Than for Some Time Past.

NO DECREASE IN PRODUCTION. Influence of the Pittsburg Situation Upon Other Markets.

REPORTS FROM THE LEADING CENTERS

OFFICE OF THE DISPATOR, PITTSSURG, FRIDAY, March 25. Raw Iron and Steel .- During the past 48 hours the feeling of the market has improved. There is decidedly a stronger inder-current, and sales continue to show up fairly well. Iron dealers generally feel that the worst is about over; that prices have touched the lowest point; that a steady improvement may be looked for in the near future. The large operations we have reported during the past month is good evidence of the feelings of interested parties. Last week's prices were fully maintained. While there are some outside furnaces still anxious to realize there are others who show anxiety on the subject, being satisfied their time will come before long. A number of furnaces are now engaged on contracts made some time since for future delivery. When they are filled it is expected that better prices will prevail. Again, there are other consumers who have adhered to the policy of only purchasing to meet their immediate wants, notwithstand-ing that both Northern and Southern brands of pig iron have been sold at ex-

emely low prices. Notwithstanding the necessity of taking easures to restrict the current output of on, and the reports from leading producg sections as to the action of the furnaces this matter, there has been as yet very tile decrease in the number of furnaces owing. The production continues at the beavy rate noted on the first of the month, especially in the South, where, if anything, the capacity of the stacks in blast has somewhat increased uring the same period. In certain sections the railroads have shown a disposition to assist the furnaces to hold the market in the competition with the iron from other sections, and a reduction has been announced in freight rates on pig iron from the Mahoning and Shenango valleys. There is also a probability of reduced rates of freight on coke and limestone, The Situation in Ore.

Iron Ore-Prices have been reduced since the first of the year. A few days since Bessemer ores, for delivery the present ear, were offered at 25 cents per ton below st year's prices. Taking these matters ction on pig from from the two valleys Pittsburg certainly puts a more favorable favor of makers. The New York Moni Report says of the Pittsburg market: "A review of the situation in iron centers of the country for the past k presents but few changes in the situa-Pittsburg, as the leading iron prodistrict, is perhaps the most careto be noticed, as any change affecting as in that center are most likely to duce an influence upon the trade of the de country. In Pittsburg we find a attinuation of that great depression which is existed now for a month past. Especialis this true of the market for raw iron. billets sales have been rather heavy, chases have, as yet had but trifling ect as regards values.

seel Rails-The condition of the market b utsatisfactory, very few orders being taken and those of small propertion; one of all 5,000 tons was taken by an Eastern mill for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

her advance. When billets sold at \$22 75 (0.23 00 we remarked billets at those prices would be a good investment; parties that took the hint are well pleased. Bessemer remains steady with sales of a block of 8 000 as at fair prices. Gray forge unchanged, Prices of pig iron advanced in the European market sufficient to stop exporting. This

ought to lead strength to our market in the near future. The New York Iron Age has this to say. "The first signs of encouragement are beginning to appear from different sections of the country, and the news from he leading markets is not so uniformly untavorable as it has been during the past

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No Change at Chicago. CHICAGO, March 25. — [Special.] — Rogers, stown & Merwin say: There are no changes of importance to chronicle since instreport. Rumors are current of addi-tional low-priced sales, which serve but to further demoralize things. The usual run of small orders, however, is being booked, while an increased number of inquiries for southern iron are being received, which after would indicate that buyers are about convinced that pig iron has stropped to about the lowest point and are thinking of placing contracts for next season's require-

Lake Superior charcoals remain un-

The Metal Markets. New York, March 25.—Pig iron inactive; 50 years a american, \$14 75@16 25. Copper quiet; lake, and colds,

THE BOTTOM AT BIRMINGHAM. A Change for the Better Is Now Belleved to

Be Imminent. BIRNINGHAN, ALA., March 25 .- [Special.] The iron market is believed to have touched bottom at last. While gray forge has held its own at \$9, sales at that figure having been recently declined. There has been a steady sinking in the higher grades. No.1 is being sold for the first time as low as \$11 50, and No. 2 is offered at \$10 50. Quotaons may be given f. o. b. at the furnace, a

tions may be given f. o. b. at the furnace, at No. 1 foundry, \$11 30; No. 2 foundry, \$10 59; No. 3, \$10; gray forge, \$9 25. Even at these figures sales are not very free, and almost no stocks are moving to Ohio river points and markets beyond, and no shipments will be made beyond the river that can possibly be delayed until the 28th day of this month. On that day a reduction to all Western points will be made in freight rates.

The reduction to Cincinnati is as much as 35e per ton, and to some points more than 50c, the average reduction being about the latter figure. The total rate to Chicago will be \$3 50. This reduction does not affect Eastern points. After the 28th a large movement northward will take place.

The coal trade continues to show improvement, and the use of improved machinery to raise the quality of coke is noted.

The consolidation of the Tennessee Coal and Iron with the de Bardeleben Company will not increase the output of Iron nor of coal in the immediate future.

General Closing Down at St. Louis. St. Louis, March 25.—[Special.]—Bozers, Brown & Meachem say: Unprecedented prices are now ruling, and Southern producers are compelled to accept orders that net them little or no profit. Unless the net them little or no profit. Unless the cost of production can be reduced, a general closing down seems inevitable. The market is quite active, however, a number of fairsized orders having been placed during the past week. Lake superior irons are in sympathy with the Southern irons, but Ohio strong softeners are in good demand at prices certainly low enough for irons of their character.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Receipts, Shipments and Prices at East Liberty and Other Stock Yards.

