# FEATURES OF TRADE.

## Volume of Hardware Business Larger Than Last Season, but

## PRICES ARE LOWER THAN EVER.

### An Active Demand for Canned Meats Sends Up Quotations.

### BANANAS NOW AND IN OLDEN TIMES.

OFFICE OF THE DISPATCH, PITTSBURG, TUESDAY, May 3.

April's volume of trade in hardware lines, according to report of a representative of one of our leading firms, showed an increase of fully 15 per cent over the corresponding month of last year. There has been an extraordinary demand in the past week or two for garden tools, building hardware and fencing wire. Prices of wire are 10 per cent lower than they were last season, but price of raw material has declined to an equal degree. Galvanized barbed wire sells at $2 80@2 90 per cwt. Plain wire fencing ranges in price from $1 95 for No. 9, to $2 15 for No. 12. Galvanized plain wire is 50c to $1 per cwt above these figures.

Wire nails are selling at a basis of $1 75 and cut nails at $1 60. At these prices profits to manufacturers are well nigh obliterated. Nail manufacturers who can declare dividends at present prices must possess unusual advantages in securing raw materials. Pittsburg manufacturers of nails have of late years practically abandoned the nail trade, because there was nothing in it.

**Nails Sell Lower Than Ever.**

It was thought a year ago that prices of nails had touched bottom. But it seems that there was a lower stratum, and to-day the price of nails is lower than it has been in the history of the trade. In war times prices went up to $7 per keg. The same money will now buy about four and a half kegs.

The demand for refrigerators, ice cream freezers and fly screens has opened up earlier than usual this season, and all signs point to a much larger volume of trade this season than last in these lines.

In all hardware lines margins are close and the only salvation for the dealer is in large sales. The manufacturers who come out more than even at present prices, are not in the majority. Events have proved that Pittsburg nail makers who abandoned the trade years ago have been justified in their actions. To have continued in the trade would have entailed loss.

**Canned Meats Going Up.**

Trade in this line has been steadily on the gain of late, and prices of canned, chipped and roast beef have been advanced. Corned and roast beef have been advanced in the past week from $1 60 to $1 70 per dozen and chipped beef from $1 70 to $1 80. Volume of April's trade was fully 50 per cent larger than for the same month last year.

A representative of one of the leading Chicago firms, in an interview yesterday, said: "Our sales of corned and roast beef for April were equal to 5,000 cases, and we have now orders on our books for as much more. Notwithstanding recent advance prices are lower than they were at this time a year ago."

**Growth of the Banana Trade.**

The produce commission merchant, who brought the first barrel of bananas to Pittsburg in war times at a venture, is still hale and hearty, though he has retired from active business life. In a recent interview the retired merchant said that he had all he could do to dispose of that first barrel of bananas.

The change 'twixt now and then is demonstrated by the fact that it is no unusual thing for our dealers to receive 20 carloads of bananas in a single week. On Monday of this week an entire train of bananas, comprising 13 carloads was received by Thomas H. McGowan, a Liberty street commission merchant. And the difficulty of selling this amount was less than that of the original barrel which was received at the beginning of trade in this line.

# LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

### Receipts, Shipments and Prices at East Liberty and All Other Yards.

OFFICE OF THE DISPATCH, PITTSBURG, TUESDAY, May 3.

CATTLE—Receipts, 180 head; shipments, 160 head; market steady at yesterday's decline; no cattle shipped to New York to-day.

HOGS—Receipts, 2,000 head; shipments, 1,600 head; market very slow; all grades, $4 65@4 85; 1 car of hogs shipped to New York to-day.

SHEEP—Receipts, 2,500 head; shipments, 1,500 head; market very dull and 10@15c off from yesterday's decline.

**By Telegraph.**

**Chicago**—Cattle—Receipts, 4,000 head; shipments, 1,500; market steady to a trifle stronger; prime to extra steers, $4 20@5 00; good to choice, $4 00@4 10; others, $3 70@3 80; cedars, $3 00@3 75; stockers, $2 50@3 25; cows, $2 75@3 30. Hogs—Receipts, 12,000 head; shipments, 7,000 head; market active and steady; rough and common, $4 00@4 30; mixed and packers, $4 45@4 55; prime heavy and butchers' weights, $4 57½@4 65; light, $4 40@4 65. Sheep—Receipts, 10,000 head; shipments, 3,000 head; market dull and 15@30c lower; Texans, $3 10; Westerns, $6 00@6 30; wethers and yearlings, $6 50@6 80; clipped natives, $4 40@4 75; Texans, $3 50@4 00; lambs, $4 50@6 50.

