HOPES NOT SUSTAINED.

Not Enough Change in the Metal Markets to Say Much About.

A 9,000-TON OUTPUT REDUCTION

Doesn't Seem to Figure as a Factor in Trade Improvement.

PITTSBURG IS IN IT WITH THE REST

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

NEW YORK, April 14.—The *Iron Age*, in its trade report to-morrow, will say:

As the result of the Philadelphia failure, a number of cargoes of foreign ore afloat, aggregating about 10,000 tons, have sold at low prices. Among the ores thus sold were Seriphos, Tafna and Porman, the latter selling as low as 6½c a unit. These ores, although Bessemer, have been purchased by makers of foundry iron in Eastern Pennsylvania, and, having given them some low-priced stock, helped them to that extent. It looks as though little lake ore would go into the Lehigh and Schuylkill Valleys this year.

Our monthly blast furnace returns show a reduction in the weekly capacity running from 193,902 gross tons weekly on March 1 to 185,462 tons April 1. This reduction of 8,440 tons weekly would represent a diminution of output of about 36,000 tons a month, while the increased stock during March was about 56,000 tons.

An Interesting Table of Figures.

A closer examination reveals some interesting facts, however, as the following table shows:

	March increase in st'ks, t's.	Monthly reduction in ca'ity, tons.
Coke	15,000	23,000
Anthracite	18,000	9,000
Charcoal	22,000	4,000
Totals	56,000	36,000

This would indicate that coke iron consumption is gaining in production, that the reduction in output is inadequate in anthracite pig, and that charcoal iron is still piling up last.

The primary pig iron markets, so far as foundry and forge grades are concerned, show little change during the week. Chicago and Detroit report a heavier movement in charcoal iron, while Pittsburg notes a weakening tendency in Bessemer pig, without, however, reporting any business of magnitude.

Philadelphia, under a light trading, shows some irregularity in billets, and Pittsburg does not seem to be holding well to the nominal quotations reached when the majority of sellers and buyers had withdrawn.

In manufactured iron and steel the hopes entertained concerning the beginning of spring business have not been realized thus far, although the pipe trade is showing indications of a revival in Pittsburg. Plates still rank first as the most sharply contested branch. The Buffalo order was, like the Syracuse business, captured by Pittsburg, after a very sharp struggle.

English Sellers Cut Right Out.

Chicago reports quite a lively movement in merchant steel, and notes as an item of special interest that Howe, Brown & Co. have taken an order for tool steel for Mexico, in direct competition with English sellers.

To-day is to settle the question whether the European copper interest will fall into line with American producers in keeping production within bounds. There have been some purchases of lead by consumers, while spelter is better under further export sales. Spot tetne plates have sold in a more liberal way.

The foreign markets are reviewed by cable from London as follows:

Very little change has taken place in the pig-iron warrant market, and dealings are still on a limited scale, despite continued withdrawals of stock from store and limited production. The latter influences are apparently offset by general trade depression. Inside holders of warrants are evidently awaiting a further depletion of stocks before engaging in extensive operations. Outsiders still hold aloof. Exports of pig iron last month were 37,000 tons, against 55,000 tons in March, 1891. There are now only 78 Scotch and 8 Cleveland furnaces blowing. Late trading in warrants was at 41s for Scotch, 37s 9½d for Cleveland and 47s for hematite. Stocks in Connal's stores now include 482,000 tons Scotch and 129,000 tons Cleveland:

Little Change in Pig Tin.

Pig tin has been firm, with cash lots in good request, but very little outside speculative interest. The general situation is about same as it was last week.

Prices for merchant copper receded early in the week to £45 6s 3d, but have since improved under free buying, believed to have been in good part for American account.

Dividends on mining shares are announced as follows: Rio Tinto 10 per cent, Tharsis, 12 per cent; Mason Barry, 1 per cent—a small dividend on the latter, due to expense of reconstruction.

For tin plate there has been a brisk inquiry, but the proportion of business was small, owing to difference in buyers' and sellers' views. Exports last month 36,000 tons, against 47,000 tons in March, 1891. The quantity sent to the United States was 23,000 tons and 38,000 tons, respectively. Stocks at shipping ports show a further increase. Work is soon to be resumed at the Tretorest mills.

Turpentine Markets.

NEW YORK—Rosin quiet and firm; turpentine quiet and steady.

WILMINGTON—Spirits of turpentine firm at 33c. Rosin quiet; strained, $1 15; good strained, $1 20. Tar steady at $1 25. Crude turpentine steady; hard, $1 10; yellow dip, $2 25; virgin, $2 25.

SAVANNAH—Turpentine steady at 32½c. Rosin firm at $1 45@1 50.