OFFICE OF THE DISPATCH, PITTSBURG, FRIDAY, March 25. CATTLE-Receipts, 522 head; shipments, 441 head: market-nothing doing, all through consignments. No cattle shipped to New

Hogs-Receipts, 2.850 head; shipments 2,650 head; market slow; all grades, \$5 00@ 5 20; nine cars hogs shipped to New York today.
SHEEF-Receipts, 2,100 head; shipments, 1,400 head; Market steady at unchanged

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New York—Beeves—Receipts, 2.243 head, including I4 cars for sale; market steady; native steers, \$3 8064 70 per 100 pounds; bulls and cows, \$1 8063 50; dressed beef steady at 6608c per pound; shipments to-morrow, 650 heeves and 4,864 quarters of beef. Calves—Receipts, 520 head; market 3/c per pound lower, yeals, \$4 5066 75 per 100 pounds. Sheep.—Receipts, 1,238 head; market steady; sheep., \$5 0066 75 per 100 pounds; lambs, \$6 0067 50; dressed mutton steady at 96/10/c per pound; dressed lambs firm at 106/11/4c. Hozs—Receipts, 1,57 head, consigned direct; nominally steady at \$4 9065 50 per 100 pounds.

Chicago-Cattle - Receipts. 7,500 head; Chicago—Cattle — Receipts. 7,500 head; shipments, 3,200 head; market weak to lower. Prime steers \$1,300 h 65; good to choice, \$5,5004 25; others, \$1,400 h 75; stockers, \$2,00 63,50; cows, \$1,000 h 60; market 10c lower; rough and common, \$4,000 h 25; packers and shippers. \$4,000 h 60; prime heavy and butchers', \$4,700 h 80; light, \$4,6504 80; pigs, \$4,2504 60. Sheep—Receipts, \$,000 head; shipments, 2,500 head; market opened strong and closed weak; ewes, \$4,5005 00; wethers, \$5,500 h 60; wethers, \$5,500 h 60; common, \$6,000 h 60; wethers, \$6,500 h 60; common, \$6,000 h 60; St. Louis-Cattle-Receipts, 680 head; ship-

St. Louis—Cattle—Receipts, 630 head; shipments, 660 head; market slow; fair to good native steers, 82 8064 40; fair to good Indians and Texas steers, 82 6063 65. Hogs-Receipts, 1,579 head; shipments, 4,530 head; market 5c lower; fair to prime heavy, 84 656 4 55; mixed ordinary to good, 84 1064 75; light fair to best, 84 6064 80. Sheep—Receipts, 415 head; shipments, none; market strong; fair to desirable muttons, 84 2366 25.

The Big Sale of Billets.

The Latest—The undertone of the market is certainly strong. Iron dealers are well pleased with the outlook. The 20,000 tons sales of billets, reported exclusively in The Disparch last week, caused considerable excitement in the East, the price being the highest for some time. To-dray we report another sale of 2,000 tons at a still further advance. When billets sold at \$22.75

Kansas City-Cattle-Receipts, 4,000 head; shipments, 720 head; steers dull to 10c lower at \$3.25@4.30; cows stendy at \$1.50@3.25; stockers and feeders quiet at \$2.35@3.60. Hogs-Receipts, 9,000 head; shipments, 4,600 head; market lairly active and 10c lower; all grades, \$4.15@4.60; butk, \$4.46@4.50. Sheep-Receipts, 9,000 head; hipments, 2,000 head. Receipts, 2,000 head; shipments, 300 head; market quiet and steady. Omaha—Cattle—Receipts, 3,000 head; mar-

Omaha—Cattle—Receipts, 3,000 head; market slow and loe lower; common to fair steers. \$2 75@4 75; Westerns, \$2 75@3 50. Hogs—Receipts, 5,500 head; market slow and 50 like lower; light, \$4 40@4 55; heavy, \$4 55@4 45; mixed. \$4 00@4 55. Sheep—Receipts, 500 head; market lum; natives, \$4 75@5 40; Westerns, \$4 00@4 25; common, \$2 50@3 75; lambs, \$4 25@6 60.

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Cincinnati—Hogs firmer; common and light, \$2 30624 80; packing and butchers', \$4 50 64 35; receipts, 2,000 head; shipments, 750 head. Cattle steady at \$2 00624 25; receipts, 250 head. Sheep strong at \$4 0066 25; receipts, 150 head; shipments, uone. Lambs scarce and firm; common to choice, \$5 0067 00 per 100 hs.

to-morrow.

THE MARKET BASKET.

Strawberries to the Front and Southern

Vegetables Plenty. At the Diamond market fruit and vege table stalls trade snows some improvement this week over last. Asparagus, rhubarb, egg plant and strwberries are putting in an appearance from the sections round about the Gulf of Mexico, and though prices are the Gulf of Mexico, and though prices are still steep, the new stuff is preferred to the old. Oid garden stuff is passing pway, and the time is near at hand when all things in this line will be new. In the lines of lake and ocean products trade for the week has been only fair. The supply of frozen fish is well nigh exhausted. Fresh shad and bass from the ocean are now in fair supply. Supply of oysters is fully up to demand. Florists report a quiet trade for the week, with prices a shade lower. There has been an unusual scarcity of good butter in this market for the week past and prices are tending appeard. Poultry is also in short supply, and markets are very firm at an advance on last week's prices. Staple meats move along in the same old ruts. Whatever the ups and downs of live stock may be our steaks and roasts are unchanged in price. Following are latest retail prices of market basket materials:

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MEATS—Best cuts of tenderioin steaks, 25c per B; stricin, 1822c; standing rib roast, 1892c; chuck roast, 12c, corned beef, 8210c per B; spring lamb, 15c; log of mutton, 12c for hindquarter and Se for forequarter; ioin of mutton, 15c; lamb chops, 20c; stewing pieces, 6c per B; veal roasta, 1226be per B, and cutlets, 20c; pork chops, 12cc, and steaks, 10c. per lb. and cullets, 20c; pork chops, 12%c, and steals, 10c.

