JOE WINS A BIG RACE.

Heideger Scores a Good Trotting Victory Among the Germans.

TRYING THE FLYERS AT HOMEWOOD

A Few Words Said in Defense of the Local Ball Team.

GENERAL SPORTING NEWS OF THE DAY

Doubtless local patrons of trotting horses and there are thousands, will be interested to know that Joe Heideger has scored his first victory in Germany. Joe won a great race and his prospects in the dominions of the Kaiser are very bright indeed.

Yesterday the sporting editor of this paper read an exceedingly interesting letter from Joseph. In the letter he goes on to say that he started his 4-year-old colt, Alexis, in a race of about a mile and a quarter at Hamburg, and the colt won it very handily. There were no less than 18 starters in the race. The event was Joe's first victory in Germany, and he was warmly congratulated by a host of friends.

It is evident that trotting is rapidly increasing in popularity in Germany because our late townsman states there are from 20 to 40 entries in every race. This does, indeed, augur well for the success of trotting races there. With such a number of horses there are bound to be some good ones one of these days. The letter goes on to speak well of the Russian trotters and states that these horses go very fast indeed. They wear no boots, no over checks and never break.

American horsemen are arriving in Germany in large numbers, the letter goes on to say, and as a result all the horse trainers are Americans. The trainers generally think that some of the speediest trotters in the world will be developed in Germany. The race meetings are exceedingly well patronized and the masses are taking very kindly to the contests.

Joe further goes on to relate that among the horses that have failed to do anything over there is Zoe B., the mare that made her fast record at Homewood. She is no good at all in Germany.

Mr. Heideger, Sr., has arrived at his son's residence in Germany after an excellent voyage. Joe continues to like his new abode, and thinks that he will do exceedingly well. He expects to meet many familiar faces during the summer, as numerous horsemen intend visiting Germany this year.

TIMELY TROTTING TOPICS.

The Southeastern Circuit Makes a Good Start—A Cast-Off Trotter That Can Still Win Races—Another Week at Philadelphia.

With the Southeastern Circuit, which began on the 5th inst., says an Eastern writer, the first link of the continuous chain of meetings for the harness racers was taken up, and the sulkies will be kept whirling merrily for the next six months throughout the length and breadth of the land. Veritable nomads are these cracks of the harness, since their engagements last only a week in each place, and make it necessary for them to travel thousands of miles during the year. Such a veteran as Harry Wilkes, for example, has stepped off rapid miles in about every State in the Union and exhibited his powers from Boston to California. As the track at Baltimore, where the horses began the journey this month, is only half a mile in length, there was, of course, nothing sensational there, though the heat in 2:22½ by St. Elmo was unusually good for the early date, and on a very indifferent course. This trotter is a tall brown gelding, bred in Michigan, inheriting Morgan blood from his sire and the stout Hambletonian-Star cross from his dam. Two years ago he gave promise of great speed, and after winning a good race at Saginaw went to Detroit as the leading candidate in his class. The money was put on him by thousands, but he went lame early in the contest, and there was no chance for his backers to hedge.

John E. Turner and Scott Quintin are the only trainers of national reputation who have begun the campaign thus early. Turner is never in a hurry to win races, but likes to start his horses in public as the best way to get them to an edge for the summer, when the premiums are more valuable. Like all of the old-school reinsmen, he considers it disastrous to get a trotter out of his class, and therefore avoids running heats unless he is reasonably sure of getting three. Last year he brought out Nevada, a brown mare with a distinguished ancestry. Her sire, Santa Claus, was one of the best stallions of his day and retired with a record of 2:17¼, while her dam, Sweetheart, trotted in 2:23¾ at 3 years, and is a daughter of the famous Minnehaha by Sultan, the sire of Stamboul.

The flyers remain at Philadelphia for another week, the third of the Southeastern series of meetings beginning at old Point Breeze track Tuesday. For this there is a large entry list, 109 trotters and pacers being named in the eight classes. This is a much more convenient track than the one at Belmont Park, and if it is favored in the matter of weather as the latter was the sport is sure to attract a large patronage.

VIENNA GONE ON TROTTING.

The Fleet American Trotter Bosque Bonita Wins Some Big Stakes.

[BY DUNLAP'S CABLE COMPANY.]

BERLIN, May 17.—Vienna thinks of nothing but American trotters just now, and of a Mr. C. Terry's 6-year-old mare Bosque Bonita, that won the great stakes at Wednesday's meeting. She is at present the most admired animal on the Continental turf. She has broken the last year's record of 2:19¼ twice over, and made the first mile in 2:18 and the second in 2:18¾, for which feat her owner received 1,500 florins premium, in addition to the grand stakes of 50,000 florins. Terry's Molly Wilkes carried off the second prize of 15,000 florins.

