LIVE STOCK REVIEW.

The Lightest Run of Cattle This Year Is Recorded.

BUTCHERING GRADES ADVANCED.

Sheep and Lambs Also in Short Supply and Prices Go Higher.

HOGS AND CALVES SLOW AND LOWER

OFFICE OF THE DISPATCH, PITTSBURG, WEDNESDAY, March 9.

At the East Liberty yards markets were more satisfactory to the drover this week than any time this year. The run of cattle was light, there being only 50 loads on sale against an average of 80 to 90 loads the past few weeks. The supply was not nearly equal to the demand, and desirable butcher grades were active at an advance of 25c per cwt on prices of a week ago. The quality of offerings was not up to late average, but in spite of this adverse feature prices were higher all along the line, and all were promptly taken at the advance. The highest price paid was $4 70. One load of good Ohio beeves weighing 1,250 lbs was sold at this figure. Prime heavy cattle would have easily brought $5 00 and more if there had been any such offered.

Fresh cows were in larger supply this week than last, and choice grades were in good demand with $45 as the top of the market. Calves were plentiful and last week's prices were barely maintained, top price being 6¾c. The run of sheep and lambs for the week has been unusually light, the total being not above 25 car loads, against 35 loads the previous week. Owing to the light receipts markets were excited at an advance of 25c to 40c per cwt. A fancy deck of lambs was sold at $7 30 and a deck of choice sheep at $6 60. These were higher prices than have been reached this year before. Hogs—Supply light and demand slow, with top price for the week $5 25.

A Live Stock Firm's Review.

Following is report of the week's transactions by Holmes, Briggs & Co.:

We report 50 loads of cattle on sale Monday. About half of those were from Chicago and the balance from Ohio and Indiana. The quality was not quite up to the average of late, and no prime heavy offered in a wholesale way. There was little demand for anything outside of butchering cattle, as we had no export orders and no one inclined to buy for Eastern markets. Such grades were slow at 10@15c advance over last week, while grades suitable for butchers and country trade were not equal to demand and found ready sale at 20@30c advance. All sold early in the day. We quote prime to extra 1,450 lbs to 1,550 lbs at $4 75@5 00; good, 1,350 to 1,400 lbs, $4 60@4 70; good, 1,100 to 1,200 lbs, $4 25@4 40; 900 to 1,000 lbs, $3 50@3 80; fat cows and bulls, $2 50@3 75; common, $2 00@2 25; stockers, 600 to 900 lbs, $2 25@3 25; fresh cows and springers, $20 00@45 00 per head.

Receipts of hogs on Monday were light and demand fair at 5@10c advance from the close on Saturday. Since Monday the receipts have continued light and everything sold on arrival at full prices. We quote select tops, $5 20@5 25; good mixed, $5 10@5 15; best Yorkers, $5 05@5 10; common Yorkers and pigs, $4 50@4 80; roughs, $3 50@4 75.

The arrivals of sheep and lambs on Monday were 14 loads against 30 cars the same day last week. The supply was not equal to demand, which caused a rush for first chances and salesmen had no trouble in advancing prices strong 25c above last week; all sold early. We quote prime to extra sheep, 6@6¼c; good, 5@5½c; fair, 4½@4¾c; culls, 3@4c; lambs, 5½@7¼c.

Some of the Sales Reported.

Reneker, Linkhorn & Co.: Cattle—16 head, 19,180 lbs, $4 25; 14 head, 17,830 lbs, $3 70; 8 head, 8,830 lbs, $3 80; 12 heifers, 11,800 lbs, $2 75; 3 calves, 370 lbs, $6 65. Hogs—148 head, 22,770 lbs, $5 05. Sheep—115 head, 11,080 lbs, $6 05.

Drum, Dyer & Co.: Cattle—8 head, 10,190 lbs, $4 25; 10 head, 12,200 lbs, $3 60; 18 head, 23,040 lbs, $4 40; 8 cows, 9,770 lbs, $2 80; 15 calves, 1,410 lbs, $6 50. Hogs—87 head, 8,100 lbs, $5 25; 83 head, 11,180 lbs, $5 10. Sheep—89 head, 5,140 lbs, $4 00; 71 head, 4,330 lbs, $6 30; 56 head, 3,500 lbs, $6 50.

Holmes, Briggs & Co.: Cattle—20 head, 26,630 lbs, $4 40; 16 head, 20,000 lbs, $4 70; 20 head, 28,630 lbs, $4 65; 13 head, 19,450 lbs, $2 50. Hogs—85 head, 19,920 lbs, $5 10; 97 head, 14,390 lbs, $5 05; 93 head, 11,680 lbs, $5 00; 78 head, 11,380 lbs, $4 65; 37 calves, 4,240 lbs, $6 50.