VEGETABLES AND FRUIT—Cabasge, 10635c; portators, 15c per half peck; green beans, 35c a quarter peck; pre-half peck; green beans, 35c a quarter peck; pie pumpsins, 16625c; contons 25c a half peck; bannens, 25c a dozen; carrots, 5c a bunch; lemons, 20g 25c per dozen; carrots, 5c a bunch; lemons, 20g 25c per dozen; cranges, 15635c; lettroc, 10c a bunch; 3 bunches for 25c; new beets 10c, 3 bunches 25c; cacumbers, 15625c apiece; celery, 10615c a bunch; cauliflower, 25630c apiece; apples, 15625c a bunch; cgg plant, 33636c apiece; apples, 15625c a bunch; cgg plant, 33636c apiece; strawberries, 25c a box.

354717E AND EGGS—Good creamery, 25635c per lb; fance brands, 35636c; choice country rolls, 2565c; per dozen.

POULTRY—Live chickens, 90c631 60 a pair; live turkers, 12638c per lb; live ducks, 55639c; a pair; dressed chickens, 15c 16c per lb; clares 17 to 18c.

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FISH—Following are the articles in this line on the stalls, with prices; Lake salmon, 10 to 18c; California salmon, 25 to 46c per pound; white fish, 12½ to 15c; herring, 4 pounds for 25c; Spanish mackerel, 20c per pound; bluedsh, 18c; halibut, 20c; rock hass, 25c; lake trout, 12½c; lobsters, 20c; green sea turtle, 20 to 25c; oysters, New York counts, \$1.75 per gallon; smelts, 20c a pound; shad, \$1 60 to \$1.25 cach; scallops, 20c a pound; shad, \$1 60 to \$1.25 cach;

Flowers—La France, \$1.50 per dozen; Duchess of Albany, \$1.50 per dozen; Mermets, \$1.50 per dozen; Brides, \$1.50 per dozen; White and yellow roses, \$1.00 per dozen; Senator Voottan roses, \$1.25 per dozen; Senator Voottan roses, \$1.25 a dozen; Bennetts, \$1.25 per dozen; Black roses, \$1.005 0 per dozen; hvachnins, 55c per dozen; illy of the valley, 75c per dozen; orchids, 75c to \$1.00 each; violets \$1.55 a hundred; carnations, 56c per dozen; thus, 50c per dozen; calla filles, \$2.00 per dozen; daffodils, 50c per dozen; Narcissi lilles, \$2.00 per dozen; daffodils, 50c per dozen; Narcissi lilles, \$2.00 per dozen;

ASTHMATIC TROUBLES, pleurisy pains, and inflamed throats, are overcome and healed by Dr. D. Jayne's Expectorant-for 50 years an approved stand-by for all coughs

IRON TRADE REVIEW. s12 10 asked. Lead quiet: domestic. 84 25 TRAFFIC IN REALTY.

A Fine Residential Property in the East End Changes Hands.

MANY SALES ON THE NORTHSIDE.

A Good Pay on 'Change and Almost Everything Mounts to a Higher Level.

OFFICE AND STREET NEWS AND GOSSIP

The proof of the pudding lies in the eating of it. By the same rule, the frequency and importance of transactions in realty are evidences of a fairly active and healthy market. A few weeks of good weather will put it securely on its feet.

Among the transactions which were unbottled yesterday was the sale of the Dawes residential property, corner of Center avenue and Craig street, Fourteenth ward, for \$20,-000. The lot is 100x142, and the house an elegant brick two-story Queen Anne. It is one of the finest places in that quarter. The purchaser is Mr. Nicholson, of the Rose-Hartley Belting Company.

Mr. W. H. Devore, the well-known
Grant street undertaker, yesterday closed
the sale of 100 feet on Rebecca street, Wil-

kinsburg, for \$6,000, or \$60 a foot front. The purchaser will build two handsome houses on this lot this spring.

Algeo Bros, the Allegheny agents, are doing a land-office business. During the past three weeks they report selling 23 resi-

dential properties, ranging in value from \$2,500 to \$18,000, the aggregate amounting to upwards of \$100,000.

A deal was consummated yesterday on Third avenue, below Market street, involving \$9,500, but the property could not be definitely located.

Special Features of Trade. Paint and an additional story make the Gusky building look like a new one. The Vandergrift building, on Fourth avenue, will soon be ready for occupancy. ors are being hung and fixtures put in. Ellen Wheeler has sold to Mary E. Wheeler a residence property on Meyran street, Fourteenth ward, lot 22x100, for \$4,500. Fourteeuth ward, lot 22x100, for \$4,500.
George O. Jones, Esq., trustee of the estate of John Cooper. deceased, sold at public sale a farm of 22 acres, situated about two miles north of Washington, Pa., to Mrs. Sophia Weaver for \$135 50 an acre, on the old Pittsburg pike.

Four building permits were issued yesterday, aggregating \$3,400. The greatest value was \$2,200 for a frame dwelling on Bedford avenue, Thirteenth ward, William C. Charlton, owner.

ton, owner.

There is a report that the Johnston property in the upper part of Wilkinsburg, is about to change hands through an East End agency.
Contracts have been let for a number of

good houses at Finleyville.

The contract price for the Solomon-Ruben block on Smithfield street is said to be \$70,000.

Henry M. Long yesterday sold \$5,000 Pleasant Valley lateral road bonds at par and interest.

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Wheeling Gas was boomed a little yesterday on a report that Moorhead No. 8 had been drilled in and was producing at the ante of 100 barrels a day. The advance in the price of oil also helped the stock.

In New York \$50,000 Pittsburg and Western 4s sold at \$22,022, and 400 shares of the preferred stock at 20.

Major A. J. Pentecost is rushing the work on a number of houses at Valleyview, on the Chartiers Valley Railroad.

Mustin & Kuhn Bros. were the principal bulls on 'Change yesterday. They have faith in everything relating to Pittsburg.

From the way manufacturers are taking hold of real estate, it is quite evident they have not lost confidence in the future of the city. Sales Reported by Agents.