**New York**—Beeves—Receipts, 955 head, all for exporters and slaughterers; no trade; feeling firm; dressed beef steady at 6@8c per lb; shipments to-morrow, 470 beeves and 3,108 quarters of beef; calves, receipts, 439 head; market steady; veals, $4 75@6 00. Sheep—Receipts, 439 head; market steady; clipped sheep, $5 50 per 100 lbs; unshorn do, $6 37½; clipped lambs, $6 35@6 37½; unshorn do, $6 75; dressed mutton steady at 9½@11c; dressed lambs higher at 11@12½c. Hogs—Receipts, 6,810 head, consigned direct; nominally steady at $4 90@5 30.

**St. Louis**—Cattle—Receipts, 2,255 head; shipments, 60 head; market 10@20c higher on all kinds; fair to choice native steers, $3 20@4 75; Texan and Indian steers range from $2 10@3 65. Hogs—Receipts, 6,955 head; shipments, 1,700 head; market opened 5@10c higher, but advance was lost toward the close; fair to prime heavy, $4 50@4 60; mixed, ordinary to best, $4 40@4 55. Sheep—Receipts, 3,670 head; shipments, 1,100 head; bulk of the receipts were through Texans; choice natives, $5 50@3 00.

**Buffalo**—Cattle—Receipts, 18 loads through, 3 sale; market steady. Hogs—Receipts, 18 loads through, 20 sale; market steady; heavy grades, $4 65@4 85; packers and medium, $4 70@4 75. Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 2 loads through, 21 sale; market steady for good lambs and slow for sheep; sheep, extra fancy wool, $6 25@6 50; good to choice, $6 00@6 20; fair to good, $5 50@5 50; lambs, good to extra wool, $7 25@7 50; fair to good do, $6 9@7 15.

**Kansas City**—Cattle—Receipts, 2,600 head; shipments, 400 head; steers were active and 10@15c higher at $3 30@4 25; cows strong at $1 75@3 50; stockers and feeders steady at $3 00@3 75. Hogs—Receipts, 8,700 head; shipments, 200 head; market active and 5c lower, closing 5@10c higher; all grades, $4 60@4 45; bulk, $4 30@4 37½. Sheep—Receipts, 1,130 head; shipments, 600 head; market quiet and steady.

**Omaha**—Cattle—Receipts, 2,000 head; market 10@15c higher; common to fancy steers, $3 00@4 50; Westerns, $2 50@3 50. Hogs—Receipts, 6,000 head; market firm and 10c higher; light, $4 30@4 45; heavy, $4 25@4 35; mixed, $4 30@4 35. Sheep—Receipts 420 head; natives, $4 50@6 10; Westerns, $4 50@6 00; lambs, $4 50@6 75.

**Cincinnati**—Hogs firm, higher; common and light, $3 50@4 55; packing and butchers, $4 50@4 65; receipts, 2,200; shipments, 1,700. Cattle quiet at $2 25@4 00; receipts, 230; shipments, 300. Sheep weaker at $4 25@6 00; receipts, 270; shipments, 200. Lambs weak and lower; common to choice, $5 00@6 50 per 100 pounds.

### Wool Markets.

PHILADELPHIA—Wool in improved demand at unchanged prices.

NEW YORK—Wool steady and fairly active; domestic fleece, 26½@35c; pulled, 20@32c Texas, 15@22c.

BOSTON.—The demand for wool has been good and steady; scarcity of desirable selections and the firmness abroad make holders here steadier in their views; Ohio and Pennsylvania fleeces sell at 26½@27c for X and at 27½@28c for XX; Michigan No. 1 has been steady at 25c; No. 1 wools have been scarce and quiet at 32@33c for Ohio, and at 31@32c for Michigan; combing and delaine fleeces have been dull and nominal at previous prices; unwashed combing would have been firm at 26@28c for one-quarter and three-eighths blood; Territory wools have been well sold up and have been quiet at 55@58c, clean, for fine; at 52@55c for fine medium, and at 50@53c for medium; Texas, California and Oregon wools have been without change; in pulled wools there have been sales of choice supers at 38@40c; of good supers at 30@38c, and of extras at 22@30c; extra fine has been in steady demand at 32@41c, as to quality; foreign carpet wools have been steady.

# FIRM, BUT VERY TAME.

### All Grains Steady Throughout the Day, While Not Very Strong—Large Amounts on Ocean Passage Counterbalanced by Light Offerings—Some Bullish Weather.

CHICAGO—Wheat opened very tame this morning, but with prices a shade better, and for a considerable time there was but little business and very little change in values. Cables showed dullness and steadiness. Domestic markets, while apparently firm were not showing much strength. The amount of wheat and flour on ocean passage and the narrowness and dullness of trade kept the market from showing any particular strength during the first hour; but it was soon noticed that the offerings were exceedingly light and that they were readily absorbed, so the market began to harden. Serious weather conditions in the Northwest were also reported. The crowd seemed to be short and this kind of news set them to covering, and with but little for sale there was a gradual advance of ⅜c, but it was accomplished with little or no excitement or effort, and when once gained the advance was well held for most of the session.

