, 27½@31c; old Government Java, bulk, 32@33c; Maracaibo, 28½@30c; Santos, 28½@30½c; peaberry, 31c; choice Rio, 26½c; prime Rio, 25½c; good Rio, 24½c; ordinary, 22@22c.

SPICES (whole)—Cloves, 15@16c; allspice, 10c; cassia, 8c; pepper, 13c; nutmeg, 75@80c.

PETROLEUM (Globart prices)—110° test, 7½c; Ohio, 120° 8½c; lardoil, 150°, 8½c; water white, 10@10½c; globe, 14@14½c; elaine, 15c; carnadine, 11½c; royaline, 14c; red oil, 11@11½c; purity, 14c; oleine, 14c.

MINERS' OIL—No. 1 winter strained, 39@41c ℔ gallon; summer, 33@35c; lard oil, 55@58c.

SYRUP—Corn syrup, 28@31c; choice sugar syrup, 34@36c; prime sugar syrup, 32@35c; strictly prime, 34@35c.

N. O. MOLASSES—Fancy, new crop, 42c; choice, 38@40c; medium, 33@36c; mixed, 34@36c.

SODA—Bi-carb in kegs, 3¼@3½c; bi-carb in ¼s, 5½c; bi-carb, assorted packages, 5½@6c; sal soda, in kegs, 1½c; do granulated, 2c.

CANDLES—Star, full weight, 9c; stearine, ℔ set, 8½c; paraffine, 11@12c.

RICE—Head Carolina, 7@7½c; choice, 6½@6¾c; prime, 6@6½c; Louisiana, 5¾@6c.

STARCH—Pearl, 3½c, corn starch, 6@6½c; gloss starch, 6@7c.

FOREIGN FRUITS—Layer raisins, $2 65; London layers, $2 75; Muscatels, $2 25; California Muscatels, $1 90@2 10; Valencia, 7@7½c; Ondara Valencia, 8@8½c; sultana, 18@20c; currants, 4¾@5c; Turkey prunes, 7¼@8c; French prunes, 10½@11½c; Salonica prunes, 12½ ℔ package, 75c; cocoanuts, ℔ 100, 80; almonds, Lan., ℔ ℔, 29c; do Ivica, 17c; do shelled, 40c; walnuts, nap., 13@14c; Sicily filberts, 12c; Smyrna figs, 15@14c; new dates, 5¼@6c; Brazil nuts, 12c; pecans, 14½@16c; citron, ℔ ℔, 17@18c; lemon peel, 12c ℔ ℔; orange peel, 12c.

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, sliced, per ℔, 11c; apples, evaporated, 14½@15c; peaches, evaporated, bared, 28@30c; peaches, California, evaporated, unpared, 17@20c; cherries, pitted, 31c; cherries, unpitted, 13@13½c; raspberries, evaporated, 30@31c; blackberries, 9½@10c; huckleberries 15c.

SUGARS—Cubes, 7c; powdered, 7c; granulated, 6½c; confectioners' A, 6½c; standard A, 6¼c; soft white, 6¼@6½c; yellow, choice, 5¾@6c; yellow, good, 5¼@5½c; yellow, fair, 5¼@5¾c; yellow, dark, 5¼@5½c.

PICKLES—Medium, bbls (1,200), $8 00; medium, half bbls (600), $4 50.

SALT—No. 1 ℔ bbl, $1 60. No. 1 ex. ℔ bbl, $1 40; dairy, ℔ bbl, $1 20; coarse crystal, ℔ bbl, $1 40; Higgins' Eureka, 4-bu sacks, $2 80; Higgins' E