D. Behen & Son sold for Sidney H. Newoury to Francis Tighe, a new frame house of four rooms, attic, etc., neatly finished of four rooms, attic, etc., neatly finished with lot 24x100 feet, on Dauphin street, two squares from Penn avenue, for \$1,556; also, for James Heminger to Sarah Collier, two lots, 19x100 feet each, with a two-roomed framed house, on Dauphin, near Winebjddle avenue, for \$750.

Hoffman & Baldridge sold a new frame house of seven rooms and modern fixtures, with lot 32\(\frac{1}{2}\)x120 to sn alley, on Mifflin street, Wilkinsburg, for \$3,700. with 101 32/5/120 to an alley, on Millin street, Wilkinsburz, for \$3,700.

Samuel W. Black & Co. sold for the Blair estate & roo-story frame dwelling and lot 48 x120, on Mansian street, Glenwood, for \$2,500, Black & Baird sold to James Hogg lot No. 24 in the Fairmount Place plan. Nineteenth. Black & Baird sold to James Hogg lot No. 34 in the Fairmount Place plan, Nincteenth ward, fronting 21½ feet on Rosetta street by a depth of 95 feet, for \$500.

James W. Drape & Co. sold a house and lot in the First ward for \$9,000; also 11 lots in Munhall Terrace plan, near Homestead, for \$4,000; also two lots in the Keystone plan, Crafton, for \$750; also a lot on Mt. Washington for \$450; also closed an interest in a property at Chartiers for \$3,000 cash.

The Burrell Improvement Company reports the following sale of lots at Kensington: Charles Rainer, McKeesport, Pa., north half lot 79, block & for \$287 50; Mrs. E. Herold, Allegheny, Pa., lot 20, block 9, for \$300; Mrs. Henrietta Risser, Parnassus, Pa., lot 15, block 18, for \$675.

W. A. Herron & Sons sold a lot 40x134 feet to an alley on Fisk street, Seventeenth ward, for \$3,200 cash; purchaser intends to improve same at once. They also closed the sale of a house of five rooms, lot 19x100 feet, on Cen-

same at once. They also closed the sale of a house of five rooms, lot 19x100 feet, on Cen-ter avenue, near Kirkpatrick street, street improvements paid, for \$1,800. John F. Sweeney sold to J. A. Adamson an unimproved lot on Madison avenue. Thir-teenth ward, having a frontage of 25 feet on Madison avenue and extending back 100 feet to a 20 foot alley. to a 20-foot alley.

FUN by Bob Burdette in THE DISPATCH

HOME SECURITIES.

A BULGE AT THE LAST CALL AND

BEST FIGURES MADE, Slow Beginning but a Lively Ending-Higher

Prices Recorded for Almost Everything Traded In-Many Good Features and No Very Bad Ones. The stock market yesterday opened rathe

sluggish, and apprehensions were excited of a dull day. The black eye given to the silver bill, or something else, gave things a lift and made the noon and afternoon calls quite interesting.

The results of the day's operations were

gains in almost everything traded in. The gains in almost everything traded in. The strongest feature was Birmingham Traction. Considerable of it changed hands, but not enough to supply the demand. Philadelphia Gas was elevated a peg, and so was Chartiers. The others of this group were about steady. Of the old tractions, Citizens' and Pleasant Valley put a fraction each to its credit, but Central went off a trifle. Luster, Airbrake and Standard Cable finished good fractions better than the opening. Electric

Airbrake and Standard Cable finished good fractions better than the opening. Electric declined. Final figures were in nearly all cases the best of the day.

Sales at first call were 10 shares of Manchester Traction at 38%, 25 Philadelphia Gas at 18%, 100 at 18%.

Second call, 250 Pleasant Valley at 25, 50 Wheeling Gas at 19%, 100 Chartiers Gas at 10, 20 Central Traction at 32%, 55 Duquesne at 28%, 65 Birmingham Traction at 27%. After cail, 10 Wheeling at 18%.

Third call, 10 Cable at 78, 10 Philadelphia. Gas at 18%, 100 at 18%, 100 at 18%, 100 Birmingham at 27%, 10 at 27%, 10 at 27%, 10 at 27%, 10 at 37%, 10 at 37%.

Before call, 100 Philadelphia Gas at 18%. After call, \$1,500 Electric scrip at 82.

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Quotations on unlisted tractions at the close of the last call were: Birmingham, 27% bid, offered 27%; Duquesne, 25% bid; Manchester, 39 bid for 100 shares, Duquesne

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Mining Stock Quotation

Caledonia B. H., 105: Chollar, 110: Deadwood, 200; Eureka Consolidated, 200; Gould & Curry, 140; Hale & Norcross, 140; Homestake, 1300; Horn Silver, 330; Mexican, 180: Ontario, 4300; Ophir, 280; Plymouth, 150: Sierra Nevada, 160; Standard, 140; Yellow Jacket, 100.

SHARES UNDER THE HAMMER.

ONLY A FEW OF THE LEADING STOCKS LOSE MATERIALLY. The Free Coinage Backset Secures a Good Opening-More Rumors of the Resigna-

mond and West Point,

tion of Chairman Ocott, of the Rich-

NEW YORK, March 25.-The stock market to-day was under the haumer during most of the time, and material losses were sustained in many of the leading stocks, though the firm undertone of the speculation pre-cluded the selling of much long stock. The the firm undertone of the speciation precluded the selling of much long stock. The
Coalers and Grangers were well supported,
and in some cases, as in New England and
Union Pacific, positive strength was seen,
though no material advance could be made
atter the first minutes' trading.