May opened ⅛c higher at 80⅝c, and advanced to 81⅛c; July started with the same appreciation at 80⅝c, and sold up to 81⅛c. Toward the close there was some realizing on the advance, accompanied by a recession to 80¾c for May and 81⅛c for July, at which the market closed firm.

Corn showed a good deal of strength, and prices were decidedly higher. The bad weather chiefly, the excessive rains in the corn region, caused some apprehension, and there was good speculative buying, as well as sharp covering by shorts. The firmness continued till near the end of the session, when, as in wheat, there was some reaction. May opened ⅜c higher at 41⅛c; touched 42c; momentarily advanced to 42⅝c, and closed at 42⅝c. July shows a gain of 1c.

Oats were firm, influenced by the same reasons which affected the prices of corn and wheat, and closed with a net gain of ⅜@⅝c.

Hog products in more active demand and higher. There was some talk of a deal in ribs, with good active buying. Pork opened 5c higher at $9 62½ for July, advanced to $9 67½, weakened to $9 57½ on selling by packers, after which free bidding and light offerings caused the price to shoot up to $9 77½, but the market weakened toward the close and closed easy at $9 72½, an advance of 15c compared with yesterday's close. Lard and ribs followed the fluctuations in pork to quite an extent.

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. |
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| WHEAT, No. 2. | | | | |
| May | $ 80⅛ | $ 81⅛ | $ 80⅛ | $ 80⅞ |
| June | 80⅝ | 81½ | 80⅝ | 81⅛ |
| July | 80⅝ | 81½ | 80⅝ | 81⅛ |
| CORN, No. 2. | | | | |
| May | 41⅛ | 42⅝ | 41 | 42⅝ |
| June | 39½ | 40⅝ | 39½ | 40½ |
| July | 39⅝ | 41 | 39½ | 40½ |
| OATS, No. 2. | | | | |
| May | 28⅝ | 29 | 28¼ | 28¾ |
| June | 28⅛ | 28⅝ | 28 | 28⅝ |
| July | 28 | 28⅝ | 28 | 28⅝ |
| MESS PORK. | | | | |
| May | 9 42½ | 9 57½ | 9 37½ | 9 55 |
| July | 9 62½ | 9 77½ | 9 57½ | 9 72½ |
| LARD. | | | | |
| May | 6 12½ | 6 15 | 6 10 | 6 12½ |
| July | 6 25 | 6 27½ | 6 22½ | 6 25 |
| SHORT RIBS. | | | | |
| May | 5 67½ | 5 77½ | 5 65 | 5 77½ |
| July | 5 72½ | 5 85 | 5 72½ | 5 82½ |

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour dull and unchanged. No. 2 spring wheat, 80¾@81c; No. 3 spring wheat, 75¼; No. 2 red, 86½@87¾c; No. 2 corn, 41½@42½c; No. 2 oats, 29c; No. 2 white, 31@31½c; No. 3 white, 29¾@30c; No. 2 rye, 71c; No. 2 barley, 60@62c; No. 3, f. o. b., 50@60c; No. 4, f. o. b., 38@44c; No. 1 flaxseed, 98½c; prime timothy seed, $1 28@1 34. Mess pork, per barrel, $9 55@9 57½. Lard, per 100 pounds, $6 15@6 17½; short ribs sides (loose), $5 82½@5 95; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4 50@5 00; short clear sides (boxed), $6 17½@6 30; whisky, distillers' finished goods, per gallon, $1 13. Sugars unchanged. No. 3 new corn, 39½c. On the Produce Exchange to-day, the butter market was lower; fancy creamery, 19@20c; fine Western, 18@19c; ordinary, 16@17c; selected dairies, 17@18c; ordinary, 14@16c. Eggs, 13@14c.

NEW YORK—Flour fairly active and unsettled. Cornmeal dull. Wheat fairly active for export; No. 2 red, 97¼@98½c afloat; 96¾@98c f. o. b.; ungraded red, 84½@93½c; No. 1 Northern, 90@92½c; No. 2 Northern, 89c; No. 2 Chicago, 90¾@91½c; No. 2 Milwaukee, 89@89½c; options—No. 2 red, May, 89¾@90¼c, closing at 90c; June, 89¾@90¼c, closing at 90⅛c; July, 89⅞@90⅜c, closing at 90⅜c; August, 89⅞@90⅜c, closing at 90c; September, 89⅞@90⅜c, closing at 90c; October, 90⅛@90⅝c, closing at 90⅜c; December, 92@93c, closing at 92½c; May, 1893, 96½c. Corn—Spot higher and fairly active; light offerings; No. 2, 50½@51⅛c elevator, 51⅛@52c afloat; ungraded mixed, 45½@56c; No. 3, 45½c; steamer mixed, 48@49½c; options—May, 48½@50¼c, closing at 49¾c; June, 46¾@47½c, closing at 47c; July, 46¾@47½c, closing at 47½c; August, 46¾@47½c, closing at 47½c. Oats—Spots fair business; options less active and stronger; May, 33⅛@33¾c, closing at 33½c; June, 33⅛@33½c, closing at 33⅜c; July, 33⅛@34c, closing at 34c; No. 2 white, May, 36½c; spot No. 2 white, 36½@36¾c; mixed Western, 34@35½c; white do, 34@40c. Hay firm; light receipts. Tallow easy and dull. Eggs in moderate demand; Western, 16c. Hides inactive but steady. Pork fairly active and steady. Cutmeats firm and in good demand; pickled bellies, 6@6¼c. Lard firmer and quiet; Western steam closed at $6 47½; options—May, $6 98; July, $6 52, closing at $6 55 asked; August, $6 62. Butter quiet and easy; Western, 12½@14c; do creamery, 16@22; do factory, 11@15c; Elgin, 22c. Cheese in good demand and firm; part skims, 6@9¼c.

