LOCAL LIVE STOCK.

Receipts of Cattle Light at Liberty and Market Strong.

QUALITY BEYOND LATE AVERAGE.

Supply of Light, Tidy Butcher Beeves Falls Below Demand.

SHEEP AND HOGS TENDING UPWARD

OFFICE OF PITTSBURG DISPATCH, WEDNESDAY, April 8.

There were 53 loads of cattle on the market at East Liberty on Monday morning, against 65 loads last week and 75 the previous week. Since Monday about three loads more have been received. A large proportion of the offerings was from Chicago. Average quality of the beeves on sale was above the average. There were few stockers or low grade cattle on sale. Markets both this week and last closed up strong and good stock commanded better prices. The best price obtained for carload lots was 6c. A few Ohio cattle were sold at this figure. This price was paid for a special selection made from 20 carloads of good to choice beeves, which were shipped from Orrville, O. Smooth light butcher beeves, weighing from 1,000 to 1,200 lbs., the kind called for most in our market, were active and strong, at a range of $4 60@5 25. Supply of the latter is seldom up to demand. There was a better inquiry for stockers this week than for some time past, but offerings were light, for the good and sufficient reason that better prices are paid for this class of cattle than buyers here have been willing to pay of late. Feeding is too expensive here to afford any inducement for buying stockers at living prices to the shipper.

Will Change With the Weather.

An improvement in weather will no doubt soon bring a better demand and better prices. Fresh cows of good quality and in good condition were in good demand at $40 to $50, the latter price being paid for a few fancy. But low grade cows in poor condition were dull at half this price. The run of calves for the week so far has been about 1,000 head, not quite so large a run as last week. Quality of calves offered was below average. March was not a good month for turning out a fine quality in this line. Said a leading dealer in live stock: "I do not remember a season when the quality of veal calves offered was lower than it has been this season." The range of prices for vealers was $4 60 to $5 60, but a few choice veals went at $5 75. Buyers and butchers' offerings were very light, not more than 10 loads being on sale all the week. The light run is accounted for by bad weather and bad country roads. The farmers who carried their sheep through the winter have generally marketed the wool. And as the weather has been too severe of late for clipping, stock is being withheld from market which under more favorable weather features would by this time have been ready for the front. Once the clipping is over sheep and lambs will be heavily fed, and fall supplies will be forthcoming. Choice sheep were scarcely to be had this week, and the few good lambs offered sold at ½c higher prices than the last week. A few bunches of fancy Ohio lambs were sold at 7c. The run of hogs has been light for the week, and markets were active and strong at 60c advance over last week. Less than 30 loads have been on sale this week. Philadelphia ranged in price from $5 65 to $5 75, and Yorkers from $5 20 to $5 40.

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The supply of cattle light; market slow at higher prices; prime, 1,300 to 1,600 lbs., $5 60@6 00; good, 1,200 to 1,400 lbs., $5 00@5 50; good butcher grades, 1,100 to 1,300 lbs., $4 80@5 25; rough fat, 1,100 to 1,300 lbs., $4 50@4 90; good feeders, 1,000 to 1,200 lbs., $3 50@4 00; common to fair stockers and feeders, 600 to 900 lbs., $2 25@3 25; mixed lots, cows, bulls and heifers, $2 50@4 00; fresh cows and springers, $20@45 00.

The receipts of hogs light; market active on good, slow on common and light pigs. We quote the market to-day as follows: Medium weights, 160 to 200 lbs., $5 70; good selected, $5 60@5 70; good mixed, $5 40@5 50; best Yorkers, $5 25@5 35; common to fair, $4 75@5 00; pigs, $4 00@4 50.

The supply of sheep was light; market active and strong at last week's prices. We quote sales as follows: Prime Ohio and Indiana wethers, weighing here 105 to 110 lbs., $5 85@6 10; good, 90 to 100 lbs., $5 30@5 60; fair to good mixed, 75 to 80 lbs., $4 80@5 10; culls and common lots, $2 50@3 00; good yearlings, $5 75@6 25; fair to good, 80 to 90 lbs., $4 75@5 25. Lambs: Prime to extra, $6 25@6 75; fair to good, $5 25@5 85. Good clipped sheep, 80 to 90 lbs., $4 75@5 00; good clipped yearlings, 75 to 80 lbs., $5 25@5 75. Light demand for wool sheep. Veal calves, 110 to 120 lbs., $4 50@5 00; heavy calves not wanted.

By Telegraph.

OMAHA—Cattle—Receipts, 2,600 head; market slow and 10 to 15c lower on beeves; butcher stock active and firm; good feeders in demand at strong prices; others unchanged; fancy, 1,400 to 1,600-pound steers, of which there are light receipts, are quoted at $4 75@5 05; prime, 1,200 to 1,475-pound steers, $4 20@4 75; fair to good 1,050 to 1,150-pound steers, $3 60@4 35. Hogs—Receipts, 4,600 head; market active and strong to 5c higher; all sold; range, $4 60@4 90; bulk, $4 65@4 75; pigs and light lights, $2 75@4 10; light, 150 to 200 lbs., $4 50@4 80; mixed, $4 65@4 85. Sheep—Receipts, 1,654 head; market unchanged; natives, $2 75@5 10; Westerns, $2 50@4 95.

NEW YORK—Beeves—Receipts, 2,000 head, including 86 cars for sale; market slow but firm; native steers, $4 40@6 20; Texas, $5 25@5 60; bulls and cows, $2 25@3 85; dressed beef steady 80@9c; shipments to-day, 220 beeves, 5,280 quarters of beef; to-morrow, 500 beeves and 984 quarters of beef. Calves—Receipts, 1,838 head; market ½c per pound higher; veals, $4 50@7 75. Sheep—Receipts, 5,035 head; market ½c per pound higher; unshorn sheep, $5 50@7 00; clipped do, $5 50@5 00; unshorn lambs, $6 50@8 00; clipped do, $6 00@6 75. Dressed mutton firm at 8@9½c; dressed lambs steady at 9@10½c. Hogs—Receipts, 7,935 head, consigned direct; nominally steady at $4 30@5 40.

CINCINNATI—Hogs in good demand and strong; common and light, $4 00@5 25; packing and butchers, $5 10@5 65; receipts, 3,250 head; shipments, 1,925 head. Cattle easy; common, $2 00@3 25; fair to choice butcher grades, $3 30@4 25; prime to choice shippers, $4 75@5 50; receipts, 815 head; shipments, 140 head. Sheep in good demand and stronger; common to choice, $2 50@5 75; extra fat wethers and yearlings, $5 75@6 25; receipts, 340 head; shipments, none. Lambs in good demand and firm for spring; common to choice, $6 00@8 50 per 100 pounds.

CHICAGO—Cattle—Receipts, 11,000 head; shipments, 4,000 head; market low and steady; steers, extra, $5 60@6 25; common to choice, $3 75@5 30; cows and heifers, $2 50@4 00; stockers, $2 25@4 00. Hogs—Receipts, 25,000 head; shipments, 15,000 head; market fairly active and steady; rough and common, $4 50@4 70; prime heavy and butchers' weights, $5 25@5 45; light, $4 50@5 25. Sheep—Receipts, 700 head; shipments, 2,500 head; market active and steady to a shade stronger; Westerns, $4 80@5 85; Texas, $5 00@5 50; lambs, $4 80@6 60.

LOUISVILLE—Cattle—Market active and strong; good to extra shipping steers, $5 00@5 20; light shipping, $4 50@5 00; bulls, $2 25@3 50; light stockers, $2 50@3 50; shippers and feeders, $3 75@4 50; best butchers, $4 75@5 00; thin, rough steers, poor cows and scalawags, $1 75@2 50. Hogs—Market strong; choice packing and butchers, $5 15@5 25; fair to choice butchers, $4 90@5 00. Sheep and lambs—Market steady; fair to good shipping sheep, $4 50@5 00; common to medium spring lambs, $4 50@6 00.

ST. LOUIS—Cattle—Receipts, 1,100 head; shipments, 800; market steady; good to fancy native steers, $5 00@5 60; fair to good, $4 00@5 00; stockers and feeders, $2 80@4 00; Texans and Indians, $3 30@5 30. Hogs—Receipts, 5,200 head; shipments, 800 head; market steady; fair to choice heavy, $5 00@5 20; mixed grades, $4 65@5 00; light, fair to best, $4 85@4 95. Sheep—Receipts, 500 head; shipments, none; market steady; good to choice, $4 50@6 00.

BUFFALO—Cattle quiet, nothing doing; receipts, 78 loads through, no sale. Sheep and lambs strong, 10 to 15c higher; receipts 11 loads through, 3 for sale. Best wool lambs, $7 40@7 50; culls, $6 75@7 25. Wool sheep, mixed to best, $5 75@6 00; common to fair, $4 75@5 60. Hogs steady and firm; receipts, 105 loads through, 9 sale; Yorkers, $5 50@5 55; mediums, $5 65@5 70.

KANSAS CITY—Cattle—Receipts, 2,370 head; shipments, 1,600 head; market steady to slow; steers, $3 75@5 40; cows, $1 75@4 25; stockers and feeders, $2 25@4 10. Hogs—Receipts, 10,210 head; shipments, 7,000 head; market steady; bulk, $4 47@4 85; all grades, $3 35@4 95. Sheep—Receipts, 360 head; shipments, 1,200 head; market steady.

INDIANAPOLIS—Cattle—Receipts, 250 head; market active and strong; shippers, $3 75@5 25; butchers, $2 00@4 25; bulls, $1 75@3 75. Hogs—Receipts, 2,800 head; market active and steady; choice heavy, $5 20@5 45; choice light, $4 90@5 15; mixed, $4 45@5 20; pigs, $3 20@4 20.

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MARKETS BY WIRE.

A Day's Rest Gives Keener Zest to Speculation—Upward Movement All Along the Line—Nearly All the News Favors the Bulls.

CHICAGO—The day's interval in trading, caused by Chicago's local elections, was made up by superior energy to-day. The news and the situation were together heavily in favor of the bull party, which held the reins in all the speculative pits. Wheat, corn, oats and provisions were all similarly affected, and closed with substantial gains. Wheat, compared with Monday's closing prices, is 2⅝c higher for May and 2⅜c higher for July. Corn is up ⅝c and oats made about an equal gain, while in provisions pork is 42½@45c higher, lard 30c and ribs 35c above Monday's closing quotations.

Wheat opened at an advance of about 1⅝c for May and about 2c for July over the closing figures on Monday. The causes of the change were heavy purchases of spot wheat reported for foreign account on Monday and yesterday and the continued strength of the cable advices this morning. Everything regarding the outlook for next harvest on this continent was considered to be of the most flattering character.

The enormous shipments from the Baltic and other ports, including India, amounting altogether to 5,504,000 bushels for the week, caused a halt in the bullish tendencies of the crowd for a time after an advance of ⅜c to 1c over the opening prices had first been accomplished. The advance referred to took May wheat to $1 05 and July to $1 03⅝, and reaction forced them respectively down to $1 04⅜ and $1 02⅞. On good inquiry for cash stuff May wheat sold up again, touching $1 05⅜ and July $1 04⅝.

The corn market was strong and very irregular at the opening, 67⅞c and 67⅜c being sold simultaneously in different parts of the pit. The tendency was downward for a considerable time after the first rush of buying orders had been satisfied, the local crowd apparently being imbued with the idea that the late bull clique was disposed to help it to a lower range. The weather was dry and favorable to the grading, but with wheat shorts in so much fear of a further squeeze, those having short corn did not feel secure. May sold off to 66⅝c, recovered to 66⅞c, sold down again to 66⅝c, up to 67⅛c, off to 67⅛c, again up to 67⅜c and closed at 67⅝c bid.

Oats did little more than follow the lead of the more important cereals. There was a fair amount of business doing without heavy individual transactions.

The provision market opened strong and higher in sympathy with grain, and for a time was torn asunder by conflicting reports regarding Germany's action on the embargo on American hog products. There was an intermediate dull period, followed by another advance, and prices were about their best at the close.

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

ARTICLES.	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
WHEAT, NO. 2				
April	$1 03⅝	$1 04⅝	$1 03⅛	$1 04⅝
May	1 04⅝	1 05⅝	1 04⅛	1 05⅛
July	1 03⅝	1 04⅞	1 02⅞	1 04⅛
CORN, NO. 2				
April	67⅛	67⅛	66½	67⅛
May	67⅛	67⅝	66⅝	67⅝
July	64⅝	64⅞	63⅞	64⅝
OATS, NO. 2				
April	54	54⅛	53⅝	54⅛
May	54	54	53	54
July	51	51⅝	50½	51⅝
MESS PORK.				
April	$12 55	$12 57½	$12 50	$12 57½
July	12 90	13 22½	12 90	13 20
September	13 30	13 62½	13 25	13 62½
LARD.				
May	6 80	6 90	6 77½	6 90
July	6 95	7 20	6 95	7 20
September	7 20	7 45	7 20	7 45
SHORT RIBS.				
May	6 12½	6 25	6 05	6 25
July				
September	6 70	6 87½	6 70	6 87½

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour firm and unchanged. No. 2 spring wheat, $1 04⅞@1 05⅛; No. 3 spring wheat, 97c@$1 01; No. 2 red, $1 04⅞@1 05⅛; No. 2 corn, 67@67⅝c; No. 2 oats, 53⅝c; No. 2 white, 54½@55½c; No. 3 white, 53@54½c. No. 2 rye, 86@87c. No. 2 barley nominal; No. 3, f. o. b., 72@78c; No. 4, f. o. b., 70c. No. 1 flaxseed, $1 21½; prime timothy seed, $1 23@1 25. Mess pork, per bbl, $12 62½. Lard, per 100 lbs, $6 75@6 80. Short rib sides (loose), $6 05@6 10; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $5 60@5 75; short clear sides (boxed), $6 40@6 45. Sugars unchanged. On the Produce Exchange to-day the butter market was quiet; extra creamery, 23@24c; extra firsts, 20@23c; firsts, 17@20c; extra dairy, 21@22c; extra firsts, 17@18c; firsts, 13@14c. Eggs, 12@13c.

NEW YORK—Flour—Held higher; checking business. Cornmeal firm, moderately active; yellow Western, $3 30@3 65. Wheat—Spot market firm and 1c higher; quiet; No. 2, red, $1 17½ f. o. b. afloat in elevator, $1 20@1 20½ afloat, $1 20@1 21⅝; c. i. f., $1 34@1 34½; No. 1 Northern graded red, $1 12@1 19½; No. 1 Northern, $1 25½; No. 1 hard, $1 29½. Options advanced ¾@1⅛c, chiefly on the operations of foreign houses, and the close showed firmness at the best figures of the day, with a full export demand, chiefly for future deliveries. Trading was quite general and active; No. 2 red, May, $1 14⅞@1 15¼, closing at $1 15¼; June, $1 12⅞@1 13⅞, closing at $1 12⅞; July, $1 09⅞@1 10 15-16, closing at $1 10⅞; August, $1 05⅞@1 06⅛, closing at $1 06⅛; September, $1 04⅞@1 05⅛, closing at $1 05⅛; December, $1 06⅞@1 07⅛, closing at $1 07⅛. Corn, 1862, $1 09⅞@1 10⅛, closing at $1 10⅛. Rye steady and quiet. Barley quiet; No. 2 Milwaukee, 83@85c; ungraded mixed, 78@87c; Canada, 88@92c. Corn—Spot market quiet and weaker; No. 2, 75⅞c in elevator; 76@76½c afloat; ungraded mixed, 77@80c; steamer mixed, 77½@78½c; No. 3, 77c; options early were ½@⅞c lower on lack of buying interests, advanced ⅜c with the strong speculation in wheat and closed firm; May, 73½@74½c, closing at 74½c; July, 76@76½c, closing at 76½c. Oats—Spot market steady and moderately active; options quiet and stronger; May, 59¼@60c, closing at 59⅞c; June, 58¾@59½c, closing at 59½c; July, 58¼@59c, closing at 58¾c; spot No. 2 white, 66½@67c; mixed Western, 57@62c; white do, 60@66c; No. 2 Chicago, 66½@66¾c. Hay steady and quiet. Hops firm and quiet. Tallow steady. Eggs large receipts and weak; Western, 15@16c. Hides firm and quiet. Pork active and higher; old mess, $12 00@12 50; new mess, $13 50@14 00; extra prime, $11 75@12 25. Cut meats strong and active; middles strong, but quiet; short clear, $6 90. Lard higher and strong; Western steam, $7 00 bid; May, $6 91@7 00, closing at $6 97; June, $7 20; July, $7 22@7 26, closing at $7 35; August, $7 33@7 41, closed at $7 49; September, $7 61. Butter quiet and steady; Western dairy, 12@22c; do creamery, 21@26½c; do factory, 12@24c; Elgin, 27c. Cheese moderately active and firm; skims, 6½@10c; Ohio flats, 8@11c.

ST. LOUIS—Flour firm and higher; XX, $3 20@3 25; family, $3 50@3 60; choice, $3 80@4 00; fancy, $4 30@4 40; extra fancy, $4 65@4 75; patents, $4 90@5 05. Wheat opened ¼c higher, easy for awhile, then firmed up and closed excited and strong and 1½@1¾c above yesterday; No. 2 red cash, $1 05@1 05⅛; May, $1 05@1 06, closing at $1 06⅛; July, 99⅝@99¾c; August, 96@97⅝c, closing at 97⅝c. Corn opened ¼@⅜c lower than yesterday's close, but reacted and was unsettled to the close, which was 1@1½c above yesterday; No. 2 cash, 67½@68c; May, 65½@66¼c, closing at 66¼c; July, 62⅝@63¼c, closing at 63⅜c bid. Oats very quiet and slightly lower; No. 2 cash, 55½@56c; May, 54½@54¾c, closing at 54¾c. Rye slow and dull. Barley steady, strong and higher; Minnesota, 74c; Iowa, 78@80c. Hay steady and unchanged. Butter unchanged. Eggs lower at 12½c. Cornmeal firm and unchanged. Provisions firmer but quiet. Pork, standard mess, $12 25@12 37½. Lard—Prime steam, $6 37½ bid. Dry salt meats, boxed shoulders, $5 60; longs and ribs, $6 12½@6 25; short clear, $6 25@6 37½. Bacon, boxed shoulders, $5 25@5 37½; longs, $6 45; ribs, $6 50; short clear, $6 60@6 62½.

BALTIMORE—Wheat—Western strong and higher; No. 2 red winter, spot, April and May, $1 13½; July, $1 08⅛; August, $1 04½@1 04⅝. Corn—Western firmer; mixed, spot, 74½c bid; April, 74¼c bid; May, 73½c bid; July, 70½c bid; steamer, 72½c. Oats in fair demand; Western white, 61@62½c; do do mixed, 60@61c; graded No. 2 white, 60@62½c; graded mixed, 60½@61c. Butter steady; creamery fancy, 27c; do fair to choice, 25@26c; do imitation, 24c; ladle, fancy, 23c; do good to choice, 20@22c; rolls, fine, 23c; do fair to good, 20@22c. Eggs weak at 14c.

MINNEAPOLIS—There was a good demand for good sample wheat to-day and the market was strong; sales of No. 1 Northern were mostly made at $1 03¼ early, but later, when May went up to $1 03, some sales were made up to $1 04; No. 1 Northern went principally at $1 01⅝; poor grades were slow. Closing quotations: No. 1 hard, April, $1 06; on track, $1 06⅛@1 07; No. 1 Northern, April, $1 03; May, $1 03⅝; July, $1 05½; on track, $1 04@1 04½; No. 2 Northern, April, $1 01; on track, $1 01½@1 02⅛.

PHILADELPHIA—Flour firm but quiet. Wheat firm but quiet; No. 2 red, April, $1 13@1 13⅛; May, $1 13@1 13½; June, $1 12@1 12⅝; July, $1 08@1 09. Corn firm but quiet; No. 2 mixed, in grain depot, 78c; do in elevator, 78½c; No. 2 mixed, April, 76@77c; May, 73½@74c; June, 73@72c; July, 70@71c. Oats—Spot higher; futures quiet and ½@¾c higher; No. 3 white, 61c; No. 2 white, 61½@62½c; No. 2 white, April, 61¾@62c; May, 61¾@62c; June, 61¾@62c; July, 61¾@62c. Eggs weaker and dull; Pennsylvania firsts, 15c.

CINCINNATI—Flour strong; Wheat held higher; No. 2 red, $1 08. Corn scarce and higher; No. 2 mixed, 73½c. Oats strong; No. 2 mixed, 58½c. Rye barely steady; No. 2, 92c. Lard in light demand and firmer at $12 37½. Lard held higher at $6 37½. Bulk meats firm and higher; short ribs, $6 25. Bacon held higher; short clear, $7 5. Butter easier; fancy Elgin creamery, 28c; Ohio and Indiana, 24@25c; prime dairy, 18@20c. Eggs heavy at 13c. Cheese firm.

MILWAUKEE—Flour unchanged. Wheat firm; No. 2 spring, on track, cash, $1 04@1 05; May, $1 01⅝; No. 1 Northern, $1 08. Corn firm; No. 3, on track, 66½c. Oats firm; No. 2 white, on track, 56c. Barley firm; No 2 in store, 73½c. Rye steady; No. 1, in store, 87½c. Provisions quiet. Pork—May, $12 75. Lard—May, $6 77½.

TOLEDO—Wheat active and higher; cash, $1 10; May, $1 10¼; July, $1 04; August, $1 00; September, $1 00. December, $1 03½. Corn steady; cash, 72c. Oats quiet; cash, 55c. Cloverseed dull but steady; cash, $4 35; April, $4 30.

A COMMON MISTAKE.

Agents Not Responsible for Altitudinous Land Values.

THEIR INTEREST THE OTHER WAY.

Prominent Citizens Having Plans Made for Suburban Residences.

OFFICE AND STREET NEWS AND GOSSIP

It was learned yesterday that Mr. Murray Verner is having plans prepared by Architect Steen for 16 dwellings on Conrad street, East End. This property is immediately in the rear of that owned by Major A. M. Brown. It was further learned that the Yoder Land Company is making arrangements to build 12 fine dwellings on Murray Hill avenue, Shadyside, in the Ardshiel Terrace plan, the coming summer. These houses will be of brick, contain 12 rooms, have a frontage of 40 feet, and will cost about $6,000 each. Henry Laughlin, the iron man, is having plans made for five dwellings at Hazelwood, costing $5,000 each.

In making the rounds of the architects yesterday it was found that nearly all of them have their office boards covered with drawings for new buildings, but owing to the uncertainty of the threatened May strike nothing further will be done on the majority of these improvements until that difficulty shall be settled.

Responsibility for High Prices.

Said a leading business man yesterday: "Interviews with real estate agents, which appeared in THE DISPATCH this morning convey the idea that the trend of land values is upward. It is to their interest to keep up prices. There are reasons for a decline, although I am not prepared to show that there has been any."

The gentleman is laboring under a serious mistake. If he were to take the same view of his own business that he does of real estate he would soon go to the wall. It is not to the interest of real estate agents to keep up values any more than it is to the interest of merchants to keep up the prices of their commodities. The lower the price the greater the business is the rule of trade. If property were cheaper agents could sell more of it, hence it is to their interest to keep values down as much as possible. A great many transactions are in suspense because owners refuse to make concessions. Agents have worked buyers up to the limit of their capacity, but the owners are obdurate. Now, in these cases, is it not plain enough that lower prices would be to the interest of agents by enabling them to make prompt sales? There is no money for them in an unprompted sale. Their commissions for low the transfers. The gentleman will have to acknowledge his mistake in justice to agents.

Several points touched upon in the interviews deserve careful consideration in order to obtain a correct understanding of the condition of the real estate market. Good reasons are given for the lull of the past few weeks. Any business would be slow under such pressure. Buyers are in the market, and the disposition to invest is as good as ever. This affords ground for believing that with the return of good weather and the subsidence of the malady that has prostrated half the population of the city an active movement will set in and a great deal of business will be transacted. The statement that "business is almost as good as usual at this season of the year," must be accepted as proof that there are no serious difficulties in the way, while the assurance that "the outlook is favorable to an active movement during the summer," should strengthen public confidence and stimulate exertion to maintain the splendid business record of the city. Real estate is all right and Pittsburg is all right, as will be demonstrated before many moons wax and wane.

More Agents Talk.

In the interviews with real estate agents, appearing in this column yesterday, several firms were unintentionally omitted—among them Reed B. Coyle & Co., W. C. Beringer & Co., J. B. Larkin & Co., W. C. Stewart and a few others. These were seen yesterday. Reed B. Coyle & Co. said: "With continuous good weather such as we have had for a few days, business will undoubtedly brighten up. Inquiry is good. We don't expect any serious trouble from the eight-hour agitation. We will soon let contracts for a number of houses. The outlook is favorable for a good movement during the rest of the year." W. C. Stewart said: "Prospects are brightening all around, and unless I am greatly mistaken dullness will soon give way to activity. I think we will have a good summer trade." J. B. Larkin & Co.: "All that business needs is a fair chance. Good weather and restored health will bring things around all right. Inquiry for property is good." W. C. Beringer & Co.: "The carpenters' agitation for eight hours is about the only thing in the way of a general revival. This is a bad time to strike, and we think that fact will so influence both sides as to lead to an amicable settlement."

Business News and Gossip.

Reports from the agricultural districts are favorable to abundance of hog and hominy this year.

Some of the wisest brokers think street railway stocks will furnish a large share of the summer's business.

The Columbus Club has not yet succeeded in finding a site for the building which it proposes to erect. Prices are too steep.

Phillip Quillman is having plans prepared for a hotel in Norristown, Pa., to cost $150,000.

Bids are being received for a Catholic church at Benwood, W. Va., to cost $25,000.

The deal for the Singer property, at Wilkinsburg, is said to have fallen through. It is held at about $100,000. The house was built 20 years ago, and cost $75,000.

The good weather of yesterday made everybody feel and look happy. The crowded streets brought old times to mind.

Sproul & Lawrence sold 10 shares of Tradesmen's Bank at $250 and 25 Pleasant Valley at $24.

The regular meeting of the stockholders of the Excelsior Express and Standard Cab Company will be held next Tuesday.

Morris & Brown sold Electric yesterday. J. T. Patterson and Sproul & Lawrence were buyers.

Henry Swoger has sold a house and lot in the Fifth ward, Allegheny, to A. D. Wilson for $5,000.

A meeting of the Granite Roofing Company will be held next Wednesday to vote on the question of reducing the capital and par value of the stock.

The Building Record.

Permits for the erection of the following buildings were issued yesterday. The list looks like one of old times:

A. & K. Wissman, frame two-story and mansard dwelling and store, 20x40 feet, on Penn avenue, Twentieth ward. Cost, $4,400.

A. & K. Wissman, frame two-story dwelling, 18x20 feet, on Gross street, Twentieth ward. Cost, $200.

W. J. Zahniser, frame addition, one-story carpenter shop, 9x50 feet, on Forty-fourth street, Seventeenth ward. Cost, $200.

L. O. Frazier and William Velte, two frame two-story dwellings, 18x32 feet, on Liberty avenue, Sixteenth ward. Cost, $8,250.

Miss Griffith, frame one-story kitchen, 7x12 feet, on Forty-sixth street, Seventeenth ward. Cost, $75.

Henry Gunderman, brick addition, two-story store and dwelling, 19x40 feet, on Sheridan avenue, Nineteenth ward. Cost, $2,200.

Thomas Hanlon, brick three-story dwelling, 24 by 28 feet, on rear Carson street, Twenty-ninth ward. Cost, $2,000.

Dr. P. D. Perchment, frame two-story dwelling, 14x24 feet, on Sheridan avenue, Nineteenth ward. Cost, $600.

Dr. P. D. Perchment, frame two-story dwelling, 14x24 feet, on Dundee alley, Nineteenth ward. Cost, $600.

Mrs. Margaret Gavan, two brick two-story and mansard dwellings, 16x30 feet, on Ligonier street, Sixteenth ward. Cost, $2,700.

Thomas P. McClurg, frame two-story and attic dwelling, 37x40 feet, on Carson street, Twenty-fourth ward. Cost, $6,000.

John P. McCray, brick two-story dwelling, 29 x42 feet, on Rebecca street, Twentieth ward. Cost, $5,200.

William J. Loaterman, two frame two-story dwellings, 15½x32 feet, on Jones near Rippey street, Nineteenth ward. Cost, $2,000.

Joseph Gross, frame addition one story dwelling, 21x31 feet, above Shirley street, Twenty-seventh ward. Cost, $350.

Samuel Felyberger, frame two-story dwelling, 18x30 feet, on Bond street, Nineteenth ward. Cost, $2,000.

John Bridge, frame two-story and basement dwelling, 20x28 feet, on Dilworth street, Thirty-second ward. Cost, $1,800.

Mrs. Margaret Keil, brick two-story dwelling, 18x32 feet, on Forty-second street, Seventeenth ward. Cost, $2,677.

Movements in Realty.

A grain commission man on Liberty street, who owns four acres of land at Bellevue station, offered it for $12,000 last week. He refused an offer of $13,000 yesterday, but gave a two day's option at $14,000. This shows that values are looking up in that locality.

W. E. Hamnett & Co. sold a house and lot on Grazier street, Brushton, for John G. McConnell for $2,800 cash.

E. R. McMaster sold for Peter Geistan to John W. Roberts, in the Twentieth ward, a lot 25x100, with a frame house, for $1,550 cash.

Black & Baird sold another lot in the Denny plan, being No. 17 in section 7, in size 25x120 feet, for $150. Fred Balbach was the purchaser.

Howard Brown sold for James Kenna lot No. 561 Villa Park, Brushton, size 46x145, on Beechwood street, to Conrad Rupel, for $350.

S. A. Dickie & Co. sold for J. C. Alrich to H. Faust lot No. 8, in J. C. Alrich's plan of lots, Emerson street, Twentieth ward, 36x126 feet to an alley, for $1,350. It is Mr. Faust's intention to build on this lot at an early date.

HOME SECURITIES.

Good Weather and Lively Trading Come Together—A Spurt in Electric and a Boomlet in Hidalgo—Gossip of the Brokers.

Warm, sunny weather had a stimulating effect upon all lines of business yesterday, which was fully reflected in the stock market. Unusual interest was taken in the proceedings and sales reached a higher aggregate and covered a wider range of interests than for a long time, footing up 1,366 shares and a bunch of Electric scrip.

The active properties were Electric, Citizens' Traction, Pittsburg, Allegheny and Manchester Railway, and Philadelphia Gas. The bidding covered nearly all the passenger railways, the most of the mining group and several of the natural gassers, which have been on the retired list for some time.

The focal point of interest was Electric. Of the 1,366 shares sold, over 1,000 were of this stock. It was strong and active in Boston, the difference between the two markets affording a scalping margin, to which the spurt of activity was due. There it was held up to about 12⅝; here it reached that figure for a few small bundles, but the bulk of sales was from 12¼ to 12⅜. It closed at the latter figure, which was also the opening.

Those supposed to be on the inside, attribute the tenacity with which Electric is held and worked at Boston, to fuller information of the affairs of the company than is possessed here, owing to the proximity of Mr. Westinghouse and his desire to make a good impression among the people with whom he is conducting his negotiations. Boston is also working up speculation, and is using Electric as an attraction. The last extension of time for making a settlement will expire on Friday, at which time it is hoped something will be said or done to bring matters to a head. The firmness of the stock, as previously noted, indicates a favorable outcome.

Philadelphia Gas opened at 11⅝, sold down to 11¼, firmed up and closed at the opening figure. At the close of the last call nothing was known as to the results of the meeting. The steady betterment of the financial condition of the company, as given out from headquarters, has brought out a number of local buyers for the stock, which is a sufficient reason for the strength it displays. Of the miners, Hidalgo was the only one that improved its position, and this was due to the report of a letter giving a rosy view of the operations and prospects of the company. Luster dropped a fraction, and Hand Street Bridge was offered down to 49 at the second call against 55 at the first. Sales were:

First call—200 Electric at 12¼, 10 at 12⅜, 25 at 12⅝, 50 at 12⅝, 250 at 12¼, 65 at 12⅜, 50 at 12⅝, 10 at 12⅞, 50 at 12½, 10 at 12¾. $150 Electric scrip at 38, 100 Citizens' Traction at 58, 200 Pittsburg, Allegheny and Manchester Railway at 19.

Second call—50 Electric at 12⅝, 10 at 12⅞.

Between calls—25 Electric at 12⅜, 10 at 12⅜, 10 at 12⅝.

Third call—11 Philadelphia Gas at 11⅛, 200 Electric at 12⅜, 10 at 12⅝, 10 at 12⅞, 10 at 12¾.

Bids and offers at each of the three calls are given below:

FIRST CALL. B	FIRST CALL. A	SECOND CALL. B	SECOND CALL. A	THIRD CALL. B	THIRD CALL. A
P. P. S. & M. Ex.	400	....	....	....	....
I. & G. D. S. Bk.	....	85	88	....	88
Mech'cs N. Bank	....	....	121	....	120
National Insur.	60	....	....	....	....
Bridgewater Gas	22	....	....	....	....
Chartiers V. Gas	....	7	....	....	....
Ohio Valley	25	....	....	....	....
P. N. G. & P. Co.	....	....	9½	10½	....
Phila. Co.	11⅛	11⅝	11⅝	11⅞	11½
Wheeling Gas Co.	....	....	....	15½	....
Central Traction	18½	20	18½	19⅝	18
Citizens' Trac'n.	57½	58	....	58	....
Pittsburg Trac.	....	38	....	33	35
Pleasant Valley.	23⅞	24½	....	24⅛	....
Second Ave.	....	55	....	....	....
Ewalt (43d st.).	65	....	....	....	....
Hand St. Bridge.	....	49	....	....	....
Hidalgo Mining.	2½	2⅞	2⅞	2⅞	3½
LaNoria M'g Co.	35	....	50	35	....
Luster Mining.	11⅛	13½	11	11¼	11⅛
Silverton Min.	1⅛	....	1⅛	....	1⅛
Sterling S. M. Co.	15	80	....	....	....
Westinghouse E.	12⅜	12¾	12¼	12⅜	12⅛
U. S. & S. Co.	....	9⅝	....	9⅝	....
West'house A. B.	90½	....	90½	....	90½
Stan. U. C. Co.	52	57	52	57	52

At New York yesterday the total sales of stock were 238,624 shares, including: Atchison, 4,378; Louisville and Nashville, 16,425; Missouri Pacific, 3,205; North American, 9,085; Northern Pacific, 3,370; do preferred, 27,135; Richmond and West Point, 8,485; St. Paul, 45,480; Union Pacific, 18,314.

MONEY MARKET.

Financiers Report a Decided Improvement All Along the Line.

Clearing House exchanges seem to be firmly established above the $2,000,000 mark. This denotes marvelous improvement. There was a better call for loans yesterday than for some time, and depositing was heavy. These are encouraging features. Rates were steady at 6@7 per cent for call and time accommodations. Bank clearings were $2,198,548 37 and balances $537,977 62.

At New York yesterday money on call was easy, ranging from 3 to 3½ per cent, last loan 3, closing offered at 3. Prime mercantile paper, 6@8. Sterling exchange quiet and easier at $4 88¼ for 60-day bills and $4 88¾ for demand.

Closing Bond Quotations.

U. S. 4s, reg.	121⅜	M. K. & T. Gen. 5s	39¼
U. S. 4s, coup.	122	Mutual Union 6s	102½
U. S. 4½s, reg.	102	N. J. C. Int. Cert.	110⅛
U. S. 4½s, coup.	102	Northern Pac. 1st	118½
Pacific 6s of '95	112	Northern Pac. 2ds	111⅛
Louisiana 4s, stampeds	90	North'w'n consols	138
Missouri 6s	....	North'w'n deben's 5s	106
Tenn. new set. 3s	102⅜	Oregon & Trans. 6s	109
Tenn. new set. 5s	100	St. L. & I. M. Gen. 5s	89½
Tenn. new set. 6s	71⅜	St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6s	103
Canada So. 2ds	106⅛	St. Paul consols	124
Central Pacific 1sts	108⅝	St. P. Chi. & Pac. 1sts	116⅛
Den. & R. G. 1sts	119	Tex., Pac. L. G. Tr. Rc.	89
Den. & R. G. 4s	85⅝	Tex., Pac. T. & Rs.	31
E. T. V. & G. West 1sts	77⅞	Union Pacific 1sts	108⅛
Erie 2ds	100¼	West