The news of the action but he free coinage
bill in Congress caused a rush to buy at the
opening, in which foreign houses, both EngHish and German, were conspicuous. Materially higher quotations resulted, and in a
few instances further improvement was
made in the early trading. To counteract
this influence, however, a rumor which was
put out last night after the close of business,
that Mr. Olcott, the Chairman of the Richmond and West Point reorganization committee, had resigned from the committee,
caused a bad break in the securities
of that company and the common lost
2 per cent and the preferred dropped
5½. This drop put a wet blanket
upon buying for the long account
in the whole list, and the decline, becoming
so marked, finally dragged the rest of the
market down, only the strongest stocks succeeding in holding any portion of their opering advance.

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Shore, and that stock became the leader in
the downward movement, even when the
Richmond and West Point shares reacted

Richmond and West Point shares reacted quite sharply. A counter movement in the Industrials failed to help the list much, though Reading displayed for a time marked activity and strength. The bears again circulated rumors reflecting on the credit of the Northern Pacific Company, and material help was derived them in their attack upon the preferred stock, which was made one of the leading weak stocks of the afternoon. The losses in the two leading stocks, Lake Shore and Northern Pacific preferred were about 3 per cent from the best prices of the forenoon, but the general list was still traded in within the narrowest limits, and the undertone of strength which prevailed throughout the day prevented any marked decline, though prices were brought in almost all cases below the level of the opening figures.

The low priced shares furnished no marked movement, except a sharp reaction of about the research to Ohio Southern. The pressure to

The low priced snares lutrished to marked movement, except a sharp reaction of about 3 per cent in Ohio Southern. The pressure to sell was lifted from time to time during the day, and at such times prices rated feebly; but in the last hour there was an effort to cover the shorts put out earlier in the day, cover the shorts put out earlier in the day, and more substantial improvement was made, Northern Pacific preferred especially moving up about 1 per cent. The activity in Reading was again one of the most prominent features of the trading, and it also made a material rally toward the close, which carried it up to a point which enabled it to close with a substantial gain for the day

it to close with a substantial gain for the day.

The market closed quiet and for the moment firm, but generally at small iractional losses for the day. Northern Pacific preferred is down 1½; Richmond and West Point, 1; the preferred, 2½; but, on the other hand, Reading is up 1½; Distillers, 1½, and New England a large fraction.

The total saies of stocks to-day were 511,-797 shares, including: Atchison, 7,620; Chicago 6as, 6,000; Eric, 7,455; Lake Shore, 12,845; Louisville and Nashville, 10,180; Northern Pacific, 3,306; Northern Pacific, 3,306; Northern Pacific, 8,306; Northern Pacific preferred, 72,425; New England, 19,702; Reading, 202,570; Richmond and West Point, 41,465; St. Panl, 41,680; Union Pacific, 7,400.

The following table shows the prices of active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange vesterday. Corrected daily for The Disparcin by Whitneys & Stephenson, oldest Pittsburg members of the New York Stock Exchange, 57 Fourth avenue.

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Boston Electric Stocks. BOSTON, March 3. - [Special.] - The latest elect quotations to-day were:

Philadelphia Stocks. Closing quotations of Philadelphia stocks, furnished by Whitney & Stephenson, brokers, No. 57 Fourth avenue, members of New York Stock Ex-Bid. Asked... 54% 55 ... 29 5-16 29% ... 21% ... 61% 61% Reasting Railroad.

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Bar Silver Quotations, New York, March 25.—[Special.]—Bar silver in London ½d lower at 40 7-16d per ounce. New York dealers' price for silver, 85½c per

SOME IMPROVEMENT.

More Doing and a Better Feeling in the Cash Market.

The local money market was in better shape yesterday than customary of late, due no doubt to improvement in the weather, which has brightened up things generally. The interest rate was unchanged at 6 per cent. Bank clearings were \$2,052,467 03 and balances \$437,371 5l.

A local banker said yesterday: "The weight of idle money is not so oppressive as it was a month ago. A large amount of capital has gone into circulation, showing a more active condition of trade. The result is rates are a little stiffer. Money is still so plentiful and widely distributed throughout the country as to preclude the possibility of a stringency this spring. This should, and no doubt will, be a sharp spur to business."

At New York yesterday money on call was easy at 1½22 per cent; last loan, 2; closed offered at 2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 466 per cent. Sterling exchange quiet but steady at \$4 86 for 60-day bills and \$4 88 for demand.

	Closing Bond Quotations.		
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Bank Clearings. Chicago—Money, 5@5 per cent. New York exchange steady 50@50c discount.

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Bosron—Bank clearings, \$12,942,676; balances, \$1,524,447. Money 2 per cent. Exchange on New York 15@25c discount. PHILADELPHIA—Bank clearings, \$12,131,211; balances, \$1,713,058. Money 3 per cent.

Baltimore—Bank clearings, \$1,888,166; balances, \$362,297. Rate 6 per cent.

MEMPHIS—Bank clearings, \$4,8823; balances, \$251,962. New York exchange par.

THE HOME MARKETS.

CHOICE CREAMERY AND COUNTRY BUTTER IS SCARCE AND FIRM,

Tropical Fruits Tend Higher-Cereal Receipts Large, and Markets Favorable to Buyers-Sugars of Righ Grade Ad-- vanced.

OFFICE OF THE DISPATCH, PITTSBURG, FRIDAY, March 25. COUNTRY PRODUCE-Jobbing Prices-With the advent of good weather a slight improvement in demand is noticeable, but there is still large room for further improvement before trade is up to standard. Eggs are fairly steady at prices quoted. Choice grades of country and creamery butter are scarce and firm. Poultry is in limited supply and markets are active at quotations. Tropical fruits of choice quality are firm with an upward tendency. Florida oranges are particularly firm. Potatoes and apples are dull and slow, and cabbage and onions are firm at advancing prices. New vegeta-bles from the far South begin to come in freely, and old stock has little show.