PHILADELPHIA—Flour quiet. Wheat firm; No. 2 red, May, 93¼@94c; June and July, 91½@92c; August, 91½c. Corn—Speculation was bullish; options advanced ¾c; local trade demand was high; No. 3, mixed, in grain depot, 46c; do in export elevator, 45½c; steamer in export elevator, 47c; No. 2 mixed, in grain depot, 49½c, with 48c bid for No. 2 in export elevator; No. 2 mixed, May, 48@48½c; June and July, 46¾@47c; August, 47¼c; Oats—Car lots weak and lower; No. 3 white, 36c; No. 2 white, 37½@38c; No. 2 white, May, 36@36½c; June, 36¼@36½c; July, 36½@37c; August, 36@37c; Provisions steady and in fair demand. Butter dull and weak; Pennsylvania creamery, extra, 21@22c; do print, extra, 26@29c. Eggs firm; Pennsylvania firsts, 15c.

BALTIMORE—Wheat firmer; No. 2 red, spot, 94⅝c bid; May, 92⅝@92¾c; June, 91¾@91⅞c; July, 89½c asked; steamer No. 2 red, 88@88¼c. Corn strong; mixed spot, 47¼@48c; May, 47½@47¾c; June, 46¾c bid; July, 46½c bid; steamer mixed, 45½@46c. Oats dull; No. 2 white Western, 38½@39c; No. 2 mixed Western, 34½@35c. Rye nominal; No. 2, 82c. Hay firm; good to choice timothy, $15 00@16 00. Butter steady; creamery, fancy, 21@22c; do fair to choice, 19@20c; do imitation, 18@19c; ladle, fancy, 17c; good to choice, 15@16c; rolls, fine, 17c; do fair to good, 14@16c; store, packed, 12@14c. Eggs firm at 14½c.

ST. LOUIS—Flour steady but slow. Wheat—No. 2 red, cash, 84½c; May, 83⅞c; June, 82c; July, 79¼@79⅝c; August, 78½c. Corn—May was especially firm and closed 1⅜c and July ⅞c above yesterday. No. 2 cash, 38⅝@39c; May, 38½c; July, 37⅛c; September, 38c bid. Oats quiet; May, 29c; July, 27½c. Butter lower; creamery, 16@20c; dairy, 13@18c. Eggs firm at 11½c. Pork, in job lots, $10 25. Lard, $6 00 for butchergrades.

MILWAUKEE—Flour steady. Wheat firm; July, 80¼c; No. 2 spring, 81@82c; No. 1 Northern, 82c. Corn firm; No. 3, 40½@41c. Oats steady; No. 2 white, 31@31½c. No. 3 do, 30@30½c. Barley nominal; No. 2, 53@53½c; sample on track, 50@57½c. Rye dull; No. 1, 77c. Provisions quiet. Pork—July, $9 75. Lard—July $6 27½.

CINCINNATI—Flour quiet. Wheat easier and lower; No. 2 red, 89c. Corn firmer; No. 2 mixed, 43c. Oats quiet; No. 2 mixed 31@31½c. Rye dull; No. 2, 86c. Pork firmer at $10 25. Lard firm and higher at $6 05. Bulkmeats firmer at $5 70. Bacon steady at $6 70. Butter dull. Eggs firmer at 12c. Cheese steady.

MINNEAPOLIS—Wheat—No. 1 Northern, May opening, 78¾c; highest, 79c; lowest, 78¼c; closing, 79c; July, opening, 80¾c; highest, 81⅛@81⅜c; lowest, 80⅝c; closing, 81⅛c; on track, No. 1 hard, 81⅛c; No. 1 Northern, 80¾c; No. 2 Northern, 76@77c.