CHARLESTON — Turpentine steady at 32½c. Rosin firm; good strained, $1 15 bid.

The Coffee Markets.

NEW YORK, April 14.—Coffee options opened barely steady and 10@20 points down; closed barely steady and 20@25 points down; sales, 21,000 bags, including April, 12.40@12.50c; May, 12.15@12.20c; June, 11.80c; July, 11.70@11.80c; August, 11.70c; September, 11.70@11.75c; November, 11.55c; December, 11.65@11.75c. Spot Rio dull and nominal; No. 7, 13½c.

BALTIMORE, April 14.—Coffee dull; Rio cargoes, fair, 17c; No. 7, 13½@13¾c.

The Drygoods Market.

NEW YORK, April 14.—The drygoods market disclosed little new interest, yet there was an active request for fall dress goods and more interest in flannels, blankets and underwear. Agents have not made prices of cotton flannels, and they are, accordingly, passed over for the present.

The Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, April 14.—Pig iron dull and steady: American, $14 75@16 25. Copper quiet; lake, $11 80 bid, $11 90 asked. Lead firm; domestic, $4 25@4 27½. Tin strong; straits, $20 65 bid, $20 20 asked.

Wool Markets.

ST. LOUIS—Wool—Receipts, 36,000 pounds; shipments, 4,000 pounds. Market very quiet and unchanged.

How Oscar Wilde Got a Smoke.

[Pall Mall Budget.]

A good thing, attributed rightly or wrongly to Mr. Oscar Wilde, is going the round of the dinner tables. Oscar, so the story goes, was once profoundly bored after dinner and much irritated at the tardiness of his hostess in leaving the table and making way for the cigarettes. Suddenly some one remarked that a lamp on the table was smoking. "Happy lamp!" said Oscar, and the hostess took the hint.

London's Latest Dancing Shoe.

The "Nautch Girl" shoe is the latest novelty in dancing shoes in London. It is made of satin in pretty colors—pale green, pink, sky blue, cardinal, golden brown, and other shades—and has an instep strap trimmed with gold sequins and little bells that jingle pleasantly.

WHEAT BREAKS AGAIN.

A Net Loss of 1 1-2 Cent for the Day—No Support for Prices Either at Home or Abroad—The Crop Summary Bearish.

CHICAGO—There was no local support to prices of wheat, and outside buying orders were wholly lacking. Corn, oats, pork, lard and ribs all suffered. A break of nearly 2c in wheat occurred, and the closing to-night compared with 24 hours previous shows a net loss of about 1½c. While the opening sales were at very near the closing figures of last night, the market betrayed much weakness right from the start, and a decline of 1¼c soon resulted. The public cables came in steady to higher, but the private advices received were quite the opposite. Domestic markets were also inclined to sell lower. Trade was dull and the business very narrow, being chiefly confined to the professional talent and room-traders. The Cincinnati *Price Current's* crop summary of the winter wheat situation was generally thought quite bearish, as showing that substantial progress had been made during the week, and that confidence in a good crop was increasing, while the authorities of Michigan, in their official report, gave the condition in that State as very satisfactory and nearly equal to that of a year ago. The result was a gradual development of weakness. The demand grew very slack and the selling was generous.

May opened at 81⅜@82c, but ruled heavy, and soon went off to 80¾c: There was then a stiff rally to 81⅝c, but it soon started on the down grade again; touched 80¾c; rallied some, and at 12 o'clock was about 80¾c. During the last hour there was some rally on a general disposition of shorts to cover in view of the holiday to-morrow. The fact that Paris cables came in a shade higher also helped some. Market selling at 80¾c, sparingly reacted to 80⅞c, and at the close was steady at 80⅝c.

Corn was rather firm early and ⅜c higher for May, influenced by the bad weather which was expected to cut off receipts and affect the grading; but on the subsequent break in wheat corn soon lost all its firmness and sold off about ⅜c. There was not much activity, and the market closed heavy at little better than bottom prices.

Oats ruled lower, largely due to heavy receipts. There was a fair trade. May began at 29¾c, advanced to 29¾@29⅞c, and then declined to 28¾c, recovering later to 28⅞c, the closing price, which was ⅛c below last evening's final figures.

The trade in provisions was light and the prices easier. A good demand for hogs reported from the yards gave momentary strength at the opening, but the subsequent weakness in grain had a sympathetic influence and was worked by the local scalpers to their profit. May pork opened at from $10 17½ to $10 20, but declined in the course of an hour's trading to $10 05 and closed at $10 10, against $10 20 yesterday.

There will be no session of the Board to-morrow—Good Friday.