McCall, Rowlen & Newbern: Cattle—21 head, 21,320 lbs, $4 00; 19 head, 22,440 lbs, $4 15; 7 calves, 880 lbs, $6 75; 6 calves, 790 lbs, $6 85. Hogs—78 head, 10,610 lbs, $5 00; 48 head, 9,750 lbs, $5 25; 50 head, 12,620 lbs, $4 85; 50 head, 13,060 lbs, $5 15; 66 head, 10,870 lbs, $5 10. Sheep—85 head, 6,510 lbs, $5 15; 74 head, 6,560 lbs, $6.00; 21 head, 1,380 lbs, $7 00.

Lafferty Bros. & Hadden: Fresh cows—6 head, $32 00. Calves—18 head, 1,900 lbs, $6 50; 13 head, 1,650 lbs, $6 85. Hogs—78 head, $5 15. Sheep—88 head, 5,890 lbs, $5 40; 60 head, 4,950 lbs, $7 00; 22 head, 2,030 lbs, $6 25; 41 head, 2,690 lbs, $6 40; 49 head, 4,050 lbs, $7 25.

John Hesker & Co: Cattle—12 head, 14,500 lbs, $4 40; 7 head, 8,920 lbs, $3 25; 9 head, 10,360 lbs, $3 35; 10 head, 15,380 lbs, $4 00; 13 head, 15,450 lbs, $4 35; 18 head, 20,340 lbs, $4 10; 19 head, 24,560 lbs, $4 40. Hogs—76 head, 12,750 lbs, $5 10; 70 head, 12,300 lbs, $5 15; 110 head, 16,320 lbs, $5 05; 51 head, 12,640 lbs, $5 20. Sheep—71 head, 6,000 lbs, $5 70; 115 head, 10,180 lbs, $5 95; 35 head, 2,780 lbs, $6 00; 115 head, 9,530 lbs, $5 70.

S. S. Hedges & Co: Cattle—14 head, 17,950 lbs, $4 35; 8 head, 8,190 lbs, $4 05; 12 head, 14,320 lbs, $4 20. Calves—5 head, 550 lbs, $6 50; 8 head, 970 lbs, $6 75; 17 head, 1,940 lbs, $6 50. Hogs—54 head, 7,200 lbs, $5 00; 41 head, 5,870 lbs, $5 05; 21 head, 4,640 lbs, $5 25. Sheep—65 head, 4,580 lbs, $6 75; 114 head, 8,720 lbs, $5 75; 33 head, 3,120 lbs, 7 25; 325 head, 10,200 lbs, $7 00; 85 head, 9,850 lbs, $6 60.

Huff, Hazelwood & Imhoff: Cattle—20 head, 27,100 lbs, $4 40; 19 head, 23,010 lbs, $4 25; 8 head, 14,530 lbs, $3 60. Calves—82 head, 9,290 lbs, $6 65; 16 head, 1,870 lbs, $6 75. Hogs—78 head, 11,250 lbs, $5 10; 49 head, 5,910 lbs, $4 90; 37 head, 7,180 lbs, $5 25; 77 head, 13,170 lbs, $5 15. Sheep—54 head, 3,620 lbs, $6 50; 112 head, 7,750 lbs, $5 25; 76 head, 5,890 lbs, $7 10; 196 head, 15,530 lbs, $5 75; 147 head, 11,640 lbs, $5 65; 102 head, 9,750 lbs, $5 80.

By Telegraph.

New York—Beeves—Receipts, 1,186 head; including 18 cars for sale; market shade firmer; native steers, $4 00@4 90 per 100 pounds; bulls and cows, $1 50@2 50; dressed beef steady, 6@8½c per pound; shipments to-day, 1,920 quarters of beef; to-morrow 38 beeves. Calves—Receipts, 881 head; market steady; veals, $5 00@8 00 per 100 pounds; Western calves $3 00. Sheep—Receipts, 6,989 head; market steady; sheep $5 25@6 75 per 100 pounds; lambs $6 50@7 50; dressed mutton steady, 9@10½c per pound; dressed lambs slow at 10@11½c. Hogs—Receipts, 8,848 head, consigned direct, nominally steady, $4 90@5 50 per 100 pounds.

Chicago—Cattle—Receipts, 24,000 head; shipments, 6,000 head; market unsettled, lower; good to choice steers, $4 50@4 75; others, $3 50@4 00; feeders, $3 00@3 50; Texans, $3 30@3 40; cows, $2 00@3 30. Hogs—Receipts, 30,000 head; shipments, 10,000 head; market lower; rough, $4 00@4 65; mixed, and packers, $4 75@4 80; prime heavy and butchers' weights, $4 85@4 90; light, $4 75@4 85. Sheep—Receipts, 10,000 head; shipments, 3,000 head; market steady; ewes, $4 25@4 85; mixed, $5 00@5 50; wethers, $5 50@6 00; Westerns, $5 25@5 75; yearlings, $5 85@5 90; lambs, $5 35@5 65.