APPLES—\$1 75@2 50 per barrel,
BUTTER—Creamery Elgin, 31@32c; Ohio brands,
23@32c; common country butter, 17@18c; choice
country roll, 27@22c.
BEANS—New York and Michigan pea. \$1 85@1 90;
marrowfat, \$2 15@2 25; Lima beans, 35@33c per
b: hand picked medium, \$1 80@1 90.
BKESWAX—Choice, 30@32c per ib; low grades, 22
@25c. @25c.
BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—New, 24@24c per lb,
CHEESE—Ohio choice, 114@12c; New York
cheese, 12@124c; Limburger, 13@134c; Wisconsin
sweitzer, full cream, 134@146c; imported sweitzer,

286354c. CIDER-Country cider, \$5 0065 50 per barrel; sand refined. \$1 50057 00; crab cider, \$7 5068 90. CRANBERRIES-Per box, \$1 2561 50; per barrel,

Chanberries — Per box, \$1 2531 50; per barrel, \$5 00% 00.

EGGS — Strictly fresh, 141,2015c.

FEATHERS — Extra tive geese, 576,58c; Not 1, 489

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Dried Fruits — Peaches, haives, 54c: evaporated apples, 768c; apricots, 761te; blackberries, 566c; raspberries, 1861815c; huckleberries, 7c; California peaches, 768 5c.

HONEY — New crop, white clover, 17618c; California honey, 12616c \$1 50.

MAPLE SYRETS — New, 706,50c \$2 gallon.

grood seconds, per bunch; Persian dates, 4:56c per pound; laver figs, 1251ke per pound; Malaga grapes, \$12.00 d13 00 for fancy.

VEGETABLES—Cabbage. new Florida, \$3.506 3.75 a crate; old, \$3.0063.50 a barrel; Havana onions, \$2.7563.00 a crate; vellow Danver, \$2.256 a barrel; kaie, \$1.5061.75 a barrel; new Florida tomatoes, 75c6\$1.00 a box; celery, 25630c per gozen; turnips, \$1.0061.25 a barrel; Havana potatoes, \$5.5066.00 a barrel; spinach, \$2.5063.00 a barrel; new beets, 20675c a dozen.

Groceries. Fancy grades of sugar have been advanced, as our quotations will disclose, and all sugars are firm. With this exception trade is quiet all along grocery lines. The improvement in weather, it is hoped, will bring more ac-

tivity the week to come.

GREEN COFFEE-Fancy, 22323c; choice Rio, 214 Government Java, 7:626: Maracaibo, 216224c: Mocha, 2620: Santos, 2146224c: Caracas, 23466 246c. Roasted (in papers)—Standard brands, 19.55c; high grades, 23-46254c: old Government Java, bulk, 314622c: Maracaibo, 23624c: Santos, 19466 25c: peaberry, 2745c: choice Rio, 2146c: prime Rio, 234c: good Rio, 194c: ordinary, 17648c. Spices (whole)—Cloves, 10612c; allspice, 10c; cassia, 8c; pepper, Hc; nutmeg, 70488c.

Petroleun jobbers prices)—1102 test, 6c; Ohio, 1207. 774c: headlight, 1502 test, 64c; water white, 7566c; globe, 146114c; claime, 13c; carnadine, 11c; royaline, 14c; red oil, 194614c; purity, 14c; ob.; No. 3 red, 246914c; ungraded red, 70671c; No. 1 Northern, 376884c; No. 2 Northern, 33c; options,

RICE—Rend Carolina, 6'2664c; choice, 54'66'4c; Louislana, 56'54c.

STAINH—Pearl, 4c; corn starch, 54'66'4c; gloss starch, 55'66'5c.

FOREIN FRUIT—Layer rasins, \$2.00; London layers, \$2.25; Muscatels, \$1.75; California Muscatels, \$1.4001 00; Valencia, 55'66'c. Ondara Valencia, 65'67c; Sultana, 86'13c; carrants, 34'64'4c; Curkey prunes, 46'65'c. French prunes, 869'5c; Cocoanuts, \$7.00, \$6.00; almonos, Lan., \$7.00, 26'c. Cocoanuts, \$7.100, \$7.00; almonos, Lan., \$7.00, 26'c. Cocoanuts, \$7.100, \$7.00; almonos, Lan., \$7.00, 26'c. Cocoanuts, \$7.100, \$7.00; almonos, Lan., \$7.00, 26'c. Cocoanuts, \$7.100; almonos, Lan., \$7.00, 26'c. Cocoanuts, \$7.100; almonos, Lan., \$7.00; alcoanuts, \$7.00; alcoan

erring, 90c, UATMEAL-\$4 75@5 00. Grain, Flour and Feed.

There were no sales on call at the Grain Exchange to-day. Receipts as bulletined, % cars. By Pittsburg, Ft. Wayne and Chicago Railway-3 cars of flour, 1 of middlings, 14 o hay, 1 of oats, 1 of ear corn. By Pittsburg, Cincinnati and St. Louis-4 cars of oats, 4 of corn, 2 of bran, 1 of middlings, 3 of hay. Receipts of grain and hay continue large, and markets are favorable to the buyer all along the line. Hay is coming to the front in very large supply, and markets have found a lower level, as our quotations will disclose. Packing hay is particularly slow.

Following quotations are for carload lots on track. Dealers charge an advance on these prices from store: WHEAT - No. 2 red, 97@68c; No. 3 red, 93 CORN-No. 2 yellow car, 48@48%c; high mixed

RYE—No. 1 Pennsylvania and Obio, 22@95c; No. Western, 89@60c. RYE-No. 1 Pennsylvania and Obio, 226000: No. 1 Western, 886000.

FLOUR-Jobbing prices-Fancy spring patenta, 85 00005 25; fancy winter patents, 85 00005 25; fancy straight winter, 44 5004 75; fancy straight xXXX bakers', 44 5004 75. Rye four, 44 5004 75.