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

ARTICLES.	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
WHEAT, No. 2.				
April	$ 82	$ 82	80¾	80¾
May	82	82	80¾	80¾
July	82½	82½	80⅝	80⅝
CORN, No. 2.				
April	40¾	41	40¾	40¾
May	41¼	41¼	40¾	40¾
June	38¾	38¾	38½	38½
OATS, No. 2.				
May	29¾	29¾	28¾	28¾
June	28⅞	28⅞	28½	28¼
MESS PORK.				
May	10 20	10 20	10 05	10 10
July	10 30	10 30	10 17½	10 22½
LARD.				
May	6 12½	6 25	6 20	6 22½
July	6 32½	6 32½	6 30	6 32½
SHORT RIBS.				
May	5 62½	5 62½	5 57½	5 60
July	5 72½	5 72½	5 70	5 72½

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour unsettled, dealers a little firm in their views. No. 2 spring wheat, 80¾c; No. 3 spring wheat, f. o. b., 75@83c; No. 2 red, 85¾c; No. 2 corn, 39¾@40¼c; No. 2 oats, 28¾@29c; No. 2 white, 31½@31¾c; No. 3 white, 29¾@30½c; No. 2 rye, 75c; No. 2 barley, 55@60c; No. 3, f. o. b., 42@57c; No. 4, f. o. b., 30@43c; No. 1 flaxseed, 97¼@98c; prime timothy seed, $1 26@1 32. Mess pork per bbl., $10 02½@10 05. Lard, per 100 lbs., $6 22½@6 25. Short rib sides (loose), $5 57½@5 60; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4 50@5 00; short clear sides (boxed), $6 17½@6 30. Whisky, distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1 13. Sugars unchanged. No. 3 corn, 39½c.

On the Produce Exchange to-day the butter market was quiet and firmer; fancy creamery, 21½@22c; fine Western, 20½@21c; ordinary, 18@20c; fine dairy, 19@21c. Eggs steady at 12½@13c.

NEW YORK—Flour quiet and weak. Cornmeal quiet. Wheat—Spot lower and fairly active. No. 2 red, 96½c, store and elevator, 96¾c; $81 01½. No. 3 red, Western, 88½c; $81 01½. No. 1 Northern, 94½@97½c; No. 2 Northern, 91¼@92c. Options—No. 2 red, April, 92½@94c, closing at 92½c; May, 90⅞@92½c, closing at 91½c; June, 90½@91½c, closing at 90½c; July, 91¾c, closing at 90½c; August, 89¾@91c, closing at 90c; September, 89½@90⅝c, closing at 89½c; December, 91¾@93c, closing at 91¾c. Rye easy and quiet; Western, 87@90c. Barley dull. Corn—Spots irregular, closing weaker; moderate business; No. 2, 49@50c; elevator, 50@51c afloat; ungraded mixed, 47½@51c; steamer mixed, 48½@49½c. Options—April, 49@49½c, closing at 49¼c; May, 46⅝@47c, closing at 46¾c; June, 45½@45¾c, closing 45¾c; July, 45¼@45⅝c, closing at 45½c; August, 45¾@46c, closing at 45¾c. Oats—Spots low, heavy and dull; options dull and weaker; April, 35½c; May, 34½@34¾c, closing 34½c; June, 34¼c; July, 36½@36¾c; spot—No. 2 white, 36½@37½c; mixed Western, 34@37c; white do, 35@41c. Hay quiet and steady. Hops in fair demand. Tallow firm. Eggs quiet and weak: Western, 13½c. Hides quiet and steady. Pork dull and steady; mess, $10 50@10 75; family, $11 50@12 00. Cut meats in fair demand and steady: pickled bellies, 5½@6c; middles firm; short clear, $6 40@6 60. Lard opened strong and closed weak; Western steam closed $6 50; Options—May, $6 53, closing at $6 50 bid. July, $6 60; August, $6 68. Butter in fair demand, steady: Western dairy, 13½@17c; do creamery, 16@24c; do factory, 12@16c; Elgin, 22@24c. Cheese in moderate demand, old weak; part skims, 5@9c.

PHILADELPHIA—Flour slow. Wheat weak, declined ⅛c under general pressure to sell: No. 2 red, April, 93⅝@94⅛c; May, 94@94⅛c; June, 94@92½c; July, 92⅝@93⅛c. Corn—Options ⅛c lower; car lots steady; No. 2 mixed in grain depot and elevator, 46c; No. 3 in export elevator 44c; steamer in do, 45½@45¾c; No. 2 yellow, 49½c; No. 3 mixed in export elevator, 49½c; No. 2 mixed, April, 46½@46¾c; May, 46¼@46½c; June, 45½@45¾c; July, 45¾@46c. Oats—Car lots firm, but not much demand; No. 3 white, 37c; No. 2 white, 38½c; do on track, 38½c; choice No. 2 white, 38½c; No. 3 white April, 37½@38c; May, 36¾@37¼c; June, 36¼@37½c; July, 36¼@37½c. Eggs weaker, demand fair; Pennsylvania firsts, 14½c.