Kansas City—Cattle—Receipts, 3,400 head; shipments, 2,100 head; steers dull; dressed beef 5@10c lower; good cows steady to higher; others dull; feeders quiet and weak; steers, $3 00@4 50; cows, $1 50@3 30; stockers and feeders, $2 75@3 50. Hogs—Receipts, 5,800 head; shipments, 2,300 head; market steady to 5c higher; closed strong; extreme range, $4 35@4 70; bulk, $4 55@4 65. Sheep—Receipts, 1,000 head; shipments, 800 head; market strong.

St. Louis—Cattle—Receipts, 2,018 head; shipments, none; market lower; for natives, $3 20@4 65; fair to good Texas steers, $2 50@3 60. Hogs—Receipts, 5,030 head; shipments, 250 head; market 5c lower; fair to prime heavy, $4 70@4 90; mixed, ordinary to good, $4 25@4 85; light, fair to best, $4 60@4 80. Sheep—Receipts, 2,250 head; shipments, none; market strong; fair to desirable muttons, $4 20@5 50.

Buffalo — Cattle — Receipts, 101 loads through; 3 loads sale; market firmer, with very few here. Hogs—Receipts, 15 loads through, no sale; market stronger, with light receipts; heavy grades, $5 30; packers and medium, $5 30. Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 2 loads through; 23 loads sale; market 15@20c lower and very dull; sheep, extra fancy, $5 75@6 00; good to choice, $5 40@5 60; lambs, good to extra, $6 75@7 05; fair to good, $6 25@6 60.

Cincinnati—Hogs steady and closed lower; common and light, $3 40@4 85; packing and butchers', $4 60@5 05; receipts, 4,300 head; shipments, 2,800 head. Cattle steady and unchanged; receipts, 600 head; shipments, 100 head. Sheep strong at $4 00@6 00; receipts, 187 head; shipments, none. Lambs firm; common to choice, $4 75@6 50 per 100 pounds.

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TREACHEROUS MARCH.

Weather Antics Out West Good for the Wheat Market—Strong Cables Help It Also—Corn and Oats Quiet and Firm—Hog Products Higher.

CHICAGO—The decided strength which was the feature in wheat at the close yesterday afternoon, was still the feature to-day. All the surroundings of the market were decidedly bullish, and May advanced fully 2c from the low point touched yesterday. Probably the most bullish influence of the day was the weather. The bright sunshine of yesterday and the spring-like zephyrs had been succeeded by overcast skies and sharp winds. The signal service reported a cold wave advancing from the Northwest, where the thermometer was in the vicinity of zero, and a blinding blizzard was said to be raging. Other strong factors were the firm cables and the decided strength in all domestic markets. Foreigners were said to be quietly buying at the seaboard, and prospective export engagements were encouraging to holders. There were liberal buying orders from New York.

The volume of trade was fair but not very large, and the price changes were limited to a comparatively narrow range. The available supply, as reported by *Bradstreet's*, increased 288,000 bushels east of the Rockies, and decreased 101,000 bushels on the Pacific coast, the net increase being 187,000 bushels. The price of May around the opening was made at from 89@89¼c, against 88¾c at the close yesterday; settled to 89½c; advanced to 89¾c again; reacted to 88⅞c during the last hour on sales by longs, who had a profit in their deals; then strengthened under the buying by nervous shorts, who feared to have their trades over night in view of the threatening weather; advancing to 89¾c again, and the close was firm at 89¾c.

Corn quiet and a trifle firmer, but very steady, the fluctuations covering a range of only ¼c. Trade was slow, and the slight show of strength was due to the better feeling in wheat. The close shows a gain of ⅛c in values.

Oats quiet but firm in sympathy with wheat and corn and the smaller receipts, and closed ⅛c higher.

Hog products lower at the start, but soon grew strong and advanced sharply, although the receipts of hogs were larger than expected, and prices at the yards were 10c lower. The advance was partly in sympathy with wheat and partly on covering by shorts, who got somewhat frightened by liberal offers to purchase. May pork, which opened 5c off at $11 05, sold at $11 02½; then advanced to $11 22½, but weakened toward the close and closed at $11 17½, a gain of 7½c. Lard closed unchanged, but ribs were 2½c higher.