The Austrian Government has decided that the pool rooms are establishments which must be licensed. As it takes about a year to obtain a license, the turf will have to get along without pool rooms for a season at least.

Out at Homewood.

There was plenty of fun at Homewood track yesterday morning. A large crowd was out there enjoying the "spins" of the many trotters and pacers now located at the track stables. Prominent among the horses on the track was Ironwood, who had "Little Fred" driving him. Ironwood really showed great speed. The track was in excellent condition, and if there is not an over-supply of rain between now and next week the track will be first-class for the spring races.

There'll Be Lots of Fun.

Manager Fred. Goodwyn has secured the following speedy swimmers to represent the Natatorium in the water polo match against the team of the Pittsburg ball club: Messrs. Joseph McEwen, W. Flowers, John Taylor, C. T. Bruce, E. Ridley and J. Fox. The game will be played Friday evening next, commencing at 8 o'clock, and "Jeems" Galvin will act as referee.

SATURDAY'S BALL GAMES.

The League.

At Pittsburg—

Pittsburg	0	3	2	2	0	6	1	0	0	—14
Philadelphia	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	2	0	—5

Batteries—King and Mack; Esper, Shultz and Clements and Brown.

At Cincinnati—

Cincinnati	0	2	1	1	0	2	0	0	2	—8
Boston	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	—3

Batteries—Radbourne and Clark; Getzein and Ganzel.

At Cleveland—

Cleveland	0	0	1	0	1	3	0	0	*	—5
New York	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	—2

Batteries—Viau and Zimmer; Sharrott and O'Rourke.

At Chicago—

Chicago	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	3	3	—11
Brooklyn	1	1	2	0	3	0	1	0	1	—9

Batteries—Stein, Luby and Nagle; Henning and Kinslow.

To-Day's League Schedule.

Philadelphia at Pittsburg. New York at Cleveland.
Boston at Cincinnati. Brooklyn at Chicago.

To-Day's Association Schedule.

St. Louis at Philadelphia. Louisville at Boston.
Cincinnati at Baltimore. Columbus at Washington

The Association.

Athletics, 8; St. Louis, 1. Boston, 9; Louisville, 3. Baltimore, 9; Cincinnati, 1.

THE COLONEL'S CONFIDENCE.

John I. Rogers Thinks the Phillies Will be in It.

PHILADELPHIA, May 17.—The war clouds which obscured the base ball horizon of the early spring, threatening to let loose a storm which would flood the diamond fields with disaster, have passed. Although yet early in the season, it is not too soon to realize that base ball is again on the high tide of popular favor. Colonel John I. Rogers, who, as a member of the Board of Control of the National League, is familiar with what is going on, was seen to-day and asked as to his opinion concerning the general outlook, the chances of the Phillies, and the possible winners of the pennant.

"Colonel, how does the season thus far compare with last year?" was asked.

"The comparison is one that is very satisfactory to all who are interested in the game," was the cheerful response. "Without exaggeration, I will say that, compared with last year, the attendance is four to one. The Phillies will soon get another pitcher, and then for the pennant. We are in it."

ABOUT THE LOCAL TEAM.

A Correspondent Urges Critics to Give All the Boys a Fair Chance.

To the Sporting Editor of the Dispatch:

With your permission I will use a fraction of your space in a talk on baseball matters, so far as they pertain to the local club belonging to the National League. I have been particularly amused of late by the quality of the matter dished up by your cotemporaries in their endeavors to improve the Pittsburg team, or more properly, to ruin it.

It would require too much space to review all that has been said; in fact, what they have not said would be the easiest subject; a line would suffice. But let me refer especially to the treatment experienced by George Miller, that sterling all-round player who has but few equals and no peers in the baseball business to-day. I know that in making this assertion there will be a lot of replies having for their burden "what about Ewing, Kelly, Anson, et al?" I anticipate the questions and reply thus: All of these men are excellent captains, that is admitted, but then it will also be admitted that Miller makes no pretentions to being a captain, and as it takes nine men to play a game of ball, there are at least eight men to be accounted for who are not supposed to do any of the directing, and the more clever the file, the greater the chances of winning games. As a batter, Miller does not rank with either of the three mentioned, but can ordinarily be depended upon to hit the ball hard, whether it falls safe or not; many a time long sacrifices have been the factors in the winning of games. If in every game played the Pittsburgs should get one of their men to third base before two men were out, and a man "with a good eye" followed, nine out of 10 games would be ours. It is as an all-round, serviceable and reliable man, that I propose to push Miller's claims.