BALTIMORE—Wheat steady; No. 2 red, spot and April, 90c; May, 90⅞@91⅛c; June, 92¼c bid; steamer No. 2 red, 87c bid. Corn steady; mixed spot, 48@48½c; April, 47¾@48¼c; May, 46⅞c bid; June, 45½c bid; July, 46½c asked; steamer, mixed, 44@44½c bid. Oats quiet; No. 2 white Western, 38@38½c; No. 2 mixed do, 34½@35c. Rye firm; No. 2, 87½c. Hay active and firm; good to choice timothy, $14 50@15 50. Provisions steady and unchanged. Butter firm; creamery, fancy, 23@24c; do, fair to choice, 21c; do, fancy, 18c; good to choice, 16@17c; roils, fine, 18c; do, fair to good, 15@17c; store packed, 14@16c. Eggs steady at 13½@14c.

NEW ORLEANS—Sugar firm; open kettle, choice, 3½c; fully fair to prime, 3¼c; good common to good fair, 2 13-16@3c; common, 2¾@2 11-16c; inferior, 2¼c; centrifugal, choice yellow clarified, 3⅞c; prime do, 3⅝@3 13-16c; off yellow, 3¼@3⅝c; seconds, 2 9-16@3⅛c. Molasses—Centrifugal firm; strictly prime, 19c; good prime, 15@17c; fair to prime, 10@13c; common to good, 6@9c.

ST. LOUIS—Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat—No. 2 red, cash, 84½c; May, 84½c bid; July, 79¾c; August, 78¾c. Corn—No. 2, cash, 34½c; May closed at 36½c; July, 36½c. Oats lower; No. 2, cash, 30⅝c; May, 30½c; July, 26½c bid. Rye dull; No. 2 cash sales, April, offered at 81c. Barley nothing done. Provisions very quiet, with only a jobbing trade at previous quotations.

CINCINNATI—Flour dull and heavy; Wheat easier: No. 2 red, 90½@91c. Corn easy. No. 2 mixed, 42@42½c. Oats barely steady; No. 2 mixed, 32½@32¾c. Rye dull and lower; No. 2, 88@89c. Pork steady at $10 37½. Lard steady at $6 65. Bulkmeats easier at $5 65. Bacon easier at $6 70. Butter active. Eggs dull at 11½c. Cheese steady.

MINNEAPOLIS—Wheat—No. 1 Northern, April, closing at 77¾c; May, opening, 78¾c, highest, 78⅞@79c; lowest, 77¾c; closing, 77¾c; July, opening, 81½c; highest, 81½c; lowest, 80c; closing, 80½c; on track, No. 1 hard, 81½c; No. 1 Northern, 80c. No. 2 Northern, 76@88c.

DULUTH—Wheat—No. 1 hard cash, 81½c; April, 80c; May, 82½c; July, 84½c. No. 1 Northern, cash, 79½c; April, 77¾c; May, 81½c; June 81½c; July, 82½c. No. 2 Northern, cash, 73c; No. 3, 67c; rejected, 60c; on track, No. 1 hard, 81½c; No. 1 Northern, 80½c.

TOLEDO—Wheat lower: No. 2 cash, 91½c; May, 91½c; July, 84¾c; August, 83½c. Corn dull and steady; No. 2 cash, 40c; No. 3, 39½c; No. 4, 37½c. Oats quiet; cash, 31½c. Rye dull; cash, 81c.

KANSAS CITY—The grain market was very dull, no sales in wheat or oats being recorded. Corn—No. 2 cash, 34½c; April, 33⅝@33¾c. Butter weak at 20@23c. Eggs steady at 11c.

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THE CITY'S GROWTH.

Nearly a Million Dollars Invested in Buildings This Year.

THE RECORD OF THE YEAR TO DATE

What Rapid Transit Is Doing to Develop the Suburban Districts.

PECULIARITIES OF LEADING STREETS

Lists of buildings in course of construction or for which plans have been prepared given in this column from time to time, show that operations in this line are of greater magnitude than generally supposed. The Inspector's office figures to date show these results: January, 52 permits, 65 improvements, $87,824; February, 137 permits, 159 improvements, $194,886; March, 178 permits, 224 improvements, $355,618; April, to date, 86 permits, 113 improvements, $177,264. Total permits, in a little over three months, 453, representing 561 improvements, the large majority dwellings, at an estimated cost of $815,592. Considering the long period of bad weather and almost impassable streets which materially retarded activity in this line of business, and which are still serious drawbacks, the record is highly satisfactory. It shows that Pittsburg is growing right along in defiance of obstacles.