MILLIFEED-No. 1 white middlings, 419 00019 50 per ton; No. 2 white middlings, 417 00019 50 per ton; No. 2 white middlings, 417 00018 00; hrown middlings, 416 500617 00; winter wheat bran, 417 00017 50; chop feed, 415 000618 00.

HAY-Baied timothy, choice, 413 50014 00; No. 1, 412 750013 25; No. 2, 812 00012 25; clover hay, 412 0000 12 75; loose from wagon, 814 00016 00, according to quality; packing hay, 48 000016 00, according to 91 00007 25;

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Sugar cured skinned shoulders.
Sugar cured bacon shoulders.
Sugar cured dry-salt shoulders.
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Lard, refined in 90-fb nails.
Lard, refined in 30-fb nails.
Lard, refined in 32-fb tin pails.
Lard, refined in 10-fb tin pails.
Lard, refined in 10-fb tin pails. WHEAT GOES SAILING.

Liverpool Cables and the Rus

War Scare Make the Bulls Jubilant-Corn Follows the Leader Quite Closely -Nothing Doing in Provisions. CHICAGO—Ballooning was the word to-day in the wheat pit. To-night the price is

13/c over the closing prices of last night. The strength was largely due to late Liverpool cables, big buying and reports that Germany and Russia are getting more involved. Shorts became excited and there was a sudden bulge in the last few minutes to 82%c, the closing being buoyant at 82%c. There was a good deal of interest in wheat There was a good deal of interest in wheat at the opening, and prices were higher. The big decline which has taken place during the last few days, caused a good deal of covering by shorts, who had a good profit and were disposed to secure it. There was also some buying for a scalp on the long side on the reaction theory.

The opening sales for May showed an advance of ½c from last night's close, and for a short time the feeling was strong and the market quickly went to 8.½c. New York was a good buyer. But the fine weather, the absence of any sensational crop damage reports, the light clearances from New York, only 57,000 bushels of wheat, the unfavorable private cables and free selling soon undermined the market, and the strength disuppeared. May gradually losing ic, and selling off to 80%c. It was from this point during the last nour that the remarkable upturn occurred.

the last hour that the remarkable upturn occurred.

Corn started strong with good buying. Shorts covered freely, while the buying for long account was generous. May opened % ligher and touched 39½c: but the advance led to free selling, and the buying orders having been filled on the early rush, there was a quick drop to 39½c. The break in wheat about the same time was also a weak factor. With the subsequent advance in wheat the price for corn picked up, and a few moments before the close was 39½@39½c. There was considerable caustic comment on what was alleged to be suspiciously finicky inspection, resulting in the continued small proportion of the speculative grades passing muster. Absence of shipping orders were noted. It was said that elevator men, at 3½c under May, were taking the chance of 24c under May, were taking the chance of the price of No. 2 and No. 3 coming closer together, and were buying the latter and hedging by selling May.

In oats there was not so much demand from shorts as for several days past. Offer-ings were also moderate and steady feeling prevailed.

prevailed.

The provision market was stagmant mainly in sympathy with wheat, the feeling was firm, not withstanding the duliness, and the closing was at about the outside prices of the day.

The leading futures ranged as follows, as corrected by John M. Oakley & Co., 45 Sixth street, member of the Chicago Board of Trade: 38% 39% 38% 2814 2876 2816 2816 2876 2816 9 95 10 0234 9 95 10 0234 10 0734 10 15 10 0734 10 15 6 15 6 15 6 15 6 15 6 20 6 20 6 20 6 20 . 5 52% 5 55 5 52% 5 52% 5 57% 5 60 5 57% 5 57% Cash quotations were as follows: Flour quiet; No. 2 spring wheat, 81c: No. 3 spring wheat, 81c: No. 3 spring wheat, 74½c; No. 2 red, 85½c. No. 2 corn, 85½c. No. 2 oats, 28c; No. 2 white, 29½c; No. 3 white, 27½c. No. 2 barley, 56c: No. 3. I. o. b., 42@55c; No. 4, 38@50c. No. 1 flaxseed, 97c. Prime timothy seed, \$1 22. Mess pork, per bbl. \$10 @2½. Lard, per 100 lbs, \$6 17½. Short ribs sides (loose), \$5 55@5 57½. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), \$4 50@5 000 Short clear sides (boxed), \$6 10. Whisky, distillers finished goods, per gal., \$1 13. Sugars unchanged.

BOASTED (III. papers)—Standard brands, 19.56; high grades, 23-405-5; cit do overnment Java, bulk, 314-325; (whice Rio, 236-21); cannot be acceptable to the produce Exchange to-day the but-line produce of the produce Exchange to-day the but-line produce Exchange to-day the but-line produce of the produce Exchange to-day the but-line produce of the produce as the complex to the produce and the produce Exchange to-day the but-line produce of the produce as the produce of the produce and the produce of the produce and the produce of the produce of the produce and the produce and the produce of the produce of the produce and the p

creamery. 20@234c; do factory, 154@22c; Elgin, 294c. Cheese moderately active and steady, part skims, 6@10c.

PHILADELZHIA—Flour dull and weak. Wheat opened 1@14c better, reacted 4@14c, closing steady; No. 2 red. March, 994@7c; April, 964@97c; May, 944@944c; June, 929
294c. Corn firm; No. 3, in export elevator, 454c; steamer in export elevator, 45c; steamer nigh mixed, in elevator, 47c; No. 2 mixed and high mixed, in elevator, 47c; No. 2 mixed and high mixed, in elevator, 47c; No. 2 mixed, March and April, 46@494c; May, 464c; June, 45@454c; Oats—Carlots quiet; intures, 1/204c higher: No. 3 white, 36@345c; May, 364@354c; June, 354@354c; April, 356@364c; May, 364@354c; June, 364@354c; April, 356@364c; May, 364@354c; June, 364@364c; May, 364@364c; April, 97c bid; May, 365@5 bid; June, 194c bid. Corn strong; mixed spot, 464@464c; March, 464c; April, 366@364c; No. 2 mixed do, 344c asked. Rye steady; No. 2, 90@91c. Hay steady; good to choice timothy, \$14 0@15 50. Provisions steady. Butter fir : creamery fancy, 30c; do fair to choice, 27c@3c; do imitation, 24@25c; rolls, fine, 23c; do fair to good, 19@22c; rolls, fine, 23c; do fair to good, 19@22c; rolls, fine, 35c; do fair to good, 19@22c; store packed, 15@18c. Eggs weak at 13c.