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

ARTICLES.	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
WHEAT. No. 2.				
March	$ 87½	$ 87½	$ 87	$ 87¼
May	89½	89½	88⅞	87¾
CORN. No. 2.				
March	41¼	41¼	41⅛	41⅛
May	42¼	42¼	42⅛	42¼
June	41¼	41¼	41	41⅛
OATS. No. 2.				
March	29½	29½	29½	29½
May	30¼	30⅜	30¼	30⅜
MESS PORK.				
March	10 90	11 02½	10 87½	11 02½
May	11 05	11 22½	11 02½	11 17½
LARD.				
March	6 37½	6 40	6 35	6 37½
May	6 45	6 47½	6 42½	6 45
SHORT RIBS.				
March	5 82½	5 87½	5 82½	5 87½
May	5 87½	5 92½	5 87½	5 92½

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour—Dull and unchanged; No. 2 spring wheat, 87½c; No. 3 spring wheat, 82c; No. 2 red, 91½c; No. 2 corn, 40½c; No. 2 oats, 29½c; No. 2 white, 31½@32½c; No. 3 white, 30½@31½c; No. 2 rye, 81½c; No. 2 barley, 56c; No. 3, f. o. b., 42@60c; No. 4, f. o. b., 35@44c; No. 1 flax seed, $1 00½; prime timothy seed, $1 25@1 31; mess pork, per bbl., $10 97½@11 02½; lard per 100 lbs, $6 35@6 37½; short rib sides, (loose) $6 87½; dry salted shoulders, boxed, $4 75@5 50; short clear sides, boxed, $6 25; whisky, distillers' finished goods, per gallon, $1 13. Sugars unchanged.

On the Stock Exchange to-day the butter market was weaker; fancy creamery, 27@28c. Eggs, 12½c.

NEW YORK—Flour quiet. Cornmeal quiet and steady. Wheat—Spot higher and dull; No. 2 red, $1 03¾@1 04¾, in store and elevator; $1 05½@1 05⅞, afloat; $1 04⅝@1 06⅝, f. o. b.; No. 3 red, 99@99½c; ungraded red, 94½c@$1 06; No. 1 Northern, $1 03½@1 03¾; No. 1 hard, $1 05¾@1 06; No. 2 Pacific, 98½@98⅝c; options, No. 2 red, March, $1 01⅝@1 01¾, closing; $1 02½; April, $1 02 1-16@1 02⅜, closing, $1 02¼; May, $1 00½@1 00 9-16, closing, $1 05⅝; June, 98 11-16c; July, 97½@98c; closing, 97½c; August, 95½@95⅝c; closing, 95½c. Rye dull and lower. Barley steady and dull; No. 2 Milwaukee, 65@67c. Corn—Spot steady and quiet; No. 2, 49⅝@49½c elevator; 50½c afloat; ungraded mixed, 48½@52c; No. 3, 48½@49c; steamer mixed, 49@50⅝c. Oats—March, 49½@49½c; closing 49½c; April, 49½c; closing, 49½c; May, 49⅝c; closing, 49⅝c; June, 48@48½c; closing, 48½c; July, 48½c, closing, 48½c. Oats—Spot stronger; moderatively active; options dull and firmer; May, 36⅝@36¾c; spot No. 2 white, 38c; mixed Western, 35½@37½c; white do, 37½@41c. Hay firm and quiet. Hops weak quiet; state common to choice, 19@24c; Pacific coast, 19@24c. Tallow quiet and steady; city ($2 for pkgs), 4⅝c. Eggs weaker; Western, 13½c. Pork fairly active and steady. Cut meats fairly active and firm; pickled bellies, 6¼@6½c. Middles slow; short clear, $6 55. Lard steady and quiet; Western steam, $6 72½; March, $6 70; May, $6 45@6 75, closing at $6 74; July, $6 87. Butter quiet; Western dairy, 18@23c; do creamery, 21@30c; do factory, 16@23c; Elgin, 30c. Cheese quiet and steady; part skims, 6@10½c.

PHILADELPHIA—Flour weak. Wheat higher; No. 2 red Philadelphia, $1 02; No. 2 red March, $1 01¾@1 02; May, $1 00@1 00¼; June, 98½@99c. Corn—Options firm; carlots quiet and firm; No. 4 mixed in elevator, 47c; on track, 48c; No. 3 in export elevator, 48½c; steamer do., 48¼c; No. 2 mixed in grain depot, 51c; No. 2 spot in export elevator, 49¼c; do. March, 49¼c; No. 2 mixed March, 49@49¼c; April, 49@49¼c; May, 48¾@49c; June, 48@48¼c. Oats—Carlots quiet; futures wholly nominal; No. 3 white, 36c; No. 2 white 37c; fancy barley oats, 40c; No. 2 white, March, 36½@37c; April, 37¼@38¼c; May, 38½@39c; June, 48@48½c. Provisions in fair demand and steady; pork, mess, new, $12 50@13 00.