Encouragement for Home-Seekers.

Rapid transit has opened a large field for home-seekers in the suburbs. Almost every thrifty person in the city wants to be a land owner. Those unable to purchase in any of the old districts on account of high prices, can, without much inconvenience, pitch their tents in new territory brought into the market and made available by improved transportation. Of all the influences which have combined to expand the material growth of Pittsburg rapid transit is by far the most important. It has built up thousands of acres which under the old system of locomotion were practically worthless. This accession of territory and its improvement have added largely to the revenue of the city by increasing the number of taxpayers. It will be years before Pittsburg will accomplish its destiny by absorbing the county, but with the progress of rapid transit the work will go forward until consummated. New commercial and business centers will be established capable of sustaining large populations, and comfortable homes fill the valleys and hillsides. To some this forecast may seem too enthusiastic, but that it is based on probability is shown by the interest which rich men are taking in county real estate. They could give no stronger proof of their faith in the future of the city.

Diversion of Business.

Many of the downtown streets exhibit peculiarities which are seen nowhere else, and are boomed by influences which either do not exist or have no weight in other quarters. Fourth avenue, for instance, is largely devoted to the banking, brokerage and real estate interests. Commission men monopolize the best part of Liberty street. Fifth avenue is the fashionable shopping thoroughfare. The iron trade is concentrated on Water street. This has been the custom for so many years that it is next to impossible to convince any of these people that they could do as well or better elsewhere. But there are signs of a change which will bring in a new era by breaking up old associations and forming new ones. Improvements are under way or in contemplation which will drive certain kinds of business from the leading thoroughfares to the side streets or beyond the so-called business center. In this way the business area will be enlarged and all interests benefited. It will be a great thing for Pittsburg when outsiders cease complaining of inability to secure business stands in good locations; but the greatest benefit which the new order of things will confer upon the community will be its restraining influence upon owners in the matter of rents.

Homes for the People.

Ten permits were issued yesterday representing 14 improvements, aggregating $23,785. The most important are these: Henry Smith, four brick dwellings on Elm street, Seventh ward, $9,000; W. M. Granger, brick dwelling on Dithridge street, Eleventh ward, $7,000; James H. Riffell, frame dwelling on Joel street, Thirty-second ward, $1,450; J. C. Armstrong, frame dwelling on Taylor street, Sixteenth ward, $1,985. Seven were for less than $1,000.

Special Features of Trade.

Stock and financial institutions of the city will be closed to-day.

The building fund of the Sixth U. P. Church has been increased to $102,000. Several of the wealthy members remain to be heard from.

Ground will soon be broken for two nice dwellings on Locust street, Edgewood. Talk s again heard of sub-dividing a part of the McKelvy farm adjoining the borough on the northeast.

Baltimore and Ohio stock has been listed on the London Stock Exchange.

The next dividend on 1,000 shares of Northern Pacific preferred has been sold by an ex-official of the company for one-half of 1 per cent.

The annual report of the Fidelity Title and Trust Company, relating to the sinking funds of the city, affords evidence not only of public confidence in the integrity and capacity of the management of this institution, but also of the magnitude of its operations. The Fidelity has clearly demonstrated that it is no longer necessary to resort to Philadelphia or New York to secure the capable handling of large trust and corporation interests.

Henry M. Long yesterday sold $6,000 Pleasant Valley lateral 5s at 101½. In New York $25,000 Pittsburg and Western 4s brought 82¾.

Realty Rather Slack.

Man proposes, but the weather disposes. Several engagements to show suburban property yesterday were broken by the rain. The result was a dull day.

It is reported that Wood, Harmon & Co are the people who are dickering for a large slice of acreage at Swissvale.

A. Leggate & Son sold at auction the Shoenberger property on Liberty avenue, between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets, being a lot 40x100 and improvements, for $13,800.

Black & Baird sold to R. S. Smith a lot on Marlepoe avenue, corner of May alley, Bon Venue place, East End, 50x120 feet, for $2,000.

W. A. Cole sold for I. H. Aaron a two-story frame of seven rooms, all modern improvements, lot 36x110 feet, on Lamar street, Wilkinsburg, for $3,500; also sold for same, two lots, each 20x100 feet, in the Sawyer plan, Eighteenth ward, for $600.