DULUTH—Wheat—No. 1 hard, cash, 82½c; May, 83c; June, 84½c; July, 85c; No. 1 Northern, 80c; May, 80½c; June, 82c; July, 82½c; No. 2 Northern, cash, 73½c; No. 3, 69c; rejected, 61c; on track, No. 1 hard, 82½c; No. 1 Northern, 80½c.

TOLEDO—Wheat dull and steady; No. 2, cash, 89⅝c; May, 89¾c; July, 85c; August, 84c. Corn dull and steady; No. 2, cash, 41c; No. 3, 40½c; No. 4, 39c. Oats dull and steady; cash and May, 30c. Rye dull; cash, 78c.

KANSAS CITY—Wheat slow; No. 2 hard, 72c; No. 2 red, 79@80c. Corn about steady; No. 2 mixed, 36c; No. 2 white, 37c. Oats weak; No. 2 mixed, 28½c; No. 2 white, 29½c. Rye steady. Eggs firm at 12c. Butter weak at 12@17c.

### The Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, May 3.—Pig iron, American, at $14 75; copper, dull; lake, $11 85 bid, $12 00 asked. Lead firm; domestic, $4 25@6 50; tin easy; straits, $20 55@20 65.

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# CITY REAL ESTATE.

## Interesting Position of the Pittsburg Female College Property.

## THE MARKET FULL OF GOOD POINTS.

### An Owner Who Resides in Salt Lake City Watching Local Movements.

### M. P. CHURCH PEOPLE HAVE AN OFFER

The property owned by the Duquesne Traction Company, bounded by Craig, Neville and Fifth avenues, near the power house, fronting 440 feet on Fifth by about the same depth, has been offered to the First Methodist Protesant church people, who recently leased their downtown place of worship to the Messrs. Kaufmann, for $60,000. It is believed the offer will be accepted.

**Prospect of a Deal.**

A meeting was held yesterday of the directors of the Pittsburg Female College in reference to the sale of their property on Eighth street, near Penn avenue, and it was decided to press the offering so as to allow of their selecting a new location soon. The lot is 148x100 feet, is very desirably located for business, and it is thought that a sale will soon be made, as several applications are under consideration. The size and advantageous location of this property make it very desirable for almost any purpose.

**Full of Good Points.**

It is a matter for congratulation that Pittsburg has no real estate boom. The only experience of that kind in local history proved so disastrous that it is not likely to be repeated by this generation. On the contrary, a strong conservative tendency is noticeable among all classes of buyers. They look before they leap. A good business is being transacted in nearly all classes of property. For business stands and acreage the inquiry is brisk, sales are frequent and in many cases for large amounts, as reports in the city papers show. Capitalists are beginning to realize the possibilities of both central and suburban property and are picking it up right and left. In the subdivisions that have been fairly improved the sale of lots keeps on steadily, and the tone of this branch of the market is strong and healthy. Prices offer no encouragement to those who are waiting for the market to go to pieces.

**Saw It in The Dispatch.**

Letters from Ireland and Scotland published in this column in the last two days, emphasize the value of THE DISPATCH as an advertising medium for real estate owners and agents. Yesterday Morris & Aisbitt received the following of a similar tenor from Mrs. Samuel J. Paul, of Salt Lake City, Utah: "I notice your advertisement in THE DISPATCH in regard to your success with property. Our family (Thornburg) owns about 162 acres situated about half a mile from Crafton on Chartiers creek. My object in addressing you is to ascertain if we could get a satisfactory price for the place as a whole, or whether it would be advantageous to plot and sell it off in lots."

**Yesterday's Building Permits.**

Building picked up yesterday, both in the number and the value of the undertakings. Eleven permits were issued for 16 improvements, the cost of all being estimated at $108,000. Those of special value are: H. Childs & Co., nine-story business house on Penn avenue, $35,000; T. A. and R. C. Gillespie, nine-story business house on Penn avenue adjoining the above, $35,000; F. C. Ahler, two brick and stone dwellings on Atwood street, Fourteenth ward, $10,000; William Chaffey, four brick and stone dwellings on Rippey street, Nineteenth ward, $20,000; Robert S. McKay, brick dwelling on Highland avenue, Nineteenth ward, $5,000; Harry Pears, frame dwelling on Hamilton avenue, Twenty-first ward, $1,500.

**Special Features of Trade.**

Baxter, Thompson & Co. report a better inquiry for rural property than at any previous time this year.

The Pittsburg and Western Railroad Company, in response to the expressed wishes of many citizens, has decided to put on a night train between Pittsburg and Butler, commencing on the 15th.

Two nice residences will soon be started on Locust street, Edgewood.

Stockholders of the Westinghouse Electric Company will meet in this city May 9, to elect directors and to transact such other business as may come before the meeting.

Hurford Bros. contemplate building a three-story brick building, 90x100 feet, on the southwest corner Tuscarawas and Dewalt streets, Canton, O.

John D. Banks has purchased from C. W. Cross, 50x127 feet, with a frame house, on Third street, Beltzhoover, for $3,000.