Does he catch as well as Ewing or Kelly? First, no; second, not quite, but nearly so; but at all the same, Miller can go in behind the bat any day of the week and catch a good game of ball, and Jimmy Galvin will bear me out in this. Does he play infield or outfield positions as well as Ewing or Kelly (and now we can bring in Anson?) Yes, and a great deal better from a pure fielding standpoint. We have all seen the three others tried in this city, and we know that not one has especially distinguished himself out of his regular position. So then, if the club cannot be made up entirely of captains, catchers and first basemen, it must be admitted that men in other positions can be as much a factor in the winning of games as either. No player that visits Pittsburg will stop a ball at short better than Miller, and the only thing he lacks is the quick snap to first of Glasscock, Ward, Long and others, and as this can be acquired, who knows but what our old friend, "the midget," will yet be in the game. Moses did not show the Israelites the Promised Land the first day of the Exodus, and you cannot immediately turn a catcher into a fielder.

Honestly, Mr. Editor, you would think that some of these baseball writers had never seen a game in their lives, from the way in which they lay it out every time a player makes a misplay. They should display a little more judgment than the "bleaching board" kid, who pays homage to one player to-day and another to-morrow, for you know the reader expects the writer to possess judgment, else why does he write. If we must place the baseball writer on the same level with the "kid" aforesaid, it is time to quit reading the papers.

It is rather odd, too, that these same writers think that Captain Hanlon will go by their judgment and change the men about to suit them. Again, they ape "the bleaching urchin," and it is pleasant to note that neither has any effect on the powers that be. One can imagine what the club would look like if it was changed about to suit either of these two quantities. It would not take long to make a gay affair of it. I will not say that Carroll is the finest fielder in the business, but many of his errors were not nearly so bad as those Tiernan, Gore and O'Rourke made in their respective positions last week, and do you think that Mutrie will take them out or release them on that account? Give every man a chance to show what he can do. Respectfully, yours,

W. G. KAUFMAN.

A Good Game.

An interesting ball game was played on Saturday between nines made up of employes of Mansfield & Co. and McGinness, Smith & Co. Following was the result:

Mansfield & Co.	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	—3
McGinness, Smith & Co.	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	2	*	—5

SUMMARY—Base hits—Mansfield & Co., 7; McGinness, Smith & Co., 10. Errors—Mansfield & Co., 5; McGinness, Smith & Co., 3. Geary and Crowley were the pitchers and they did well.

General Sporting Notes.

AND still no decision in the Reilly case.

GLEASON may pitch for the Phillies to-day.

IF we can only win to-day, up we'll go a notch higher.

S. S. COOK—Kilrain and Smith fought in December, 1887.

OLD SPORT will face the Phillies to-day, and victory may again crown his efforts.

IN Cincinnati the new papers suggest that Loftus lay off Reilly and play Kenan at first.

TAKEN all round, F. H. Hovey is the most promising tennis player in the country to-day.

A DAILY READER—Inquire at Pratt's store, Wood street, and you'll get what you want.

THE Surrey (England) Cricket Club numbers 3,172 members, and last year its receipts were $90,000.

CLARKE has been called West to join the New York team. He is not in condition to catch, however.

"SHARROTT is the coming great pitcher of the East." That's what one or two exchanges say. He is too light.

A COPY of "The American Cricket Annual" for 1891 has been received at this office. It is full of very interesting information to cricketers.

PARTIES in York, Pa., were very anxious to have Tommy Esterbrook take hold of the baseball interests in that place, but he refused. Esterbrook don't want to go into a minor league if he can help it.

PRESIDENT YOUNG has never remitted a fine imposed on a player except by authority of the Board of Directors, who have authorized him to do so three times since the organization of the National League.

No player in the country has been ordered off the field as often as J. Fanz, of the Syracuse Stars. He was ordered off, for the second time this season, at Syracuse Tuesday, for telling Umpire Doescher that he was "rotten."

MANAGER SNYDER says the Washingtons have been doing finely from a financial standpoint. The patronage in Washington has been most satisfactory, and if the club can strike a winning gait, so as to win half its games, it will make money.

PAT POWERS will remain in Buffalo. He received the following dispatch from President Wagner, of the Athletics, this morning: "We have selected George Wood to manage our team for the season. Kindly consider all negotiations off."

Now that the Brooklyn Handicap is a matter of record, the chances of the Suburban are more largely canvassed. By June 16, the date of the great race, some of the "dark" horses entered may come up prominently before the turf world.