Butter quiet and easy; Pennsylvania creamery, extra, 29c; do. print, extra, 32@35c. Eggs steady; Pennsylvania firsts, 13½c.

BALTIMORE—Wheat firmer; No. 2 red, spot and March, $1 02; April, $1 00½; May, $1 01; June, $1 00; steamer, No. 2 red, 98½@98¾c. Corn steady; mixed, spot, 49½c; March and April, 49@49¼c; May, 48¾@49c; June, 49c asked; steamer, mixed, 47½c. Oats—No. 2 white Western, 37@37½c; No. 2 mixed do, 35c asked. Rye steady to firm; No. 2, 97½c asked. Hay steady; good to choice timothy, $18 50@19 00. Provisions steady; mess pork, $11 00; long clear and rib, 6@6¾c; sugar pickled shoulders, 6c; sugar cured smoked shoulders, 7c; hams, small, $11 00; large, $10 50. Lard, refined, 7¼c. Butter firm. Eggs steady at 13c.

ST. LOUIS—Flour steady and unchanged. Wheat—No. 2 cash, 91c; May closed at 91½c; July, 85½c. Corn—Cash higher and firm at 37½c; options a shade off; May closed at 37½c. Oats firmer; No. 2 cash, 30½c; May, 31½@31¼c. Rye firm; 88c bid for No. 2. Barley—Nothing done. Butter firmer; creamery, 25@29c; dairy 15@26c. Eggs lower at 11½c. Cornmeal steady at $2. Provisions firm, but trade was confined to sales of job lots at previous prices.

NEW ORLEANS—Sugar very strong; open kettle, good fair, 3@3 3-16c; fair, 2⅞@3⅞c; common to good common, 2 9-16@2⅞c; centrifugals, choice yellow, clarified, 3⅝c; prime do, 3⅝@3 11-16c; off do, 3¼@3 9-16c; seconds, 2¼@3¼c. Molasses—Open kettle; no sound goods offering; fermenting, 15@22c; centrifugals firm; strictly prime, 19c; good prime, 15@17c; fair to prime, 10@13c; common to good common, 6@9c.

MILWAUKEE—Flour moderately active. Wheat steadier; No. 2 spring, 86c; May, 86⅝c; No. 1 Northern, 90c. Corn very dull; No. 3, 39¼@40c. Oats steady; No. 2 white, 31½@32c; No. 3 do, 29½@30½c. Barley dull but higher; sample, 41@59c. Rye in fair demand; No. 1, 85c@85½c. Provisions steady. Pork—May, $11 15. Lard—May, $6 45.

DULUTH—Wheat—No. 1 hard, cash, 85c; March, 84½c; May, 89¼c; No. 1 Northern, cash, 83½c; March, 83c; May, 87½c; No. 2 Northern, cash, 76c; No. 3 Northern, 70½c; rejected, 58½c; on track, No. 1 hard, 85½c; No. 1 Northern, 84½c.

KANSAS CITY—Wheat dull; No. 2 cash, 79@79½c; futures, no bids. Corn firm; No. 2 white, 35@35½c; No. 2 mixed, 34c; No. 2 March, 33½c bid. Oats weak; No. 2 mixed quoted nominally at 28@29c; No. 2 white, 29½@30c. Eggs weak at 10@10½c.

CINCINNATI—Flour dull. Wheat weak; No. 2 red, 98½c. Corn quiet; No. 2 mixed, 43c. Oats easy; No. 2 mixed, 33½@33¾c. Rye quiet; No. 2, 89c. Provisions steady; Butter steady. Eggs easy at 11½@12c. Cheese steady.

MINNEAPOLIS—Wheat—No. 1 Northern March, closing, 83¼c; May, opening, 84¼@84⅝c; highest, 85c; lowest, 84½c; closing, 84⅝c; on track, No. 1 hard, 86c; No. 1 Northern, 80½c.

TOLEDO—Wheat active and firm; No. 2 cash and March, 95½c; May, 95⅝c; July, 90½c. Corn dull. Oats quiet; cash, 32c. Rye dull; cash, 87½c.

The Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, March 9.—Pig iron easy and dull; American, $15 75@17 75. Copper quiet; lake, 10.60@10.75c. Lead firm and quiet; domestic, $4 25 asked. Tin steady, dull; Straits, $19 60.

CITY REAL ESTATE.

Sale of Another Elegant East End Residential Property.

THE BAKEWELL DEAL CONFIRMED.

Another Big Day in Stocks, but Top Prices Not Held in All Cases.