In Philadelphia yesterday $5,000 Allegheny Valley income 5s sold at 57½.

Charles Kunzmann is now doing business at his new stand on Fourth avenue, two doors above the old one. His offices are very handsome.

At the annual meeting of the Fuel Gas Company, yesterday, officers and directors were chosen. The latter are: George H. Westinghouse, Jr., Lemuel Bannister, Robert Pitcairn, John Caldwell, J. R. McKinley, H. H. Westinghouse and A. L. McKait. The Board organized by electing the following officers: George Westinghouse, Jr., President; Lemuel Bannister, Vice President; A. L. McKait, Treasurer and Manager, and F. H. Ketchum, Secretary.

After the last stock call yesterday 26¾ was bid for Birmingham Traction. Talk on Manchester was quite bullish.

Additional bank dividends, all semi-annual: Iron City National, 4 per cent; Second National, of Pittsburg, 5 per cent; First National, of Allegheny, 4 per cent.

**Additional Points in Realty.**

J. H. Coleman & Co. have closed the sale of a piece of property in Oakland for $22,000.

M. F. Hipple & Co sold for the Lloyd heirs a lot 74x171 feet on the southeast corner of Dithridge and Bayard streets, in the Lloyd plan, Fourteenth ward, for $8,500. The purchaser, a prominent business man, will at once build a very fine residence thereon.

E. T. Schaffner sold a two-story frame house of five rooms, with lot 24x125 feet, No. 104 Climax street, Thirty-first ward, for Jacob Horn, to Lewis Gellevirs, for $1,600 cash.

The Burrell Improvement Company report the following sales of lots at Kensington: Ernest Keck, Pittsburg, lot 36, block 1, for $600 cash; Philip Peirman, Pittsburg, lots 37 and 38, block 1, for $1,200; W. H. Herman, Pittsburg, lot 35, block 1, for $600 cash; Louis List, Pittsburg, lot 41, block 1, for $600 cash; Berthold Bauman, Pittsburg, lot 42, block 1, for $600 cash.

Black & Baird sold for John Berger to Joseph Agans the property No. 5 Marshall avenue, Eleventh ward, Allegheny, being a two story frame dwelling, on lot 24x100 feet, for $2,600.

G. B. Hart sold a lot 55x140 on the corner of Ridge avenue and Chestnut street, Coraopolis, to R. L. Harper. The consideration was not stated.

John K. Ewing & Co. sold for C. S. Knauer to John G. Holzer a lot 35x120, on McIntyre street, Tenth ward, Allegheny, for $950 cash.

# HOME SECURITIES.

## THE MARKET PROFESSIONAL, BUT NOT WITHOUT INTEREST.

### Manchester Traction Continues Its Progress, With Few Sellers in Sight—Duquesne and Central Follow a Long Way Behind—Other Features of the Day.

There were a few interesting features in the local stock market yesterday, but for the most part it was narrow and somewhat stereotyped.

The strongest spot was Manchester Traction. It sold at the first call at 41¾, and advanced steadily till the finish, when 42¾ was bid, with none in sight under 43. The bulge was attributed to expectation of a dividend in July. There was repetition of the talk of a pooling arrangement with the Pleasant Valley, Duquesne and Central were a trifle firmer.

There were no conspicuous changes in other parts of the list. The Natural Gas shares were about steady. Airbrake closed a good fraction better for the day. Luster and Switch were weaker.