PRETZEL GETZEIN has no use for Arlie Latham. The dude makes Pretzel nervous. Yesterday when Lath started to run out with a ball that was foul Pretzel crossed his path and punched him in the ribs. Some of the terrace patrons gave Getzein quite a roast on this exhibition of dirty ball.—*Cincinnati Enquirer.*

VIRTUE has at last succumbed to a fit of sickness that has been coming upon him ever since the season opened. He was sick at Cincinnati and has not been himself for three weeks. It is very unfortunate that Cleveland should lose his services at the present time, and his friends hope for a speedy recovery.—*Cleveland Leader.*

UMPIRE FERGUSON and Managers Barnie and Chapman are all old Brooklynites, and were famous as players in the early days of baseball in that city. They were connected at various times with the noted Atlantics. Mr. Barnie, as is well known, was a catcher. Ferguson was a shortstop, and Chapman was at that time considered a wonderful left-fielder.—*Baltimore Sun.*

THE consensus of opinion West is that the prospect of a match race between Ed Gardner's Ida Pickwick and Ed Corrigan's Ethel is the subject of much idle speculation, for it is very improbable that the race will ever take place. Corrigan does not like the way in which his filly was beaten by Ida Pickwick for the $2,000 stake at Nashville, and says that he is anxious to meet her again. There will be an opportunity for the question of superiority to be settled if both accept their engagements for the Oaks at Latonia. If they meet at that time it is a safe bet that Corrigan will be in the neighborhood.

Metal Market.

NEW YORK, May 16.—Pig iron dull; American $16 00@18 00.

A REVIEW OF TRADE.

Interesting Facts About the Development of Collar Leather.

ITS MANUFACTURE IN ALLEGHENY.

No Essential Change Noted in the Hide and Harness Situation.

TRADE MOVEMENTS ARE STILL SLOW

OFFICE OF PITTSBURG DISPATCH, SATURDAY, May 16.

The reputation of Allegheny tanners for producing the best harness leather in the market is a long established one. Their products in this line have for many years been at a premium. In the past year or two Allegheny tanners have been making rapid progress in the manufacture of collar leather, and now bid fair to lead in this line as they have long been leading in harness leather. There is one firm which has been exclusively devoted to the manufacture of collar leather for the past dozen years. Two years ago this firm was alone and its consumption did not at that time amount to over 80 hides per week. Now the trade of this firm demands 250 hides weekly, and other tanners require as much more. A number of the harness leather tanners have added collar leather to their products within the past year, and it is within bounds to say that 500 hides are put into the vats for this purpose every week. Heavy cowhides are in the main used for collar leather. There is now a second firm almost exclusively engaged in collar leather manufacture, and notwithstanding the fact that the output has trebled and more the past two years, demand has been in excess of supply all this season up to the past week.

Harness Leather Quotations.

The movement of harness leather is still slow. Demand is scarcely up to what it ordinarily is at this time, but stocks are not accumulating to any great extent. The reputation of Pittsburg harness insures a good demand for all our products whenever the trade takes a start.

Following are the prices established by Allegheny tanners:

No. 1 Trace	27
B Trace	25
No. 1 extra heavy, 160 lbs. and over	32
B extra heavy, 160 lbs. and over	30
No. 2 extra heavy, 160 lbs. and over	28
No. 1 heavy, 130 to 160 lbs	31
B heavy, 130 to 160 lbs	29
No. 2 heavy, 130 to 160 lbs	27
Black line	23

Hides and Calfskins.

There has been no essential change in the situation for the past month. Demand is fairly active and is about equal to supply, but no signs of an upward movement are in sight. Tanners here are reported to be carrying light stocks, and only buy for immediate wants.

Below are prices paid by dealers and tanners for stock delivered here:

No. 1 green salted steers, 60 pounds and over	7¾
No. 1 green salted cows, all weights	5¾
No. 1 green salted hides, 40 to 60 pounds	5¾
No. 1 green salted hides, 25 to 40 pounds	5¾
No. 1 green salted bulls	5
No. 1 green salted calfskins	7
No. 1 green salted veal kips	5
No. 1 green salted runner kips	4
No. 1 green steers, 60 pounds and over	7
No. 1 green cows, all weights	4½
No. 1 green bulls	4½
No. 1 green hides, 40 to 60 pounds	4½
No. 1 green hides, 25 to 40 pounds	4½
No. 1 green calfskins	6
No. 1 green veal kips	4
No. 1 green runner kips	3
Sheepskins	10c@$1 50
Tallow, prime	4

These prices subject to change without notice.

Objection for No. 2 stock 1¼c per pound on steers and light hides; ½c on bulls and 2c on calfskins.

The Grain Situation.