A. Z. Byers & Co. sold for John C. Hierholzer to Frank Huckestein a vacant piece of ground in the Fourth ward, fronting 60 feet on Church avenue, extending through 284 feet to Liberty street. Consideration, $13,000

The Burrell Improvement Company report the following sale of lots at Kensington: William N. Voegtly, lots 18 and 19, block 18, $800; Daniel W. Dewalt and Daniel T. James, north half lot 36, block 8, $375; D. E. Weis, Harrold, 10 feet north lot 36 and 10 feet south lot 37, block 9, $325 33; Joseph and Margie Rutkowski, north half lot 35, block 8, $350; Mrs. Annie Monroe, lot 16, west half block 11, $325; Stanley Chesky, lot 26, west half block 12, $276 25; Mrs. Eliza J. Moore, lot 54, block 7, $325.

HOME SECURITIES.

THE NATURAL GASSERS STILL HOLD ADVANCED GROUND.

Philadelphia Kited on Tips of a Bullish Statement in May—The Rest Strong in Sympathy—Street Railways Quiet and Without Much Change.

The natural gassers were again the leading features on 'Change yesterday. Philadelphia scored a good advance at the afternoon session on reports believed to be authentic that the May statement of the company will be the best ever issued, showing nearly all the debt wiped out and greatly enlarged earning capacity. Talk was strong of a 6 per cent dividend.

The street railways were neglected at the early calls, but became somewhat prominent in the afternoon. Manchester was firm. Central was a trifle weaker. There were no offerings of Duquesne. Luster finished a fraction better than the opening. Switch, Airbrake and Cable were unchanged.

The Thomson-Houston people are said to have recently made, indirectly, another proposition for the control of the Westinghouse property, but the same was not entertained. The company's officials are well satisfied with the present condition of affairs and have no desire whatever to enter the electrical combination.

Sales at first call were 25 Luster at 9¼ 30, at 9¾; 20 Philadelphia Gas at 189¾ 100 at 189¼; 100 Chartiers Gas at 19¼; 15 Duquesne Traction at 26.

After call 60 Manchester Traction changed hands at 39¾.

Second call, 30 Switch sold at 15, and after call 20 Luster at 9¾ and 25 Switch at 18½.

Sales at third call were 100 Birmingham Traction at 26; 40 Manchester Traction at 39¾; 100 Central Traction at 29; 200 Philadelphia Gas at 189¼; 10 at 189¾; 10 Duquesne at 26¼. Bids and offers in detail:

EXCHANGE STOCKS.	FIRST CALL. B.	FIRST CALL. A.	SECOND CALL. B.	SECOND CALL. A.	THIRD CALL. B.	THIRD CALL. A.
Freehold Bank	....	....	....	91	....	....
I. and G. Da. Sav	....	....	134	133	....	138
M. & M. Nat. Bk	....	....	61	....	....	....
Bridgewater	....	....	....	....	86	....
Char. Val. Gas	12¾	....	12¾	....	12¼	14
F. N. G. & P. C.	....	12½	12¾	12½	12¾	12¾
Philadelphia Co.	18¼	18¼	18¼	18⅜	18¼	18¾
Wheeling G. Co.	....	21½	19½	21½	....	20½
Central Traction	28⅞	....	28⅞	29½	28¾	29½
Citizens' Traction	62¾	....	62¾	62¾	62¾	....
Pleasant Valley	23	....	25	....	26	....
Second Avenue	....	....	....	80	....	....
P., V. & Ashta.	33	41	....	....	....	....
P. Junc. R. R. Co.	29	....	....	....	....	....
Pg., Wh. & Ky.	50	51½	....	....	55	51½
N. Y. & C. G. C.	50	57	....	....	50	....
Luster Min. Co.	9¼	9⅜	9¼	9⅜	9½	9¾
East End Elec.	....	....	....	....	25	....
West. Electric	....	....	....	19	....	....
Monon. Nav.	....	....	....	....	60	....
Mon. Water Co.	....	....	....	....	....	80¼
U. S. & S. Co.	15	16	15	15¼	15	15¼
U. S. & S. Co. pf.	....	38	38	....	....	38
West. Airbrake	110	....	110	....	110	112
W. Brake Co. Lim	....	95	....	....	....	....
S. U. Cable Co.	....	....	75	....	76	76

COALERS AND INDUSTRIALS

ALMOST MONOPOLIZE THE BUSINESS ON WALL STREET.

Ontario and Western Prominent for a Moment Among the Specialties—Lake Shore, an Exception, Rises Steadily All Day—Railroad Bonds Rather Lively.

NEW YORK, April 14.—In to-day's market the Coal Stocks furnished a large portion of the business done, and in all of them marked gains were seen. The Industrials were the only other group of stocks showing any animation, and of the specialties only Ontario and Western made any improvement. Pending the holidays there was a natural desire on the part of those having ventures in the market to even up, and as the bulk of the outstanding contracts were those on the short side, the covering movement at one time assumed considerable proportions, especially in the Coalers, and most of the material advance in those shares is attributed to this interest.