OFFICE AND STREET NEWS AND GOSSIP

Mr. H. B. Nease, the well-known lumberman, yesterday closed the sale of his fine stone residence on a lot 100x140, corner of Margaretta street and Negley avenue, to Mr. S. E. M. Moore, of the Burrell Improvement Company, for $32,000. There is a good demand for high class, East End residence property, as shown by numerous sales the past few weeks. This should encourage improvers and stimulate investment.

Bakewell Sale Confirmed.

The report given in this column on Sunday that William Bakewell, Esq., had sold his property at Arnold Station, on the Allegheny Valley Railroad, adjoining Kensington, to the Burrell Improvement Company for $65,000, was confirmed by Samuel W. Black & Co., who negotiated the deal. The property consists of 40 acres, with a fine mansion and a number of other substantial improvements. As stated, it will be subdivided and put on the market, for which purpose it is admirably adapted. Mr. Bakewell had owned it for about 20 years.

Bridging the Ohio.

Captain Frank Sweeney is quoted as saying that plans for the proposed Ohio river bridge between Wheeling and Bellaire are completed, with the exception of a few details, and that work on the structure will begin early the coming summer. In regard to the bridge between Wheeling and Bridgeport he said: "The letting of the contract only awaits the arrangement of a minor detail, which will be soon settled. It is probable that bids will be advertised for in a short time and contracts let. When these two bridges are completed, as I expect them to be in the near future, the Ohio river as a barrier to the development and growth of this community will be eliminated. Wheeling, Martins Ferry, Bellaire, Bridgeport and Benwood will be one city commercially, industrially and socially."

The Country in Good Shape.

The business situation is of universal concern, and any light thrown on the subject is gladly received. A gentleman who has traveled considerably lately gives his impressions as follows: "The markets throughout the country are in an unsettled condition, owing to the hesitancy which consumers everywhere show to the placing of large orders. The habit for weeks past has been to place small orders for current requirements. This is rather strange in view of the fact that most consumers admit that the probabilities are that prices will advance before spring. The sum and substance of the matter is that they would prefer to pay a little higher prices under the assurances that values generally were likely to improve. So far as outward indications and financial conditions are concerned, the country is in a decidedly better shape than 12 months ago."

Business News and Gossip.

The announcement yesterday of a dividend by the Philadelphia Company was a bull card of unusual importance.

James Hunter has sold to James Fallow 20x100 feet on Carson street, Southside, with improvements, for $4,400.

It is said that upward of $40,000 worth of new buildings will be erected in Bellaire, O., the coming spring and summer. This will exceed any year since 1866.

Spitzer & Co., Toledo, were the successful bidders for $10,500 6 per cent semi-annual ten-year bonds of Springfield, O.

The grain movement in the Northwest is assuming unexpectedly large proportions, 1,109 cars of wheat alone having been received on Tuesday at Duluth and Minneapolis.

Lyon county, Ky., in 1837 issued $164,000 7 per cent bonds; they were refunded in 1883 at 5 per cent. L. G. Quinlin, of New York, held most of this issue, and on the county defaulting brought a suit. The judgment was given him and forcible resistance was made to service of attachment. A special act of the Legislature empowered Lyon county to compromise its debt. It has just done so, and paid Quinlin's claim at 50 cents on the dollar.

James Harrocks is erecting two brick dwellings on Beaver avenue, Allegheny, to cost $13,000. Alston & Heckert are the architects.

Extensive paving improvements are under discussion at McKeesport. There is considerable difference of opinion as to the material.

An electric street railway company with a capital stock of $100,000 has been organized at Marion, O.

The number of water meters reported in use in the United States and Canada on January 1, was 1,363,178.

Six permits were issued yesterday for seven buildings and additions, the total cost being estimated at $3,975. The most important of these was taken out by William Brobeck for two frame dwellings on Patterson street, Twenty-seventh ward, to cost $2,000.

At the last call yesterday Manchester Traction was offered at 39¾. For Birmingham 26⅝ was bid, and 108 for Citizens' Traction 59.

The Pittsburg Brass Company has declared an annual cash dividend of 6 per cent.

Wall street yesterday experienced a considerable revival from the bearish feeling of the previous day.

Movements in Realty.

George Schmidt sold for Thomas Dalzell the property 154 Third avenue, being a lot 21x90 with a three-story brick building, formerly occupied as Pension Office, for $31,000, to a prominent Fourth avenue business man. This property was sold last October for $28,000.

Hoffman & Baldridge sold for Henry H. Neely lot No. 20 in Palmer place, Swissvale, 40x120 feet to an alley, for $800; also a new frame house of six rooms, in the same plan, for $3,150.