Weakness has characterized cereal markets for the first half of the month, and while wheat and oats have partially rallied within a day or two, the situation in general favors bears. Corn and hay are especially weak, the former being 10c below the highest point reached in April. It will be seen by reference to our market column, that No. 2 ear corn was sold at the Exchange to-day at 76c. The same was firm at 85c a month ago. Hay has been coming in freely the past week and is weak and lower. The same is true of millfeed. Receipts of wheat have been unusually light of late, and markets are strong with an upward tendency.

All Eyes on Butter.

In produce lines the feature of the week has been the sharp decline in butter. Elgin creamery was reduced 2c per ℔ on Monday, and facts have demonstrated that there should have been a larger drop, as it is very slow and weak at the decline. Our markets have been glutted for a few days past with country butter, and prices are lower than for years. A fair quality of country rolls has sold as low as 10c per ℔. It is about as certain as anything in the future can be that creamery butter will find a lower level the present week.

A Fine Bark Tract.

The following from the Port Allegany *Reporter* will interest city tanners: As is well known the finest hemlock in the world is from the head waters of the Allegheny river and its tributaries. One of the best hemlock tracts in this vicinity was sold recently by L. W. Crawford, of Roulette, to Frank Andrews, of Coudersport. A number of gentlemen are interested with Mr. Andrews in the purchase. The price paid was $60 an acre for the timber only, which is the highest price ever paid in this part of the State. The land lies near the river, and the average haul to the railroad or river will be but half a mile. It is said that the trees are so thick that the sun never shines on the ground on this tract. The piece contains 500 acres, and the late Leroy Lyman estimated that it would yield 40 cords of bark to the acre. Other judges put the amount at from 15 to 20 cords of bark to the acre.

HOME SECURITIES.

Demand Broadening and Most of the Leaders Score Improvements.

Sales of local stocks on call last week aggregated 2,491 shares, of which 1,489 were Electric, against 2,729 the previous week. Saturday's closing prices as compared with those of the previous Saturday show gains in all the Tractions, Pipeage, Monongahela Water Company, Switch and Signal, Airbrake and Underground Cable, Philadelphia and Chartiers Gas, Luster and Electric lost a fraction each. The rest of the list was steady to firm. The most important gains were scored by Duquesne, Pittsburg and Birmingham Tractions and Standard Underground Cable, ranging from three to six points, the latter leading the advance.

Electric maintained its position as the center of interest, chiefly on account of the promulgation of the reorganization scheme and the discussion which it occasioned. It was generally accepted as the best and easiest way out of a serious difficulty. There is no longer a doubt that it will be ratified at the directors' meeting to-day, at which Mr. Westinghouse will be present. The common stock is being turned in faster than expected. The highest point touched by it during the week was 15¾ and the lowest 14¾. Yesterday it sold at 15¾ and closed at 15⅝ bid. The close at Boston was 15 bid, offered at 15¾, showing that Pittsburg was more bullish than the Hub.

Saturday's sales were 100 shares Duquesne Traction at 20, 100 at 20, 8 Luster at 13½, 25 Manchester Traction at 37½, 4 Electric at 15¾, 50 at 15¾, 100 at 15⅞, 10 Philadelphia Gas at 12⅞.

THE MONEY MARKET.

Bankers Would Like to See Borrowers a Little More Urgent.

Money ruled easy during the week, with no indications of a stringency. Bankers would be willing to run the risk of a little pressure in order to enable them to find employment for considerable idle cash.

For the loss in bank clearings which the Clearing House report discloses, the strike and the European flurry are wholly responsible, domestic conditions presenting nothing especially unfavorable. The gold that is going abroad is to pay debts and interest, and will soon be paid out and will in due time find its way back.

The Clearing House statement for the day and week, with comparisons with last year, follows:

Saturday's exchanges	$ 2,236,331 83
Saturday's balances	460,245 73
Week's exchanges	12,459,488 31
Week's balances	2,909,927 10
Previous week's exchanges	14,124,066 33
Exchanges week of 1890	15,268,595 38
Balances week of 1890	2,121,062 68

Wool Markets.

ST. LOUIS—Wool—Receipts, 116,900 fleeces; the market is steady and unchanged.

MARKETS BY WIRE.

CHICAGO—Reports of general rainfalls in the Southwestern wheat belt, circulated on the Board of Trade at the opening Saturday, changed the speculative situation in the wheat pit, as it quieted all talk of damage by dry weather, and temporarily silenced the talk of insect damage. It was thought that the copious rains in Kansas had certainly drowned out the chinch bugs. Acting on this theory the bear leaders made a little more aggressive campaign, and they had great help in the shape of selling orders from the Southwest and from outsiders generally.