Sales at first call were, 100 Central Traction at 29¼, 15 Switch at 17, 10 Philadelphia Gas at 19, 2 at 18¾, 50 Duquesne at 27¼, 3 Manchester at 41¾. Second call, 75 Manchester at 42. Third call, 100 Pleasant Valley at 25, 50 Duquesne at 27¼. 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. |
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| Allegheny Nat. B | .... | .... | 65 | 68 | .... | .... |
| First Nat. B. of P | .... | 182 | .... | 182 | .... | .... |
| Fourth Nat. B. | .... | .... | 175 | .... | .... | .... |
| German N. Bank* | .... | 320 | 294 | 320 | .... | 320 |
| Liberty Nat. B. | .... | .... | 108 | .... | .... | .... |
| M. & M. Nat. B | .... | .... | 60½ | .... | .... | .... |
| Mon. Nat. Bank* | .... | .... | 134 | .... | .... | .... |
| Sec'nd Nat. Bk*. | 250 | .... | 250 | .... | 250 | .... |
| Mercantile Trust | 102 | 108¼ | .... | 108½ | .... | .... |
| R. E. L. & T. Co. | .... | .... | 90 | .... | .... | .... |
| Chartiers V. Gas | 12 | 12¾ | 12 | 12½ | 12 | 12½ |
| P. N. G. & P. Co | 11⅜ | 12¾ | 11⅜ | 12½ | 11⅜ | 12¼ |
| Philadelphia Co. | 19 | 19¼ | 19 | 19⅜ | 19 | 19¼ |
| Wheeling Gas Co | .... | 20⅞ | .... | 21 | .... | .... |
| Ft. P. In. Pl. Co | .... | .... | 6 | 21½ | .... | .... |
| Central Traction. | 29½ | 29½ | 29¼ | .... | 29¼ | .... |
| Citizens' Trac. | 61 | .... | 61 | 62½ | 61 | 62½ |
| Pittsburg Trac. | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 60 |
| Pleasant Valley | 25 | .... | 25 | 25⅝ | 25 | 26 |
| Second Avenue | 49 | .... | 50 | .... | .... | .... |
| Pitts. J. R. R. Co | 29¼ | 31 | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| La Noria Mining | 28 | 31 | .... | .... | .... | 31 |
| Luster Mining | 9⅝ | 9¾ | 9½ | 9¾ | 9½ | 9¾ |
| E. E. Electric | .... | 20 | .... | 30 | .... | 30 |
| Westinghouse E. | .... | 19¼ | .... | 19¼ | .... | 19¼ |
| Mon. Nav. Co. | 69 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Monon. Wat. Co. | 29½ | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Union S. & S. Co. | 16⅝ | 17¼ | 16⅝ | 17¼ | 16⅝ | 17¼ |
| U. S. & S. Co. pf. | .... | 30 | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Westing. A. B. C | 110 | .... | 110½ | 112½ | 110¾ | 115 |
| West. B. Co. Lim | .... | 55 | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Stand. U. C. Co. | 75½ | 76 | 75½ | 76 | 75½ | 76 |

*Ex-dividend.

# SEVERAL SHARE FEATURES.

## THE GENERAL MARKET IS VERY APATHETIC AND NARROW.

### The Worse Bear Drive Is at Northern Pacific—Sugar Trust People Fortify Their Stock—New England Scarce—Edison Trust Receipts Quite Active.

NEW YORK, May 3.—Notwithstanding the opening of the London market this morning, the expected buying by the foreigners did not appear here, and although general apathy marked the trading in stocks, features were more seen than usual. Rates 30 sterling exchange were reduced by all drawers to-day, and the expectation that another large shipment of gold would be made this week does not seem likely to be fulfilled.

In the market to-day even the most active stocks moved within the narrowest limits. A scarcity of New England was developed in the loan crowd, and the limited buying of that stock was evidently for the short account, which resulted in a rise of ¾ per cent before the demand culminated. A drive was made at Northern Pacific common, with the effect of knocking its price down about 1¾ per cent on light sales; but the raid was believed to be for the purpose of shaking out preferred stock. The pressure was transferred to New England late in the day, and more substantial results attended this effort, for the stock, after selling as high as 39½ in the early dealings, retired to 37¾ in the late trading.

The Sugar Trust people put supporting orders on their stocks to neutralize the possible effects of legal and legislative movements which are being made against them, but the narrowness of the market gave the bears a chance to raid other stocks, of which they availed themselves. There were more transactions in the Texas Pacific securities at advanced prices because of the impression that the meeting of the stockholders in June will result in the defeat of the anti-railroad party. The Edison Trust receipts were again especially active and strong, and scored a gain of about 1¾ per cent, but the rest of the market was without feature or interest, and the close was dull and barely steady after the raids, with prices in most stocks at only slight changes from those of the opening.

The total sales of stock to-day were 173,511 shares, including: Atchison, 4,930; Erie, 5,100; Louisville and Nashville, 8,400; Northern Pacific, 4,300; preferred, 6,482; New England, 24,326; Reading, 48,725; St. Paul, 9,400; Western Union, 1,955.

There was more animation in the bond market, without the great preponderance of a few issues in the dealings, as usual of late; but the demand was widely and evenly distributed throughout the list, with a firm temper. The transactions reached $1,768,000, and beside the Atchison incomes, the Chesapeake and Ohio 4½s and some others were brought forward as leaders in activity. The strength of Richmond and West Point and Texas Pacific was a feature.

The following table shows the prices of active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange yesterday. Corrected daily for THE DISPATCH by WHITNEY & STEPHENSON, oldest Pittsburg members of the New York Stock Exchange, 57 Fourth avenue.