The general market showed the general apathy of business, though the firm temper was animated to the end. The opening prices were in almost all cases from ⅛@⅜ per cent better than those of last evening, and the early dealings saw further slight improvements all along the line, but only in the Coal Stocks and the Industrials was there anything like animation, and the important movements were confined to a few of them. Among the specialties Ontario and Western became prominent, but this movement was extremely short-lived, though it attained material proportions while it lasted.

The only stock outside of the Coalers and Industrials which scored any material advance was Lake Shore, which rose steadily throughout the day, and in this respect was a marked contrast to the main strong points of the day. The close was quiet but firm after the reaction, generally at fractional gains over last night's figures. The important changes, however, include advances of 1¾ per cent each in Lackawanna, 1¼ Short rib sides (loose), $5 57½@5 60; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4 50@5 00; short clear sides (boxed), $6 17½@6 30. Whisky, distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1 13. Sugars unchanged. No. 3 corn, 39½c.

On the Produce Exchange to-day the butter market was quiet and firmer; fancy creamery, 21½@22c; fine Western, 20½@21c; ordinary, 18@20c; fine dairy, 19@21c. Eggs steady at 12½@13c.

NEW YORK—Flour quiet and weak. Cornmeal quiet. Wheat—Spot lower and fairly active. No. 2 red, 96½c, store and elevator, 96¾c; $81 01½. No. 3 red, Western, 88½c; $81 01½. No. 1 Northern, 94½@97½c; No. 2 Northern, 91¼@92c. Options—No. 2 red, April, 92½@94c, closing at 92½c; May, 90⅞@92½c, closing at 91½c; June, 90½@91½c, closing at 90½c; July, 91¾c, closing at 90½c; August, 89¾@91c, closing at 90c; September, 89½@90⅝c, closing at 89½c; December, 91¾@93c, closing at 91¾c. Rye easy and quiet; Western, 87@90c. Barley dull. Corn—Spots irregular, closing weaker; moderate business; No. 2, 49@50c; elevator, 50@51c afloat; ungraded mixed, 47½@51c; steamer mixed, 48½@49½c. Options—April, 49@49½c, closing at 49¼c; May, 46⅝@47c, closing at 46¾c; June, 45½@45¾c, closing 45¾c; July, 45¼@45⅝c, closing at 45½c; August, 45¾@46c, closing at 45¾c. Oats—Spots low, heavy and dull; options dull and weaker; April, 35½c; May, 34½@34¾c, closing 34½c; June, 34¼c; July, 36½@36¾c; spot—No. 2 white, 36½@37½c; mixed Western, 34@37c; white do, 35@41c. Hay quiet and steady. Hops in fair demand. Tallow firm. Eggs quiet and weak: Western, 13½c. Hides quiet and steady. Pork dull and steady; mess, $10 00@10 50; family, $11 50@12 00. Cut meats in fair demand and steady: pickled bellies, 5½@6c; middles firm; short clear, $6 40@6 60. Lard opened strong and closed weak; Western steam closed $6 50; Options—May, $6 53, closing at $6 50 bid. July, $6 60; August, $6 68. Butter in fair demand, steady: Western dairy, 13½@17c; do creamery, 16@24c; do factory, 12@16c; Elgin, 22@24c. Cheese in moderate demand, old weak; part skims, 5@9c.

PHILADELPHIA—Flour slow. Wheat weak, declined ⅛c under general pressure to sell: No. 2 red, April, 93⅝@94⅛c; May, 94@94⅛c; June, 94@92½c; July, 92⅝@93⅛c. Corn—Options ⅛c lower; car lots steady; No. 2 mixed in grain depot and elevator, 46c; No. 3 in export elevator 44c; steamer in do, 45½@45¾c; No. 2 yellow, 49½c; No. 3 mixed in export elevator, 49½c; No. 2 mixed, April, 46½@46¾c; May, 46¼@46½c; June, 45½@45¾c; July, 45¾@46c. Oats—Car lots firm, but not much demand; No. 3 white, 37c; No. 2 white, 38½c; do on track, 38½c; choice No. 2 white, 38½c; No. 3 white April, 37½@38c; May, 36¾@37¼c; June, 36¼@37½c; July, 36¼@37½c. Eggs weaker, demand fair; Pennsylvania firsts, 14½c.