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

ARTICLES.	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
WHEAT, No. 2.				
May	$1 06⅜	$1 06⅜	$1 06	$1 06
June	1 06⅜	1 06⅜	1 05⅝	1 05⅝
July	1 02⅝	1 02⅝	1 01½	1 01⅝
CORN, No. 2.				
May	62½	62½	61½	61½
June	59⅝	59⅝	58⅝	58⅝
July	59	59¼	57⅞	58
OATS, No. 2.				
May	57½	51½	51½	51½
June	50¼	50¼	49⅞	49⅞
July	47¼	47¼	46¾	46⅞
MESS PORK.				
May	11 45	11 45	11 15	11 17½
July	11 60	11 60	11 30	11 32½
September	11 80	11 82½	11 52½	11 55
LARD.				
May	6 40	6 50	6 37½	6 40
July	6 60	6 62½	6 50	6 52½
September	6 85	6 85	6 72½	6 75
SHORT RIBS.				
May	5 95	5 95	5 85	5 85
July	6 10	6 12½	6 00	6 00
September	6 40	6 40	6 30	6 30

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour dull and unchanged. No. 2 spring wheat, $1 06@1 06½; No. 3 spring wheat, 98c@$1 01; No. 2 red, $1 06@1 08; No. 2 corn, 62½c; No. 2 oats, 51½c; No. 2 white, 51½@52½c; No. 3 white, 50½@51½c; No. 2 rye, 91@92c; No. 2 barley nominal; No. 3, f. o. b., 68@75; No. 4, f. o. b, 70c; No. 1 flaxseed, $1 15; prime timothy seed, $1 28@1 30; mess pork, per barrel, $11 12½@11 15; lard, per 100 pounds, $6 35@6 37½; short ribs sides (loose), $5 85@5 90; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $5 10@5 20; short clear sides (boxed), $6 30@6 40; whisky, distillers' finished goods, per gallon, $1 17; sugars unchanged.

On the Produce Exchange to-day, the butter market was unchanged. Eggs, 14@14½c.

NEW YORK — Flour quiet, closing easy; low extras, $3 90@4 50; winter wheat, low grades, $3 90@4 30; fair to fancy, $4 60@5 40; patents, $4 80@5 60. Minnesota clear, $4 50@5 15; straights, $4 65@5 50; do patents, $5 10@6 15; rye mixtures, $4 60@5 10. Cornmeal dull; yellow, Western, $3 40@4 00. Wheat—Spot market dull and weaker. No. 2 red, $1 16 in store, $1 16¾@1 17 afloat, $1 16¾@1 18¾ f. o. b.; ungraded red, $1 05¼@1 16¾; No. 1 Northern, to arrive, $1 15½@1 16; No. 1 hard, to arrive, $1 18¾@1 19; No. 2 Milwaukee, $1 10¼ options opened ⅛@⅜c higher on poor English weather reports, declined 1⅜@1½c on good Western crop news, rallying and closing firm on export demand at ½@¾c below yesterday. No. 2 red, May, closing at $1 15; June, closing at $1 13; July, $1 10; August, $1 05¼@1 06⅝, closing at $1 05¾; September, $1 04¼@1 05⅝, closing at $1 04⅝; October, $1 04¾, closing at $1 05; December, $1 05¼@1 07, closing at $1 06; May, 1892, $1 09¼@1 10⅝, closing at $1 09¾. Barley out of season. Corn—Spot market irregular, weak and fairly active; No. 2, 69@70¼c in elevator, 70¼@71c afloat; ungraded mixed, 68½@73c; options, are ½@1c lower on free selling of increased receipts; May, 69c, closing at 69c; June, 65⅞@66⅞c, closing at 66⅝c; July, 64⅝@65⅞c, closing at 65c; August, 64¼@64⅞c, closing at 64½c; September closing at 63¾c. Oats—Spot market dull and lower; options dull and irregular; May, closing at 56½c; June, closing at 53½c; July, 54¼@55c, closing at 55c; August, 44@44¼c, spot, No. 2 white, 58c; mixed Western, 54@59c; white do, 59@70c; No. 2 Chicago, 57½@58c. Hay quiet, and firm; shipping, 50@55c; good to choice, 60@80c. Hops firm and quiet; State common choice, 25@32c; Pacific Coast, 25@32½c. Tallow quiet and unsettled; city (62 for packages), 3½c. Eggs firm; Western, 16@16½c. Hides dull and firm; wet salted New Orleans selected, 45 to 75 pounds, 6@8c; Texas selected, 50 to 60 pounds, 6@8c. Pork steady and quiet; old mess, $11 00@12 25; new mess, $12 75@13 50; extra prime, $11 75@12 25. Cut meats steady and quiet; pickled bellies, 5¾c; do shoulders, 4¼c; do hams, 9¼@10¼c. Middles quiet and firm; short clear, 7c. Lard weaker; Western steam, $6 67½; May, $6 70 asked; June, $6 70 asked; July, $6 79@6 82, closing at $6 77 bid; August, $6 90; September, $7 01@7 02, closing at $7 00 bid. Butter dull and weak; Western dairy, 10@16c; do creamery, 15@20c; do in factory, 10@16c; Elgin, 20c. Cheese quiet and easy; part skims, 5@8¼c.