NEW ORLEANS—Sugar active and firm; open settle, choice, 37c; fully fair to prime, 19c; good common to fair, 27c; go; go mination, 24@26c; ladle, fancy, 34c; fully fair to prime, 19c; good common to good common, 6@6c. econds, 27c; 33c; fully fair to prime, 19c; good prime, 15@17c; fair to prime, 10@18c; common to good common, 6@6c.

CINCINNATI—Flour weak. Wheatin better demand.

St. LOUIS—Flour firmer but not higher.

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ions firmer. Pork, \$10 50. Lard, \$6 00@6 05.

MILWAUREE—Flour very dull. Wheat stronger: Mav. 80%c: No. 2 spring, 82c; No. 1 Northern, 83%c. Corn steady; No. 3, 35%@ 37%c. Oats dull; No. 2 white, 30c; No. 3, do. 23%c. Barrey neglected; No. 4, 55%c; sample, 40@59c. Rye firmer: No. 1, 81c. Provisions steady. Pork—May, \$10 07%. Lard, \$6 22%.

MINNEAPOLIS—Wheat—March closing at 77%c: May, opening, 77%c: highest, 78c; lowest, 75%c: closing, 78c; July, opening, 79%c: highest, 80%c: lowest, 78%@78%c: closing, 80%c; on track, No. 1 hard, 79%c: No. 1 Northern, 78%c: No. 2 Northern, 72%c. DULUTH—Wheat—No. 1 hard, cash, Sle; May, 78%c; May, 83%c; No. 1 Northern, cash, 79%c; March, 79%c; May, 81%c; No. 2 Northern, cash, 73%c; No. 3, 67%c; rejected, 59c; on track, No. 1 hard, 81c; No. 1 Northern,

TOLEDO-Wheat active and firmer; No. 2 eash, 89½c; May, 89½c; July, 86c; Aurust, 85c. Corn dull and steady; No. 2 cash, 85½c; No. 3, 38c; No. 3 yellow, 35½c. Oats quiet; No. 2 cash, 30½c; No. 3. 28c. Rye dull; cash, 80½c. KANSAS CITY—Flour unchanged. Wheat—Little doing: No. 2 red, 81c. Corn dull: No. 2, 3234@3334c. Oats—Nothing doing. Butter and eggs unchanged. Hay and flaxseed un-

Wool Markets.

torial, 14@20c. St. LOUIS-Wool-Receipts, 5,900 pounds; shipments, 15,600 pounds; although holders are anxious to sell they do not lower prices, as the demand is light and sales are few; prices are entirely unchanged; bright me-dlum, 19@23c; braid to coarse, 14@20c; fine light, 16@21c; fine heavy, 14@1°c.

New York-Wool steady and dull; domestic fleece, 25@35c; pulled, 25@32c; Texas, lo@

The Drygoods Market. The Drygoods Market.

New York, March 25.—Business in drygoods was rather better at first as well as at second hands, buyers being in better attendance and sales including some round lots of staple cottons. As a rule there is extreme conservatism still; and the inquiry for delivery of goods due shows the light condition of supplies with jobbers and others. The market was unchanged as regards tone and prices. There seems to be more confidence, however, and the print cloths market again shows increased firmness. Jobbers have been offering bargains in all departments, but there are no open drives. The situation all around is very fair, though there are some job lots of fancy goods.

Turpentine Markets.

New York-Rosin quiet and steady. Tur-pentine quiet and steady. WILMINGTON-Spirits of turpentine steady at 34c. Rosin firm; strained, \$1 15; good strained, \$1 20. Tar steady at \$1 20. Crude turpentine steady; hard, \$1 00; yellow dip, \$1 90; virgin, \$1 90. CHARLESTON - Turpentine steady at 33c. Rosin firm; good strained, \$1 20.

Savannah-Turpentine firm at 33c. nosin firm at \$1 35@1 40. The Coffee Markets. New York, March 55.—Coffee—Options opened steady and unchanged to 5 points up, closing steady at 5 down to 5 points up; sales, 27,500 bags, including March, fl.88@13.90c; April. 13.40@13.50c; May, 13.10@13.15c; June, 12.80@12.90c; July, 12.75c; September, 12.50c; October, 12.35c; December, 12.30c. Snot Rio easy and more active; No. 7, 14%@1414.

Baltimore, March 25.—Coffee steady; Rio cargoes, fair, 17½c; No. 7, 14¾c.

New Orleans, March 25.—Coffee steady; fair to ordinary, 151,@173/e.

A FAIR KIDNAPER CAUGHT.

The Mystery of a Chicago Child's Disappearance in 1889 Is Solved. CHICAGO, March 25.—A feminine kidnaper was arrested here to-day after three years' escape from justice. The culprit is a handsome, well-dressed woman of 35, who gives her name as Mrs. Mary Deighton, alias Murray. After her arrest she broke down and admitted that in 1889 she carried off 12-year-old Mabel Hopkins from the little one's home. Mrs. Deighton had gained admission to the place on the plea of being an artist who wished to give the child lessons in painting, and was left alone with the interested pupil a brief ten minutes.

The kidnaping was at the instigation, she said, of Mabel's father, E. B. Hopkins, a crockery merchant, and Hattie Eggleston.

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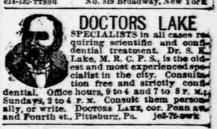


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