BALTIMORE—Wheat steady; No. 2 red, spot and April, 90c; May, 90⅞@91⅛c; June, 92¼c bid; steamer No. 2 red, 87c bid. Corn steady; mixed spot, 48@48½c; April, 47¾@48¼c; May, 46⅞c bid; June, 45½c bid; July, 46½c asked; steamer, mixed, 44@44½c bid. Oats quiet; No. 2 white Western, 38@38½c; No. 2 mixed do, 34½@35c. Rye firm; No. 2, 87½c. Hay active and firm; good to choice timothy, $14 50@15 50. Provisions steady and unchanged. Butter firm; creamery, fancy, 23@24c; do, fair to choice, 21c; do, fancy, 18c; good to choice, 16@17c; roils, fine, 18c; do, fair to good, 15@17c; store packed, 14@16c. Eggs steady at 13½@14c.

NEW ORLEANS—Sugar firm; open kettle, choice, 3½c; fully fair to prime, 3¼c; good common to good fair, 2 13-16@3c; common, 2¾@2 11-16c; inferior, 2¼c; centrifugal, choice yellow clarified, 3⅞c; prime do, 3⅝@3 13-16c; off yellow, 3¼@3⅝c; seconds, 2 9-16@3⅛c. Molasses—Centrifugal firm; strictly prime, 19c; good prime, 15@17c; fair to prime, 10@13c; common to good, 6@9c.

ST. LOUIS—Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat—No. 2 red, cash, 84½c; May, 84½c bid; July, 79¾c; August, 78¾c. Corn—No. 2, cash, 34½c; May closed at 36½c; July, 36½c. Oats lower; No. 2, cash, 30⅝c; May, 30½c; July, 26½c bid. Rye dull; No. 2 cash sales, April, offered at 81c. Barley nothing done. Provisions very quiet, with only a jobbing trade at previous quotations.

CINCINNATI—Flour dull and heavy; Wheat easier: No. 2 red, 90½@91c. Corn easy. No. 2 mixed, 42@42½c. Oats barely steady; No. 2 mixed, 32½@32¾c. Rye dull and lower; No. 2, 88@89c. Pork steady at $10 37½. Lard steady at $6 65. Bulkmeats easier at $5 65. Bacon easier at $6 70. Butter active. Eggs dull at 11½c. Cheese steady.

MINNEAPOLIS—Wheat—No. 1 Northern, April, closing at 77¾c; May, opening, 78¾c, highest, 78⅞@79c; lowest, 77¾c; closing, 77¾c; July, opening, 81½c; highest, 81½c; lowest, 80c; closing, 80½c; on track, No. 1 hard, 81½c; No. 1 Northern, 80c. No. 2 Northern, 76@88c.

DULUTH—Wheat—No. 1 hard cash, 81½c; April, 80c; May, 82½c; July, 84½c. No. 1 Northern, cash, 79½c; April, 77¾c; May, 81½c; June 81½c; July, 82½c. No. 2 Northern, cash, 73c; No. 3, 67c; rejected, 60c; on track, No. 1 hard, 81½c; No. 1 Northern, 80½c.

TOLEDO—Wheat lower: No. 2 cash, 91½c; May, 91½c; July, 84¾c; August, 83½c. Corn dull and steady; No. 2 cash, 40c; No. 3, 39½c; No. 4, 37½c. Oats quiet; cash, 31½c. Rye dull; cash, 81c.

KANSAS CITY—The grain market was very dull, no sales in wheat or oats being recorded. Corn—No. 2 cash, 34½c; April, 33⅝@33¾c. Butter weak at 20@23c. Eggs steady at 11c.

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THE CITY'S GROWTH.

Nearly a Million Dollars Invested in Buildings This Year.

THE RECORD OF THE YEAR TO DATE

What Rapid Transit Is Doing to Develop the Suburban Districts.

PECULIARITIES OF LEADING STREETS

Lists of buildings in course of construction or for which plans have been prepared given in this column from time to time, show that operations in this line are of greater magnitude than generally supposed. The Inspector's office figures to date show these results: January, 52 permits, 65 improvements, $87,824; February, 137 permits, 159 improvements, $194,886; March, 178 permits, 224 improvements, $355,618; April, to date, 86 permits, 113 improvements, $177,264. Total permits, in a little over three months, 453, representing 561 improvements, the large majority dwellings, at an estimated cost of $815,592. Considering the long period of bad weather and almost impassable streets which materially retarded activity in this line of business, and which are still serious drawbacks, the record is highly satisfactory. It shows that Pittsburg is growing right along in defiance of obstacles.

Encouragement for Home-Seekers.

Rapid transit has opened a large field for home-seekers in the suburbs. Almost every thrifty person in the city wants to be a land owner. Those unable to purchase in any of the old districts on account of high prices, can, without much inconvenience, pitch their tents in new territory brought into the market and made available by improved transportation. Of all the influences which have combined to expand the material growth of Pittsburg rapid transit is by far