ST. LOUIS—Flour steady and unchanged. Wheat opened weak and ¼@¼c below yesterday's latest figures, and values gradually eased off under liberal selling, the decline not being checked until 11 o'clock, when there was some recovery and the market was unsettled to the close, which was ½@⅝c below yesterday; No. 2 red, cash, $1 03¼@1 04; May, $1 03¾ bid; July, 97¼@98¼c, closing at 97¾c; August, 95¼@96¼c, closing, 96c; December, 99½c, closing, 98½c. Corn—Options about unchanged but eased off and tendency was down to close. No. 2 cash, 59⅝c; May, 59¼c, closing, 59⅛c bid; July, 59¼@59⅝c, closing, 59⅛c. Oats—Quiet and easier; No. 2 cash, 50c; July, 44@44¼c, closing, 44c asked. Rye—Steady; No. 2, 89c. Butter—Lower; creamery, 15@20c; dairy, 14@17c. Eggs—Weaker at 13c. Provisions—Quiet and demand light. Pork—Standard mess, $11 50@11 62½. Lard—$6 12½.

BALTIMORE — Wheat—No. 2, red, dull; spot, $1 15; the month, $1 14; June, $1 13¼; July, $1 09; August, $1 05¼@1 06. Corn—Mixed dull; spot and the month, 70@70½c; July, 65¾@66¼c; spot No. 2, white, 70c. Oats steady; No. 2 white Western, 59@60c; No. 2 mixed do, 58@59c. Rye quiet; No. 2, 55c. Hay firm; good to choice timothy, $11 00@12 00. Provisions very quiet. Mess pork, old, 12c; new, 13c. Bulkmeats—Loose shoulders, 5¾c; new clear, clear rib sides, 6¾c; sugar pickled shoulders, 6¼c; sugar cured smoked shoulders, 7½c; hams, 11¼@11¾c. Lard, refined, 8¼c. Butter dull and lower; creamery, fancy, 20c; do fair to choice, 17@19c; do imitation, 15@16c; ladle, fancy, 14@15c; do good to choice, 12@14c; rolls, fine, 15c; do fair to good, 12@14c; store packed, 12@15c. Eggs active at 15@15½c.

PHILADELPHIA—Flour steady but dull. Wheat—Options irregular; milling grades scarce and dull; No. 2 red May, $1 13@1 14; June, $1 12@1 12½; July, $1 09½@1 10¼; August, $1 05½@1 06. Corn—Car lots weak and unsettled, closing at 4c lower; options wholly nominal; No. 2 mixed in grain depot and elevator, 72c; No. mixed May, 69½@70c; June, 68½@69c; July, 67@67½c; August, 66¼@67c. Oats weak; No. 2 mixed, 56c; No. 3 white, 56½@57c; No. 2 white, 58@58½c; No. 3 white May, 57½@58c; June, 56@56½c; July, 56@56½c. Provisions in fair demand and steady. Butter dull and weak; Pennsylvania creamery extra, 20c; do print extra, 22@27c. Eggs dull but steady; Pennsylvania firsts, 16½c.

MINNEAPOLIS—Sample wheat was dull to-day at a lower range of prices. The offerings were not large, but there were less excess of demand, which was light for the best wheat. There was little demand for the poorer classes and few sales made. One buyer took about all the No. 1 Northern that was sold at a cent under July. Elevator companies were not in the market and only a few cars were bought to go to outside mills. Closing prices: No. 1 hard, May, $1 09; on track, $1 09½; No. 1 Northern, May, $1 06½; June, $1 07; July, $1 07⅛; on track, $1 07; No. 2 Northern, $1 04; on track, $1 04½@1 05.

MILWAUKEE—Wheat firm; No. 2 spring, on track, cash, $1 03@1 04; July, $1 01½; No. 1 Northern, $1 08. Corn easier; No. 3, on track, 64c. Oats lower; No. 2 white, on track, 52½@53c. Barley quiet; No. 2, in store, 64@64½c. Rye firm; No. 1, in store, 96c. Provisions easier. Pork, $11 30. Lard, July, $6 42½.

CINCINNATI—Flour neglected. Wheat heavy; No. 2 red, $1 06@1 07. Oats dull and lower; No. 2 mixed, 54c. Rye scarce; No. 2, 92c. Provisions quiet and easier. Butter heavy, tending lower. Eggs firm at 14c. Cheese steady.

TOLEDO—Wheat dull and lower: cash and May, $1 09; July, $1 01¾; August, 99½c; December, $1 01¼. Corn dull and easier; cash, 65c. Oats—Cash, 53c. Cloverseed steady; cash, $4 20.

A Chance For Investors,

The prospectus of the Simmons Hardware Company of St. Louis is issued, and subscriptions are invited for the purchase of $1,000,000 of the company's prefered cumulative 7 per cent stock. The company was organized in 1874 under the laws of Missouri, and its capital is $3,000,000. The company's property comprises almost wholly carefully selected stocks of salable merchandise inventoried at factory cost without freight charges and purchased at lowest prices for cash. Sales headquarters are in St. Louis, which is considered the best distributing center of trade in America. In 1890 the company had over 20,000 customers, and its business increased 15 per cent over any previous year. Subscriptions will be received by Messrs. S. V. White & Co., New York and Chicago, International Trust Company, Boston, and St. Louis Trust Company, St. Louis.

Coffee Markets.

NEW YORK, May 16.—Coffee options opened steady and unchanged to 5 points decline, closed barely steady and unchanged to 5 points down: sales, 11,250 bags, including May, 17.90c; July, 17.65@17.70c; August, 17.20c; September, 16.50@16.60c; October, 15.90@16.00c; November, 15.30c; December, 15.10c; spot Rio dull and steady; fair cargoes, 20c; No. 7 at 18½@18¾c.

BALTIMORE, May 16.—Firm and unchanged.

WEATHER AND TRADE.

Saturday's Cold Wave Handicapped the Produce Dealers.

EGGS FIRM AND BUTTER WEAKER

The Cereal Situation Is Still Rather Favorable to Buyers.

GROCERIES REMAIN AS THEY WERE

OFFICE OF PITTSBURG DISPATCH, SATURDAY, May 16.

COUNTRY PRODUCE (Jobbing Prices)—Saturday was a cold day at the commission houses. The weather seems to have given a chill to trade. Advices from New York indicate lower priced butter and eggs there than here. The New York *Commercial Bulletin* of the 15th quotes top price of eggs 15¼c, and Elgin creamery at 22c. Here and Westward eggs are firm, and, while creamery butter is weak and declining, it would be impossible to sell at 22c without heavy loss, as the best brands were sold at Elgin this week above that figure. The heavy receipts of country butter of late have proved adverse to creamery, and dealers who have the least of the latter on hand are best off. Our markets have been glutted with country butter all this week and prices are only nominal. There has been no time since new Ohio cheese appeared that supply has been half up to demand. A dealer who reports sales of 100 boxes daily, reports he could have sold as many more for a few days past if he could have obtained the goods. Supply of strawberries was not up to expectations and prices advanced.

APPLES—$6 00@7 50 a barrel.

BUTTER—Creamery, Elgin, 22@23½c; other brands, 24@27c; common country butter, 12c; choice country rolls, 18c.

BEANS—New crop beans, navy, $2 30@2 35; marrows, $2 35@2 40; Lima beans, 5½@6c.

BERRIES—Strawberries, 15@18c a quart.

BEESWAX—30@32c ℔ lb 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, new, 11@11½c; New York cheese, new, 11½@12c; Limburger, 12½@14c; domestic Sweitzer, 16@17c; Wisconsin brick Sweitzer, 14@14½c; imported Sweitzer, 27½@28c.

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

EGGS—Strictly fresh nearby stock: Southern eggs, 15@15½c; duck eggs, 16@18c; goose eggs, 20@30c.

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

HONEY—New crop white clover, 18@20c ℔ lb; California honey, 12@15c ℔ lb.

MAPLE STUFF—New, 85@90c ℔ gallon.

NEW MAPLE SUGAR—10c ℔ lb.

NUTS—Shell bark hickory nuts, $1 25@1 50 ℔ bushel; peanuts, $1 50@1 75, roasted; green, 4½@6c ℔ lb; pecans, 16c ℔ lb.

POULTRY—Alive—Chickens, 75@85c a pair; spring chickens, $4 50@6 00 a dozen. Dressed—Turkeys, 16c a pound; ducks, 12@13c a pound; chickens, 14@15c; spring chickens, 25@30c a pound.

TALLOW—Country, 4½c; city rendered, 5