| | Opening | Highest. | Lowest. | Closing bid. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Am. Cotton Oil | 40 | 40¼ | 39¼ | .... |
| Am. Cotton Oil, pfd | 79¾ | 80 | 78¾ | .... |
| Am. Sugar Refining Co | 92½ | 94¼ | 92½ | 93¾ |
| Am. Sugar Refining Co., pfd | .... | .... | .... | 95½ |
| Atch., Top. & S. F | 34½ | 34¾ | 34⅜ | 34⅝ |
| Canada Southern | 60⅛ | 60¼ | 60⅛ | 60⅛ |
| Central of New Jersey | 138⅞ | 139½ | 138¾ | 138½ |
| Central Pacific | .... | .... | .... | 30½ |
| Chesapeake and Ohio | 23⅞ | 23⅞ | 23¾ | 23⅞ |
| C. & O., 1st pfd | 62⅝ | 62⅝ | 62 | 62 |
| C. & O., 2d pfd | .... | .... | .... | 43¼ |
| Chicago Gas Trust | 78 | 78 | 77¾ | 77¾ |
| C., Burl. & Quincy | 107¼ | 107⅜ | 107 | 107 |
| C., Mil. & St. Paul | 77¾ | 77¾ | 77¼ | .... |
| C., Mil. & St. Paul, pfd | 123 | .... | .... | .... |
| C., Rock I. & P | 84 | 84⅜ | 83⅞ | 83⅞ |
| C., St. P. M. & O | .... | .... | .... | 47 |
| C., C., C. & I | 120¼ | 120¼ | 120 | .... |
| C. & Northwestern, pfd | 144 | .... | .... | .... |
| C., C., C. & I | .... | .... | .... | 69¾ |
| Col. Coal & Iron | .... | .... | .... | 31 |
| Col. & Hocking Val | 23¼ | 23¼ | 23¼ | 23¼ |
| Del., Lack. & West | 159 | 159½ | 158¾ | 159 |
| Del. & Hudson | 144¾ | 145 | 144¾ | .... |
| Den. & Rio Grande, pfd | 51 | 51 | 50½ | 50¾ |
| Distillers' & C. F. Trust | .... | .... | .... | 47¾ |
| E. T., Va. & Ga | .... | .... | .... | 4 |
| Illinois Central | .... | .... | .... | 103 |
| Lake Erie & West | 25¼ | 25¼ | 25 | 25 |
| Lake Erie & West., pfd | .... | .... | .... | 77½ |
| Lake Shore & M. S | 134 | 134⅜ | 134 | 134⅜ |
| Louisville & Nashville | 75 | 75¼ | 74⅝ | .... |
| Long Island Central | .... | .... | .... | 109½ |
| Mobile & Ohio | .... | .... | .... | 35½ |
| Missouri Pacific | 59 | 59 | 59 | 59 |
| National Cordage Co | 100⅞ | 101¾ | 100⅞ | 101½ |
| National Cordage Co., pfd | 105 | 106½ | 105 | .... |
| National Lead Co | .... | .... | .... | 33 |
| National Lead Co., pfd | 86 | 86 | 86 | 86 |
| National Lead Trust | .... | .... | .... | 19¾ |
| New York Central | 114½ | 114⅝ | 114½ | 114 |
| N. Y., C. & St. L | 18 | .... | .... | .... |
| N. Y., C. & St. L., 2d pfd | 87¼ | 87¼ | 87 | .... |
| N. Y., L. E. & W | 29⅞ | 30 | 29⅝ | 29⅝ |
| N. Y., L. E. & W., pfd | .... | .... | .... | 77 |
| N. Y. & N. E | 38¾ | 39⅛ | 37⅞ | 37⅞ |
| N. Y., O. & W | 19 | .... | .... | .... |
| North American Co | 14½ | 14⅝ | 14¼ | 14¼ |
| Northern Pacific | 21½ | 21½ | 20¾ | 20¾ |
| Northern Pacific, pfd | 59⅝ | 59½ | 58⅞ | 58⅞ |
| Ohio & Mississippi | .... | .... | .... | 20 |
| Pacific Mail | 35¼ | 35¼ | 35¼ | 35½ |
| Peo., Dec. & Evans | .... | .... | .... | 18⅝ |
| Philadelphia & Reading | 59¼ | 59¾ | 59 | 59¼ |
| P., C., C. & St. L | .... | .... | .... | 21 |
| Pullman Palace Car | 191½ | 193¾ | 191½ | .... |
| St. Paul, Minn & Man | .... | .... | .... | 112¾ |
| Texas Pacific | 10⅛ | 10⅛ | 10⅛ | 10¼ |
| Union Pacific | 43¾ | 44 | 43¾ | 43⅞ |
| Wabash | .... | .... | .... | 19 |
| Wabash, pfd | 26⅞ | 26⅞ | 26½ | 26½ |
| Western Union | 93 | 93 | 92¼ | 92¾ |
| Wheeling & L. E | 33¼ | 33½ | 33¼ | .... |
| W. & L. E., pfd | 74¼ | .... | .... | .... |

### Boston Stocks—Closing Prices.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Atch. & Topeka | 34½ | Atlantic | 11 |
| Boston & Albany | 203 | Boston & Mont | 413 |
| Boston & Maine | 171 | Calumet & Hecla | 275 |
| Chi., Bur. & Quincy | 107¾ | Franklin | 14½ |
| Fitchburg