A. Z. Byers & Co. sold for the Ridgeview Land Company to Robert A. McKean, Esq., lot No. 56 in the plan, Eleventh ward, Allegheny City, on the line of the California avenue electric road, fronting 48 feet on California avenue, extending through 160 feet to Massachusetts avenue, for $2,100. They also sold a lot in the same plan to W. C. Coffin, Esq., for $2,100.

Black & Baird sold to J. Henry Hemmer for Mrs. M. E. Merker, 16 lots on Milroy avenue, Allegheny, in the Beilstein & Shaffer plan, for $2,200.

J. E. Glass sold for A. C. Watkins lot No. 15, in the Allequippa Place plan No. 2, for $550.

Peter Shields sold lot No. 157, 30x90 feet, located on Coleman and Alger streets, in the Greenfield avenue plan, Twenty-third ward, for $945.

HOME SECURITIES.

INCIDENTS OF ANOTHER BOOMING DAY AT THE EXCHANGE.

Philadelphia Gas Company Announces a Dividend—Heavy Trading in the Stock—Concessions From Best Prices, but No Signs of a Material Reaction.

The announcement that a dividend would be declared by the Philadelphia Company yesterday, the first for about two years, injected an inspiring element into the stock market, and trading was lively. The dividend is 1 per cent, payable April 1. The company expects to pay a similar, or perhaps larger, dividend each quarter hereafter.

The market was irregular, there being an unusual number of slumps and rallies, but, although best prices were not generally sustained, there was no pronounced weakness. Philadelphia Gas sold at the early call at 19¾. At the second it dropped to 18⅝, but quickly moved up to 18¾. At the last call it developed greater strength. Sproul & Co. took 600 shares from Hill & Co. at 19. The final bid was 18¾, with none offered under 19. The assurance of a dividend had no material effect on the stock, it having been long under discussion and pretty well discounted.

Wheeling Gas sold up to 23 at the second call, but fell back at the third to 22, but none was in the market at anything like that figure. Pipeage was stronger. Luster and Electric put a good traction to their credit. Switch and Signal was steady and Airbrake higher. Citizens' Traction, Central Traction and Pleasant Valley finished with fractional gains. Birmingham Traction was quiet and a trifle lower. Manchester and Duquesne received but little attention. Total sales were nearly 3,000 shares.

Sales at first call were 10 Philadelphia Gas at 19⅛, 100 at 19¼; 340 Pipeage at 10; 50 Citizens' Traction at 62⅞; $1,000 Birmingham bond at 105¾; 200 Pleasant Valley at 25¾; 100 Central Traction at 29⅝. Before call, 50 Wheeling Gas at 22¾, 150 at 23.

Second call, 25 Citizens' Traction at 62⅞; 47 Luster at 9¾; 20 Pleasant Valley at 25⅝; 5 Pipeage at 10; 105 Duquesne at 24½; 10 Philadelphia Gas at 18⅝; 77 at 18¾, 10 at 18⅛, 10 at 18⅝; 33 Birmingham at 26¾, 70 at 27; 400 Chartiers Gas at 8¼; 10 Electric at 16.

Before call, 2 memberships at 500. Between calls, 200 Philadelphia Gas at 19.

Third call, 10 Duquesne at 24¼; 20 Birmingham at 26⅞; 10 Electric 16¾; 20 Philadelphia Gas at 18¾, 40 at 18⅞, 610 at 19; 105 Citizens' Traction at 62½; 20 Airbrake at 110; 25 Pleasant Valley at 25⅝. Bids and offers at each call follow:

EXCHANGE STOCKS.	FIRST CALL. B	FIRST CALL. A	SECOND CALL. B	SECOND CALL. A	THIRD CALL. B	THIRD CALL. A
Iron City N. Bk	....	....	....	....	85¼	....
Liberty Nat. Bk	....	....	104½	....	....	....
Mon. Nat. Bk	....	....	132½	....	....	....
Odd Fel. Sav. Bk	....	227	....	276	....	275
R. E. L. & T. Co.	....	....	....	80	....	....
Bridgewater Gas	27	....	....	....	....	....
Char Val. Gas. Co	8	8½	8¼	8½	8	8½
Ohio Valley Gas	....	....	20	....	....	....
P. N. G. & P. Co.	10	....	10	....	10¼	....
Philadelphia Co.	19⅛	19¼	....	....	18¾	19
Wheel. Gas Co.	21¼	22	22½	....	22	23
Ft. Pitt In. Co.	8	20	....	20	....	....
Central Traction	28½	29½	....	29½	....	28½
Citizen's Traction	62⅝	63	62¾	63	62⅞	63½
Pleasant Valley	25¼	25⅞	25½	25¾	25⅝	26
Second Av.	....	....	....	....	....	51
P. & W. R. R. pfd	....	....	....	21	....	....
Luster Min. Co.	9¼	9¾	9¼	9¾	9¾	10
Westingh'e Elec	15¾	....	16	16⅜	16	16¼
Mon. Nav. Co.	....	....	....	....	69	....
U. Sw. & Sig. Co.	19½	20	19½	20	19½	20
U. S. & S. Co. pref.	38½	....	31½	....	36¾	....
Westingh'e A. B.	108¾	110	109	110	109½	110

MUTUAL MANIPULATION

CHARACTERIZES THE DULL STOCK MARKET OF YESTERDAY.

The Outside Public Holding Off — Bear Pressure on New England and St. Paul —Reading Active and Firm — Grangers Quiet, but Industrials Animated.

NEW YORK, March 9.—The stock market to-day gave additional evidence that the outside public now stands aloof from the speculation, and the trading during the day was undoubtedly the result of manipulation on both sides. There was free selling of New England and Reading and a few specialties for some time, but under cover of these sales liberal covering was indulged in in the general list, and a sharp upward movement in the Coalers and Vanderbilts followed, in which the whole list sympathized. With the cessation of the buying, however, the market sank into dullness, except in a few spots, among which New England became prominent.

The Grangers, except St. Paul, were very quiet, and the shorts put out yesterday on the dividend scare in St. Paul were largely taken in again to-day. The other feature of the day's operations was the activity and firmness in Reading, which was held between 5 and 56 almost the entire session. More animation was seen among the Industrials and a stronger temper. Short covering, with the dullness following the relief from bear pressure, were the salient characteristics of the market throughout.

The opening continued the change in temper begun late last evening, and while New England was up one half, Reading, 1⅛, and Jersey Central 1 per cent, the general list, as a rule, showed material gains over last night's figures. The upward movement received only a temporary check by the attacks on Reading, New England and the Industrials, but soon the whole list was advancing, though slowly, except in the few leaders. One of the most notable movements was a sharp spurt in Lackawanna from 158 to 161, while the specialties, the Susquehanna and Western stocks, Denver and Rio Grande preferred, Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburg, Union Pacific and Denver and Gulf all made special advances on an increased business at different times during the day. The market finally closed active and firm to strong at near the highest prices reached. The whole list is higher this evening, and New England is up 2⅝; Cordage, 2⅝; Lackawanna, 1¾; Sugar, 1⅝; Reading, ⅞; Louisville and Nashville, 1¼, and Union Pacific, 1⅛.

The total sales of stocks to-day were 340,374 shares, including Atchison, 6,900; Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, 5,125; Erie, 13,760; Lake Shore, 4,145; Louisville and Nashville, 10,210; Northwestern, 5,542; Northern Pacific preferred, 4,800; New England, 51,556; Reading, 70,170; St. Paul, 44,000; Union Pacific, 8,187; Denver and Rio Grande, 4,756.

Railroad bonds are fairly active, with the usual firm temper and small fluctuations among the most prominent speculative issues, and while Richmond and West Point 5s, the Reading issues and Atchison incomes were all active, only the first named scored any material advance. They rose steadily, and at 64¾ were up 2¾ per cent. The sales were $1,969,000.

The following table shows the price 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.	High est.	Low est.	Closing. bid.
Am. Cotton Oil	....	....	....	85½
Am. Cotton Oil, pfd	70¼	....	....	....
Am. Sugar Refining Co.	86¼	87¾	86¼	87¼
Am. Sugar Refining Co., pfd	94½	94½	94	94
Atch., Top. & S. F.	30¼	30¼	29⅞	30
Canada Southern	62¼	62¾	62¼	62
Central of New Jersey	139	139	138½	138½
Chesapeake & Ohio	25¼	25⅞	25½	25¾
C. & O., 2d pfd	42¾	....	....	....
Chicago Gas Trust	75	75½	74¾	75¾
C., Bur. & Quincy	106	106⅜	105¾	106½
C., Mil. & St. Paul	77¼	78¾	77¼	78½
C., Mil. & St. Paul, pfd	125	128	127¾	127¾
C., Rock I. & P.	88¾	89¼	88¾	88¾
C., St. L. & K. C.	46	48¾	46	48½
C., St. P. M. & O., pfd	....	....	....	117
C. & Northwestern	119¾	120	119¾	120¼
C. & Northwestern pfd	144	....	....	....
C., C., C. & I.	71½	72	71	71½
Col. Coal & Iron	36	....	....	....
Co. & Hocking Valley	31½	31½	31¼	31¼
Del., Lack. & West	158	161	158	159¼
Del. & Hudson	130	130¼	133½	138
Den. & Rio Grande	18¾	18¾	18⅝	18¾
Den. & Rio Grande, pfd	53