# STOCKS TENDING UP

## With Few Exceptions the Share List Advanced Yesterday.

### Sugar and Whisky Trust Fluctuated and Made Gains—Indianapolis Wheat One Cent Higher.

At New York, yesterday, money on call was easy at 1 per cent.

Prime mercantile paper, 3@5½ per cent.

Sterling exchange was steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.83¼@4.83½ for demand, and at $4.87@4.87¼ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.88@4.89½; commercial bills, $4.86@4.86¼.

Silver certificates, 61¾c. Bar silver closed at 61¾c per ounce; at London, 28 3-16d.

Total sales of stocks amounted to 210,580 shares. The speculation on the Stock Exchange was confined almost entirely to New York trading. Purchasing orders sent before the opening of the Exchange for the London account at a fixed limit were not executed to any extent, as the current figures were above the prices got. Some small lots of St. Paul and 1,500 shares of Chesapeake & Ohio were, however, purchased, together with some Louisville & Nashville and Wabash. At the opening the market was firm and active, the first prices being made, as a rule, higher than the closing figures of Thursday. Sugar and Distilling being exceptions, opening a fraction lower and receding in the early dealings, while the rest of the list, under the leadership of Lead, moved upward ⅛@1⅛c in the first fifteen minutes. Sugar, on small selling, declined ⅜, and then, under fairly good buying, took an upward turn, advancing 2⅛, and reacting ⅝ at the close. The movement in this stock was mainly due to the covering of short contracts. Distilling fell off ½ in the opening trades, as the effect of Judge Gibbon's decision ordering the trial on its merits of the suit against the company under the Illinois anti-trust law. There was a quick recovery of the loss, and during the afternoon an advance of 1⅝, of which ½ was lost in the closing sales. Some of the specialties made material advances during the morning, notably Edison Electric, 2, which, after a reaction of 1, recorded an additional advance of 1½, making a gain of 2½ on the day. Toward noon there was a partial reaction, but after midday the market became strong again, and, with an occasional reaction, continued to advance to the close, the final dealings being in most cases at or near the best of the day. The "rangers were firm. The strength of these stocks was due to the one advance in wheat.

The bond market was firm in the early dealings, gaining strength as the day advanced, and closing generally at the best of the day. Advances—Peoria, Decatur & Evansville seconds, 3; Louisville, Evansville & St. Louis consol fives, 2½; Toledo, St. Louis & Kansas City first trust receipts, 2¼; Union Pacific firsts of '96, 1⅜; Chicago, St. Louis & New Orleans fives, Hocking Valley sixes, Erie seconds Erie extended firsts, each 1½ per cent.; Ohio Southern firsts, 1⅜; Central Pacific sixes of '95, 1¼; Chesapeake & Ohio four-and-a-halfs, Mobile & Ohio fours Mobile & Ohio new sixes, each 1 per cent.

Declines—Union Pacific four-and-a-halfs, 2; Louisville & Nashville Cecilian branch firsts sold at 105⅝, against 101 on Sept. 18; Omaha St. Louis firsts extended funded coupon sold at 46, against 50 on Dec. 3.

Government bonds were firm. State bonds were inactive.

The following table, prepared by James E. Berry, Room 16, Board of Trade, shows the range of quotations:

| Name. | Open-ing. | High-est. | Low-est. | Clos-ing. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adams Express | ..... | ..... | ..... | 150 |
| Alton & Terre Haute | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| A. & T. H. pref | ..... | ..... | ..... | 150 |
| American Express | ..... | ..... | ..... | 113 |
| Atchison | 15¾ | 15½ | 15¼ | 15⅜ |
| Baltimore & Ohio | ..... | ..... | ..... | 81⅝ |
| Canada Pacific | ..... | ..... | ..... | 69½ |
| Canada Southern | 53⅜ | 53⅜ | 52½ | 52½ |
| Central Pacific | ..... | ..... | ..... | 16½ |
| Chesapeake & Ohio | 19⅜ | 19⅞ | 19⅜ | 19⅞ |
| Chicago & Alton | ..... | ..... | ..... | 140 |
| C., B. & Q | 82¾ | 83½ | 82¼ | 83½ |
| C. & E. I. pref | ..... | ..... | ..... | 95 |
| Chicago Gas | 63½ | 64⅝ | 63¼ | 64½ |
| C., C., C. & St. L | 39 | 39½ | 39 | 40½ |
| Cotton Oil | 32¾ | 32⅝ | 32 | 32¼ |
| Delaware & Hudson | 143 | 143½ | 142½ | 142¾ |
| D., L. & W | ..... | ..... | ..... | 164½ |
| Dis. & F. C. Co | 25¼ | 26⅛ | 24⅜ | 25⅞ |
| Edison Gen. Elec | 41 | 41⅞ | 40⅜ | 41⅛ |
| Fort Wayne | ..... | ..... | ..... | 173 |
| Erie pref | ..... | ..... | ..... | 36 |
| Great Northern pref | ..... | ..... | ..... | 102 |
| Hocking Valley | 20¼ | 20¼ | 20¼ | 20¼ |
| Illinois Central | ..... | ..... | ..... | 94 |
| L. E. & W | ..... | ..... | ..... | 16⅜ |
| L. E. & W. pref | ..... | ..... | ..... | 63 |
| Lake Shore | 130 | 130½ | 130½ | 130½ |
| Lead Trust | 39¾ | 40¼ | 39¾ | 40¼ |
| Lead Trust pref | 84⅜ | 84⅞ | 84⅛ | 84⅞ |
| Louisville & Nashville | 52 | 52½ | 51⅞ | 52¼ |
| L. & N. A | ..... | ..... | ..... | 98 |
| Manhattan | 126½ | 126½ | 125½ | 125⅝ |
| Michigan Central | ..... | ..... | ..... | 98 |
| Missouri Pacific | 31⅜ | 32¼ | 31⅝ | 32 |
| National Cordage | 22¾ | 22⅞ | 22½ | 22½ |
| National Cordage pref | ..... | ..... | ..... | 44 |
| New Jersey Central | 114 | 114 | 113½ | 114 |
| New York Central | 101½ | 101⅝ | 101½ | 101⅝ |
| N. Y. & N. E | 11⅝ | 11⅝ | 11⅝ | 11⅝ |
| Northern Pacific | ..... | ..... | ..... | 5¾ |
| Northern Pacific pref | 21⅜ | 22⅜ | 21⅜ | 22¼ |
| Northwestern | 109 | 109⅜ | 109 | 109⅜ |
| Northwestern pref | ..... | ..... | ..... | 143 |
| Pacific Mail | 17 | 17½ | 17 | 17 |
| P., D. & E | ..... | ..... | ..... | 4¾ |
| Pullman Palace | ..... | ..... | ..... | 170 |
| Reading | 21⅞ | 22 | 21⅞ | 21⅞ |
| Rock Island | 70⅝ | 72¼ | 70⅝ | 72¼ |
| St. Paul | 64⅝ | 65⅞ | 64⅝ | 65⅝ |
| St. Paul pref | ..... | ..... | ..... | 120½ |
| Sugar Refinery | 91 | 92⅞ | 90¾ | 92¼ |
| U. S. Express | ..... | ..... | ..... | 52 |
| W., St. L. & P | 8¼ | 8¾ | 8¼ | 8¼ |
| W., St. L. & P. pref | 18¼ | 18¾ | 18⅛ | 18¾ |
| Wells-Fargo Express | ..... | ..... | ..... | 122 |
| Western Union | 84⅞ | 85½ | 84⅞ | 85⅜ |
| U. S. Fours, reg | ..... | ..... | ..... | 114 |
| U. S. Fours, coup | ..... | ..... | ..... | 114 |

### A Week's Bank Clearings.

NEW YORK, April 6.—The following table, compiled by Bradstreet's, shows the total clearances at the principal cities and the percentage of increase or decrease, as compared with the corresponding week last year:

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|---|---|---|
| New York | $527,581,757 | Decrease..21.2 |
| Chicago | 78,134,061 | Decrease..24.2 |
| Boston | 86,793,728 | Decrease..26.4 |
| Philadelphia | 70,055,437 | ..... |
| St. Louis | 19,411,179 | Decrease..21.5 |
| Baltimore | 12,528,700 | Decrease.. 3.5 |
| Pittsburg | 12,458,375 | Decrease..19.1 |
| Cincinnati | 13,077,700 | Decrease..13.8 |
| Detroit | 5,897,555 | Decrease..18.5 |
| Louisville | 6,952,858 | Decrease..20.7 |
| Cleveland | 4,327,541 | Decrease..24.6 |
| Indianapolis | 3,469,541 | Decrease.. 1.2 |
| Columbus | 3,470,800 | Increase... 4.8 |

Total clearings in the United States amounted to $948,602,181, being a decrease of 21.2 per cent.

Exclusive of New York the total was $421,080,424, a decrease of 21 per cent.

### LOCAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

#### Trade Improved with Prices Steady and Firm in Most Lines.

On the wholesale streets and on Commission row there was more activity yesterday, and prices in most lines were firm and steady. Sugars are in stronger position and 1-16c higher for some grades. Coffees steady, canned goods well cleared out for April, salt fish meeting with some sale and prices firm. Dry-goods men had the best day's trade of the week. Shippers were yesterday paying 7½c for eggs. