MANY LARGE ORDERS

For Delivery That Will Keep the Steel Rail Mills Busy.

THOUSANDS OF TONS TO ROLL.

Pig Iron Stocks Are Low, While the Market Is Decidedly Dull.

STATE OF THE FOREIGN METAL MARKET

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

NEW YORK, April 23.—The condition of the iron and steel markets is reported as follows by the *Iron Age:*

American pig—The market has been dull during the week under review. We print elsewhere an interesting report from a gentleman high in authority in the iron trade of this city, on the position of the Southern furnaces. This report shows that the stocks are low. As reflecting the position of the most important producers in this section, we may state that the stock of the Thomas Iron Company, which was 16,800 tons on January 24, is now about 4,700 tons. Since the company make about 3,500 tons weekly, their present stock is equal to less than ten days' product. Northern brands are quoted at $17@18 for No. 1, $16@16 50 for No. 2 and $14@14 50 for gray forge. Southern iron sells at $16 50@17 25 for No. 1, $15 75@16 25 for No. 2 and $14@14 50 for gray forge.

Spiegeleisen and Ferro Manganese—The market continues lifeless on spiegeleisen and very quiet on ferro manganese, which is selling in jobbing lots at $24@24 50. The majority of buyers of ferro have not yet reconciled themselves to the rise, and are holding off for everything beyond immediate requirements.

Billets and Rods—Very little has been done in the East, large buyers being well covered in billets, which are quoted at $27 50@27 75 at Eastern makers' mills. Rods are dull at $39 at tidewater. There is nothing doing in foreign material.

Steel rails—During the past week the market has been very quiet, no transactions of any size having been closed by the Eastern mills. The latter, however, are now in excellent shape, so far as orders for the near future are concerned. Up to the first of this month three mills, in which we include the Cambria, had orders on their books for about 250,000 tons, of which they had delivered up to this time about 55,000. They have certainly taken more orders this month than they will deliver, so that even if they get no further sales in April they will enter May with from 175,000 to 200,000 tons of rails to be rolled. Since the greater part is for early delivery, the majority of this group of mills are in very good shape for the next two months. The two large Western concerns, Illinois and Carnegie, have done so little work during the first quarter—having delivered only about 60,000 tons up to April 1—that they have a good deal before them, in spite of their enormous capacity. It is estimated that the two entered this month with about 225,000 tons of rails to roll. Of course, the pressure from the roads of the Northwest for track materials comes a little later. On the whole, therefore, the rail mills regard the near future with very little anxiety. They are firmly holding at $30 rail 70@80 at tidewater, and it is pointed out that all of them have a strong interest in maintaining prices, since they have during the days of anxiety and doubting entered a considerable aggregate of work, as yet undelivered, with the understanding that should a break occur the purchasers are to get the benefit of it.

Manufactured Iron and Steel—During the past two weeks contracts for a number of buildings have been placed, which have been on the tapis for a considerable period. These orders are all secured for the leading Pittsburg mill, the aggregate being about 4,000 tons of structural material. It is estimated by good authority that the tonnage of the work now on the market, or soon to make its appearance, aggregates about 12,000 tons. Some of the Western bar makers are declining orders for May, delivered, on the ground that the strike of the miners may stop their mills. We quote angles, 1.90@2.10c; sheared plates, 2@2.25c; tees, 2.45@2.75c, and beams and channels, 3.1c, on dock. Steel plates are 2@2.15c for tank, 2.3@2.6c for shell, and 2.5@2.7c for flange, on dock. Bars are 1.7@1.9c, on dock.

Rail Fastenings—We quote: 1.90@1.95c delivered, for spikes; 1.75@1.80c for fish plates, and 2.75@2.90c for bolts.

IN BETTER FORM.

An Advance in Scotch and Cleveland Warrants Noted in London.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

NEW YORK, April 23.—The *Iron Age* thus reports the foreign metal markets: In London there has been about 1-6 advance in prices of Scotch warrants and 1-3 in Cleveland warrants during the week, and the market shows better form. Operations have not yet increased to any remarkable extent, however, the advance being due chiefly to the over-sold state of the market, and the difficulty experienced by operators on the bear side in securing warrants to cover their short accounts. The bulk of supply is well held. A quantity of warrants changed hands privately at prices much above present open quotations. Stocks in warrant stores have undergone a further large increase. There are now 52 furnaces blowing in Scotland. Cleveland advices note a better demand in that section. Latest sales of warrants were at 44s for Scotch, 39 4@39s 3d for Cleveland, and 48s 7d for hematite. Pig iron prices declined to £88 7s 6d for prompts, under the influence of reports of a back down in the bull speculation in American. Both have since recovered a portion of the loss, although trading has been moderate. Eastern shipments prove to be about the average, and not as heavy as expected in some quarters.

Copper has averaged somewhat lower, under the influence of a plentiful supply of warrants and cheap sales of American matte. Recent sales of furnace material include 600 tons Anaconda matte, argentiferous, at 98, 9d, per unit; 300 tons ditto at 98, 10½d.; 350 tons Montana matte at 10s., and 450 tons ditto at 9s, 10½d.

Tin plates are rather quiet, but more interest is taken in deliveries after June. Makers controlling 238 mills have resolved to stop their works during July, with a view to improving the position. Ariel Bros., proprietors of the Germiston Iron Works, Glasgow, have failed; liabilities heavy.

Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, April 23.—Pig iron quiet; American, 16@17c. Copper, nominal. Lead steady; domestic, $4 20. Tin, easy; straits, $19 45.

Coffee Markets.

BALTIMORE, April 23.—Coffee stronger; Rio fair, 20c; No. 7, 18¼c.

NEW YORK, April 23.—Coffee options opened steady and 5 points down to 10 up, closed steady and unchanged to 10 points down; sales, 21,750 bags, including May, 17.55@17.60c; June, 16.40@16.50c; July, 17.35@17.40c; August, 16.85@17.05c; September, 16.35@16.50c; October, 15.85@16.05c; December, 15.60@15.65c; January, 14.85. Spot Rio quiet and steady; fair cargoes, 19¼c; No. 7, 18¼c.

Drygoods Market.

NEW YORK, April 23.—There was more inquiry for drygoods, but chiefly on the part of outsiders, commission and export. Jobbers are buying very little more than the usual small quantities for near wants, but are placing liberal orders for dress goods and cotton flannels. The latter are likely to be in light supply for the season. The general market was unchanged.

Price of Bar Silver.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

NEW YORK, April 23.—Bar silver in London, 46¼d per ounce; New York selling price, as reported by bullion dealers, 99½c. Gold value of silver in the standard dollar, 80 743.

Turpentine Markets.

NEW YORK, April 23.—Rosin quiet; strained, common to good, $1 60@1 70. Turpentine dull and steady at 40@40½c.

Wool Markets.

ST. LOUIS—Wool—Receipts, 71,782 pounds. Arrivals of new clip are gradually increasing somewhat unsettled prices, but no change in quotations have yet been made.

DOWN TO FIVE FEET.

A Low Stage of Water for the Boats That Are Now Running.

THE Batchelor got away at 6 o'clock last evening.

THE Scotia will be the regular Cincinnati packet to-day.

THE H. K. Bedford will leave at noon to-day for Parkersburg.

THE marks on the Monongahela wharf showed 5 feet last night.

STEVE JOHNSTON, of the Pittsburg and Cincinnati line, has sold out his interest in the Pittsburg and Cincinnati Transfer Line to Van Metre & Cole, who will conduct it in the future.

Progress.

It is very important in this age of vast material progress that a remedy be pleasing to the taste and to the eye, easily taken, acceptable to the stomach and healthy in its nature and effects. Possessing these qualities, Syrup of Figs is the one perfect laxative and most gentle diuretic known.

MARKETS BY WIRE.

Wheat Gives Way at the Opening, But Braces Up and Finishes With a Gain—Corn, Oats and Hog Products Score Material Advances.

CHICAGO—When trading began on 'Change this morning it looked as if the bears were booked for another victorious campaign. Cable advices were decidedly in their favor, receipts were heavy and the weather was fine for the growing crop. Accordingly the bears began selling wheat right and left at the opening, starting the market ¼@⅜c lower than it was at the close yesterday. Their determined selling sent it off to a point ¾@⅞c below yesterday's last figures within a few minutes. Then they discovered that they had underestimated the strength of the bulls, who snapped up all of their offerings and called for more. Price changes from that time on tended upward, with one or two important breaks. The result was a net advance of 1⅝c over yesterday's last figures. The other cereals and hog products were also strong and scored material advances, in sympathy with wheat.

July wheat started at $1 08¼@1 08⅜ and broke to $1 08 and then lifted to $1 09⅝. Later cables noting a further decline in Paris and Liverpool brought July back to $1 09 but buying lifted it to $1 10⅜. When it was announced that the corner in April flour at Paris had collapsed and that prices had declined, equal to $1 ⅝ bbl, July sold off to $1 09⅝. From this price it rallied to $1 10⅜ because of purchases of 250,000 bushels by Day & Co., who have heretofore acted for the bull crowd. The bears had the advantage in the way of news but the sentiment in favor of an upturn was decidedly against them and prevailed, the closing prices being practically at the top.

Corn opened very weak and at a decline of ⅜ to ½c. The lowest prices of the day were made in the first two minutes of the session. The advance from the opening was steady, the reactions slight. July started at 60c, and sales at 66¼ quickly followed. It advanced to 67⅝c, the closing figure.

There was a rush to sell oats at the opening on account of the heavy receipts and promises of more to follow. The opening was at 57⅝@57¾c and the price quickly dropped to 51c. The market finally recovered through sympathy with the other cereals, closing ¼@⅜c higher than yesterday.

There was a surprise in store for the dealers in hog products, which opened weak and dull. On the call pork was hoisted 60c per barrel from the low point of the day and lard and ribs in about the same proportion. In the end pork made a gain over yesterday's price of 50c, lard of 12½c, and ribs of 17½c.

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 09¼	$1 12⅜	$1 09¼	$1 12⅜
May	1 09¾	1 12⅜	1 09¾	1 12⅜
July	1 08¾	1 10⅜	1 08	1 10⅜
CORN, No. 2				
April	70¼	72⅜	70¼	72⅜
May	70	72	69⅞	72
July	66	67⅝	65⅝	67⅝
OATS, No. 2				
May	54	54⅝	53½	54⅝
June	54⅛	54⅝	53¾	54⅝
July	51⅝	52⅝	51	52
MESS PORK.				
May	$12 37½	$12 95	$12 37½	$12 95
July	12 80	13 35	12 75	13 35
September	13 15	13 75	13 12½	13 75
LARD.				
May	6 70	6 85	6 70	6 85
July	7 10	7 25	7 07½	7 15
September	7 27½	7 42½	7 27½	7 42½
SHORT RIBS.				
May	6 10	6 37½	6 10	6 37½
July	6 42½	6 70	6 40	6 70
September	6 72½	6 97½	6 70	6 97½

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour easier, but not quotably lower. No. 2 spring wheat, $1 12¾; No. 3 spring wheat, $1 08⅞; No. 2 red, $1 12¾@1 2 16; No. 2 corn, 70¾@c; No. 2 oats, 55c; No. 2 white, 57¾@58½c; No. 3 white, 57@57¾c; No. 2 rye, 90@91c. No. 2 barley nominal; No. 3, f. o. b., 76@78c; No. 4, f. o. b., 76c. No. 1 flaxseed, $1 18; prime timothy seed, $1 31@1 32. Mess pork, per bbl, $12 90@12 95. Lard, per 100 lbs, $6 82½@6 85. Short rib sides (loose), $6 30@6 40; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $5 20@5 25; short clear sides (boxed), $6 80@6 90. Sugars unchanged. On the Produce Exchange to-day the butter market was unchanged. Eggs, 13@13½c.

NEW YORK—Flour dull and unchanged. Cornmeal more active and steady; yellow Western, 40c. Wheat—Spot market unsettled, closing stronger with options, fair business and increased export demands; No. 2, red, $1 22 in elevator; $1 24⅝ in store; $1 26⅝ afloat; $1 25⅝@1 27⅝ f. o. b.; No. 3 red, $1 17; ungraded red, $1 11⅝@1 25⅝; No. 1 Northern, $1 31; No. 1 hard, $1 34; options opened ⅛@⅜c lower; the market called and sold up 1⅝@2 per cent at the best prices and firm; No. 2 red, May, $1 20⅝@1 22⅝, closing at $1 22⅜; June, $1 17⅞@1 19⅝, closing at $1 19⅝; July, $1 15⅝@1 17⅛, closing at $1 17⅛; August, $1 11@1 12⅛, closing at $1 12⅛; September, $1 09⅛@1 11, closing at $1 11; October, $1 08⅛@1 10⅛, closing at $1 10⅛; December, $1 09⅛@1 11⅛, closing at $1 11⅛; May, 1892, $1 15⅛@1 16⅛, closing at $1 16⅛. Barley firm and quiet; No. 2 Milwaukee, 89@90c; No. 1 Canada West, 90c; ungraded Canada, 88@92c. Corn—Spot market unsettled, closing firm and active; No. 2, 82½@82¾c in elevator, 83@84c afloat; ungraded mixed, 79@84c; steamer mixed, 81@82½c; options are up ⅜@⅝c, closing firm with increased speculation and in a general way as following wheat; May, 79c, closing at 80c; June, 75¾@77c, closing at 77c; July, 73@74½c, closing at 74½c; August, 72½@73½c, closing at 73½c. Oats—Spot market dull and lower, closing steadier; options firmer and quiet; May, 51@51½c, closing at 51c; June, 50@50½c, closing 50c; July, 50½@50c, closing at 50½c; spot No. 2 white, 54@55½c; mixed Western, 50@54c; white do, 54@70c; No. 2 Chicago, 53@53½c. Tallow stronger; city ($2 for packers), 5 2-16c. Eggs quiet and easier; Western, 15c. Pork firmer and quiet; old mess, $12 00@12 50; new mess, $13 75@14 50; extra prime, $11 75@12 25. Cut meats quiet and steady; pickled bellies, 6⅝c. Lard stronger and quiet; Western steam, $7 00; May, $6 92@7 00, closing at $7 00 bid; July, $7 17@7 29, closing at $7 29 bid; August, $7 30@$7 31, closing at $7 42 asked; September, closed at $7 54. Butter in good demand and firm; Western dairy, 12@22c; do creamery, 21@27c; do factory, 12@23c; Elgin, 27½c. Cheese quiet and irregular; skims, 6½@11c; Ohio flats, 8½@11½c.

ST. LOUIS—Flour firm and unchanged. Wheat—Last sales were 1⅜@1⅝c above yesterday's: No. 2 red cash sold at $1 09@1 10; May, $1 09@1 10, closing at $1 10; July, $1 03@1 05¼, closing at $1 05¼; August, $1 01¼@1 03½, closing at $1 03½. Corn—The market opened ⅜@⅝c lower, but soon recovered, and prices firmed up in sympathy with wheat; May, 70¼@71½c, closing at 71c; July, 65⅝@66⅝c, closing at 66⅝c. Oats quiet and lower; No. 2, cash, 55¼@55½c; May, 53¼@53⅝c, closing at 53½c; July, 47¼@47⅜, closing at 47¼c. Rye, No. 2 nominally 87c. Butter steady and unchanged. Eggs firm and steady at 13½c. Cornmeal firm at $3 40@3 50. Provisions quiet but stronger. Pork firmer at $12 25@12 50 for standard mess. Lard—Prime steam, nominally $6 50.

PHILADELPHIA—Flour—Good trade in Minnesota patents within the range of $6 00@6 25 for good to choice brands. Winter patents firm but dull. The lower grades of both spring and winter flours ruled firm under scarcity, though demand was limited. Wheat—Options firm; No. 2 red, April, $1 22@1 23; May, $1 22@1 23; June, $1 17¾@1 18¼; July, $1 15@1 16. Corn weak and futures declined 1c; futures beyond May wholly nominal; local car lots quiet; No. 2 mixed elevator, 83½c; No. 2 mixed, April, 81@82c; May, 80@80½c; June, 78@79c; July, 78@74c. Oats weak and lower; No. 2 white, 64@66½c; No. 2 white April, 63¾@64c; May and June, 63¼@63½c; July, 62½@62¾c. Eggs firm; Pennsylvania fresh, 15@13½c.

MINNEAPOLIS—Cash wheat sold lower today. Local millers were not buying, owing to the unsettled condition of the markets. Outside buyers bought sparingly. The offerings were larger, the receipts showing considerable increase, while the shipments were smaller. Some fancy No. 1 Northern brought $1 11, while all other sorts went at $1 10. Buyers will pay, while good wheat sold will later at $1 10. Closing quotations: No. 1 hard, April, $1 14; on track, $1 14@1 14¼; No. 1 Northern, April and May, $1 08¾; July, $1 12⅝; on track, $1 11@1 11¼; No. 2 Northern, April, $1 09; on track, $1 08@1 09¼.

BALTIMORE—Wheat—Western firm; No. 2 winter red, spot and May, $1 18⅝@1 18⅞; July, $1 16; August, $1 11⅞@1 12⅛. Corn—Western dull; mixed spot and April, 80c asked; May, 79c asked; July, 74½@74¾c. Oats—Ungraded Western white, 63@66c; do do mixed, 61½@62c; graded No. 2 white, 64c; graded No. 2 mixed, 61½@62c. Rye quiet and unchanged. Provisions firm and unchanged. Butter scarce, firm and unchanged. Eggs firm at 14c.

CINCINNATI—Flour quiet. Wheat easier and lower; No. 2 red, $1 14. Corn in moderate supply; No. 2 mixed, 74@75c. Oats firmer; No. 2 mixed, 57c. Rye dull; No. 2, 97c. Pork firmer at $12 50. Lard in good demand at $6 35. Bulk meats quiet at $6 37½. Bacon firmer; short clear, 7¾c. Butter firm. Sugar in good demand. Eggs firm at 12½@13c. Cheese firm and higher; choice, full cream flat, 11½@12c.

MILWAUKEE—Wheat firm and higher; No. 2 spring, on track, cash, $1 10; July, $1 09 bid. No. 1 Northern, $1 15. Corn firm; No. 3, on track, 73c. Oats slow; No. 2 white, on track, 58½c. Barley firm; No. 2, in store, 7c bid. Rye higher; No. 1, in store, 92c. Provisions nominal. Pork—July, $13 25. Lard—July, $7 15.

KANSAS CITY—Wheat—No. 2 hard, cash, $1 02; April, $1 01¾ bid; No. 2 red, cash, $1 06. Corn easier; No. 2, cash and April, 68½c bid. Oats steady; No. 2 cash and April, 54½c. Eggs firm at 11c.

When baby was sick, we gave her Castoria,
When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria,
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria,
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

AN IMPORTANT DEAL.

Sale of a Manufacturing Site to the Malleable Iron Company.

NEW BUILDINGS WILL FOLLOW.

Opening Up a Fine Residence Locality in the East End District.

THE FEATURES OF LOCAL SPECULATION

Manufacturing sites, especially those of moderate size, are in good request. Black & Baird found a customer for one yesterday. They sold for the People's Savings Bank to the Pittsburg Malleable Iron Company, a lot fronting 281 feet on Forty-third street, and extending back 130 feet to Forty-second street, for $30,000. The purchasers will at once begin the erection of buildings suitable to the manufacture of their special product.

Leveling the Soil.

The Baums are grading a large portion—10 or 15 acres—of their property between Fairmount avenue and Villa street on the east and west sides, and between Friendship and Center avenues on the north and south. The supposition is that this property will be plotted and put on the market in a short time. It is stated that the Messrs. Baum will put up 20 or 25 houses on their own account, and also that two well-known capitalists will erect about as many more between them. Owing to its proximity to the business center and its attractive location and surroundings, there is no doubt the entire tract will soon be covered with handsome homes.

A Church With a History.

The Church of God, on Townsend street, near Clark, just sold by Mr. S. Arnold to the Hebrew congregation Shaare Torah—Gates of Wisdom—has quite a history. The building was erected about 50 years ago by the Baptists. It was afterward sold to the Methodists. About 25 years ago the denomination known as the Church of God acquired possession and held it until a few days ago, when they sold out to the Shaare Torah. Thus within its walls the gospel has been proclaimed by three denominations, and the law of Moses and the prophets will soon be expounded by Hebrew teachers and listened to by a Hebrew congregation. The new owners will make some temporary changes in the building and will enlarge it as soon as their circumstances will permit.

Outlook for Building Lots.

Several real estate agents were yesterday asked for opinions in regard to the probable output of building lots this summer. They all said the inquiry was good, and that as soon as a settlement of the labor trouble could be effected sales would be brisk. Mr. C. T. Beeckman, Secretary and agent for the Laramie Land and Improvement Company, was quite hopeful. He believed there would be as many buyers for cheap lots this summer as usual. People do not want to buy until they know they can build. They are waiting for the labor cloud to roll by. This accounts for the present lull. Lower Allegheny, Perrysville avenue and the Southside are the centers of activity at present.

Gobbling Timber Lands.

A syndicate of Pennsylvania capitalists, headed by Charles W. Henry, of Philadelphia, recently purchased from W. H. Howcott, of New Orleans, 22,000 acres of timber lands in Livingston parish, La., and 5,000 acres of pine in Lawrence county, Miss. They will erect sawmills for the production of lumber.

Business News and Gossip.

Kuhn Bros. sold Electric and Philadelphia Gas yesterday. They bought Luster.

Eight years ago a lot on Wood street, near the station, Wilkinsburg, sold at the rate of $8 a foot front. The other day $175 was offered and refused.

Daniel Bohanan has bought a property on North Highland avenue, near Stanton, Nineteenth ward, lot 100x140, with a good two-story brick dwelling, for $8,000.

The old log house on Nine-Mile run, near Swissvale, which was the home of the late Jane Grey Swisshelm for many years, is to be torn down and a modern frame dwelling erected on the site.

Daniel Evans, a prominent oil producer at Petrolia, died there yesterday morning. He was well known in Pittsburg. The farm on which he resided has yielded upward of 1,000,000 barrels of oil.

D. L. Gillespie, the lumber man, has purchased a lot 100x200 on Thomas street, Boulevard Place, and will immediately commence the erection thereon of an elegant stone residence for himself.

John McBride, Whitney & Stephenson's exchange expert, returned from New York yesterday.

The strong close of Electric yesterday indicated a firm market for it today.

With the exception of Philadelphia the natural gassers are painfully dull. Some insist that Philadelphia is being bought by certain people as an investment.

Citizens' Traction is the leader of that group of stocks. Its strength is partly due to talk of a larger dividend.

Superintendent Hannan has ordered the canals in New York State to be opened for navigation on May 5.

The Building Record.

Permits for the erection of the following buildings were issued yesterday:

George Schmidt, 12 frame two-story dwellings, 16x32 feet, on Lookout street, Fourteenth ward. Cost, $12,000.

James Stolcenberger, frame one-story kitchen, 9x18 feet, on South Fourteenth street, Twenty-eighth ward. Cost, $50.

Isaac N. Bumbaugh, stone and brick one-story dwelling, 18x32 feet, on Porter street, Eleventh ward. Cost, $500.

Paul Conday, frame one-story shop, 8x11 feet, on rear Twenty-first street, Twenty-fifth ward. Cost, $15.

Martin Shaughnessy, two frame two-story dwellings, 15x34 feet each, on rear Calvin street, Seventeenth ward. Cost, $2,300.

T. D. Harman, brick two-story and attic dwelling, 22x38 feet, on Emerson street, Twentieth ward. Cost, $3,000.

L. P. Ross, frame addition, two-story kitchen and bathroom, 10½x12 feet, on Penn avenue, Nineteenth ward. Cost, $200.

Fred. Kieselbach, frame addition, one-story dwelling, 15x16 feet, on Larkin's alley, Twenty-sixth ward. Cost, $150.

Heppenstall & Marquis, frame one-story office, 14x20 feet, on Thirty-second street, Sixteenth ward. Cost, $500.

Henry Weis, Sr., two frame two-story dwellings, 12x16 feet, on Twenty-first street, Twenty-sixth ward. Cost, $400.

Martin Rieber, frame two-story dwelling, 21x32 feet, on Thompson street, Twenty-first ward. Cost, $1,000.

Fred Schwartz, frame addition, one-story dwelling, 12x12 feet, on South Sixteenth street, Twenty-eighth ward. Cost, $75.

J. B. Hyndman, frame addition, one-story office, 16x38 feet, on Sheridan avenue, Twentieth ward. Cost, $450.

Heppenstall & Marquis, frame one-story warehouse, 38x70 feet, on Thirty-second and Liberty street, Sixteenth ward. Cost, $1,500.

Philomena Wunderlich, frame two-story dwelling, 18x16 feet, on Dolphin street, Nineteenth ward. Cost, $550.

John Quinn, frame two-story stable, 16x22 feet, on Lenora street, Twenty-first ward. Cost, $50.

F. J. Rutledge, frame two-story warehouse and stable, 24x100 feet, on Thirty-second and Liberty streets, Sixteenth ward. Cost, $950.

Movements in Realty.

S. A. Dickie & Co. sold for Hart and Wilkinson, agents for Charles Friel, to James G. Haymaker a lot 57½x178 feet on North Highland avenue, with a two-story brick house, for $11,000.

W. C. Beringer & Co. sold for the Creese heirs to C. Cappel, a farm of 48 acres at Fair Oaks, Pittsburg, Ft. Wayne and Chicago Railroad, for $4,000 cash.

Baltensperger & Williams sold two lots on Lenora street, East End, each 20x210, to John Quinn, for $700.

Magaw & Goff, Lim., sold to Jennie Williams a lot 25x100 in Etna park Place, for $225, on easy payments.

STILL STAGNANT.

No Trading in Either Cash or May Oil—Specimen Bids.

There were no sales of either cash or May oil yesterday. For the former 68⅝ was the only bid without offers. May oil was wanted at 68⅝@69¼, closing at 69.

There was no change in refined. Average daily runs were 76,063; average shipments, 53,993; average charters, 89,408. Dullness and weakness of the past few days have been, if possible, more pronounced than usual, and some attribute this condition to the fact that the Standard is buying.

Tracy, Wilson & Co. quote puts at 68c; calls at 69⅝.

Other Oil Markets.

BRADFORD, April 23.—National Transit certificates opened at 68⅝; closed at 68⅝; highest, 69¼; lowest, 68⅝; clearances, 72,000 barrels.

OIL CITY, April 23.—National Transit certificates opened at 68⅝; highest, 69⅝; lowest, 68⅝; closing at 68⅝; sales, 84,000 barrels; clearances, 120,000 barrels; charters, 66,587 barrels; shipments, 78,172 barrels; runs, 92,398 barrels.

NEW YORK, April 23.—Petroleum opened steady and advanced 1c on a few buying orders from the West. When these were filled the market reacted to the opening and closed steady. Pennsylvania oil, spot, May options, opening, 69c; highest, 70c; lowest, 69c; closing, 69c. Lima oil, opening, 47c; highest, 48c; lowest, 47c; closing, 47½c. Total sales, 6,000 barrels.

HOME SECURITIES.

Enough Business and Interest to Close the Market at the Top in Most Cases—Ups and Downs on Call—Special Features.

Considerable interest was displayed at the local stock calls yesterday, but business was light, sales amounting to only 400 shares, furnished by Electric, Philadelphia Gas, Citizens' Traction, Manchester Traction, Airbrake, Luster and La Noria. News from the East was bullish. In New York Panhandle preferred advanced $1 a share.

There was a disposition early in the day to make concessions, but this gradually wore off and a hardening tendency was developed which affected most of the active list, and final prices were in most cases the best made. Philadelphia Gas and Pleasant Valley were about the only things that closed at a loss. Advances were scored by Citizens' Traction on talk of increasing the dividend, Luster, Electric, Switch and Signal and Airbrake.

Electric, as usual, opened at the top, 13⅞, offered at 14, about the same as Boston, but buyers outnumbered sellers here, showing a good feeling in its favor. The familiar story of successful negotiations was repeated. The only thing going against it was the fact that a number of creditors. The annual meeting of the company will be held at 10 A. M. on Monday, May 4. The transfer books will be closed from next Monday to that date. Sales were:

First Call—10 Electric at 13⅞, 25 Philadelphia Gas, 12¾, 40 Citizens' Traction at 61, 100 Manchester Traction at 32¾.

After Call—15 Citizens' Traction at 61, 50 Airbrake at 91.

Second Call—5 Philadelphia Gas at 12¾, 25 at 12⅝, 10 at 12¾, 10 Electric at 13¾, 10 Luster at 1 32½.

Third Call—100 Electric at 14, 100 La Noria at 35.

Bids and offers at each of the three calls are appended.

	First Call. B	First Call. A	Second Call. B	Second Call. A	Third Call. B	Third Call. A
P. P. S. & M. Ex.	350	360	....	....	....	....
Citizens' Nat. Bk	65	....	....	....	....	....
Diamond N. Bk.	....	....	....	....	210	225
Penn City Bank	....	....	....	....	....	....
Mech'cs N. Bank	....	....	....	....	....	118
Armenia Ins.	79	90	....	....	....	....
Citizens' Insur.	....	36	....	....	....	....
National Insur.	60	....	....	....	....	....
Man'ttn'n G. Co.	....	24	....	....	....	....
P. N. G. & P. Co	9¾	....	....	....	9¼	....
Phila. Co.	12¾	13	12⅝	12⅞	12⅝	12⅞
Wheeling G. Co.	15	16¼	15	16¼	....	16¼
Central Traction	18¾	18¾	18⅝	18¾	18⅝	18¾
Citizens' Traction	60⅝	61	61	62	61½	62
Pittsburg Trac.	....	....	....	....	....	....
Pleasant Valley	23¾	24	....	24	23½	24¼
S. Y. & C. G. C.	....	....	....	....	36	39½
Hidalgo Mining	....	....	....	....	2¾	....
La Noria M'g Co.	35	45	....	40	35	40
Luster Mining	13¼	14⅝	13⅛	13⅝	13⅜	13¾
Silver Peak M. Co.	5	7	....	....	....	....
West'house E.	13⅝	13⅞	13⅝	13⅞	13⅞	14
Monon. W. Co.	26½	....	....	....	....	....
U. S. & S. Co.	9	9¾	....	....	....	10
U. S. & S. Co. pref	20	25	....	25	....	25
W'house A. B. Co	90½	92	91¼	92	....	....
S. U. C. Co.	53	....	....	....	....	....

At New York yesterday the total sales of stocks were 448,992 shares, including: Atchison, 24,265; Lackawanna, 5,300; Erie, 3,100; Lake Shore, 6,200; Louisville and Nashville, 12,610; Missouri Pacific, 15,040; Northwestern, 4,140; North American, 4,205; Northern Pacific, 4,550; do preferred, 18,345; Richmond and West Point, 17,741; St. Paul, 63,411; Union Pacific, 18,505; Western Union, 4,972; Wheeling and Lake Erie, 4,980.

MONEY MARKET.

All the Features of the Local Situation Show Improvement.

Increased checking, a good run of discounts and heavy depositing were the features of the local money market yesterday. The first item shows that additions are being made to the volume of funds in circulation. Rates ruled easy at 6@7 per cent. Exchanges were $2,884,717 02 and balances $380,191 49.

At New York money on call was easy, ranging from 3 to 3½ per cent. Last loan 3, closed offered at 3. Prime mercantile paper 5@7. Sterling exchange quiet and steady at $4 85 for 60-day bills and $4 88½ for demand.

Closing Bond Quotations.

U. S. 4s, reg.	121	M. K. & T. 2ds	42⅞
U. S. 4s, coup.	121¼	Missouri Pacific 5s	105
U. S. 4½s, reg.	109	N. J. C. Int. Cert.	111
U. S. 4½s, coup.	109	Northern Pac. 1sts	116⅝
Pacific 6s of '95	102	Northern Pac. 2ds	114
Louisiana stamped 4s	90	Norfolk & W. consols	129
Missouri 6s	----	North'n Indian's 5s	107⅝
Tenn. new set. 6s	105	Oregon & Trans. 6s	----
Tenn. new set. 5s	103	St. L. & I. M. Gen. 5s	89½
Tenn. new set. 3s	71⅝	St. L. & S. F. Gen. M.	106½
Canada So. 2ds	97	St. Paul consols	124
Central Pacific 1sts	107½	St. P. Chi. & Pac. 1sts	117
Den. & R. G. 1sts	119½	Tex. Pac. L. G. Tr. Rs.	90½
Den. & R. G. 4s	82⅝	Tex. Pac. R. G. Tr. Rs.	34½
E. H. West 1sts	----	Union Pacific 1sts	108½
Erie 2ds	100¾	West Shore	102⅝
M. K. & T. 1sts	77⅝	R. Grande West 1sts	77

Bank Clearings.

CHICAGO—Bank clearings were $13,205,000. New York exchange was 12½@25c premium. Rates for money were easier at 5½@6 per cent.

MEMPHIS—New York exchange was selling at $1 premium. Clearings, $832,717; balances, $102,362.

NEW ORLEANS—Clearings, $1,525,250.

NEW YORK—Bank clearings, $120,058,127; balances, $5,848,769.

BOSTON—Bank clearings, $15,713,293; balances, $1,596,590. Money, 3 per cent. Exchange on New York, par to 12½ cents discount.

BALTIMORE—Bank clearings, $2,024,082; balances, $235,664. Money, 6 per cent.

PHILADELPHIA—Bank clearings, $10,739,967; balances, $1,531,087. Money 4@5 per cent.

CINCINNATI—Money 5@6 per cent. New York exchange 80c premium. Clearings, $2,040,600.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

Shares Buoyant and Active in the Forenoon, but Quieter in the Afternoon—Old Stocks and Industrials Dull—Railroad Bonds Active.

NEW YORK, April 23.—The stock market today, especially in the forenoon, was an extremely active and buoyant one, with a quieter state of affairs in the afternoon and some concessions from the high prices of the early trading. The movement yesterday was attributed to the Gould party, and that of to-day, although Mr. Gould is not yet here, and the Gould stocks were relegated to a secondary position in the market, and the Grangers again brought to the front, was attributed in great measure to the same source.

The old stocks and industrials were not only sluggish to-day, but inclined to weakness at times. In the latter Lead Trust was an exception, and displayed great strength throughout the day, with a comparatively active amount of business. Chicago Gas was left to take the same course as the other Industrials. Outside of this there was no marked movement among active stocks. The market finally closed active and fairly strong on the tone: prices.

Railroad bonds were more active, the sales reaching $2,120,000, with a firm tone throughout, but without material change in quotations.

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.
Am. Cotton Oil	29	29	28	28½
Am. Cotton Oil pref.	82⅝	83	82	82¼
Am. Cotton Oil trust	28	28½	27¾	27¾
Atch., Top. & S. F.	33⅝	34¼	33⅝	34
Canadian Pacific	79	79¼	78⅞	79¼
Canada Southern	52	52½	52	52½
Central of New Jersey	118¼	118	118	117½
Central Pacific	30¾	31	30½	30¾
Chesapeake & Ohio	19	19⅝	18⅞	19
Chicago Gas Trust	51⅝	52⅞	50⅞	51½
C., Bur. & Quincy	89⅞	91	89¾	90⅝
C., Mil. & St. Paul	62¾	63⅝	62¾	63½
C., Mil. & St. P., pf.	113⅝	113⅝	113⅝	113⅝
C., Rock I. & P.	77¾	79½	77¾	78⅞
C., St. P., M. & O.	28⅝	28⅝	28⅝	28¾
C., St. P., M. & O. pf.	----	----	----	95
C. & Northwestern	110⅞	111⅝	110¼	110½
C. & N. W. pf.	135	----	----	----
C., C., C. & I.	64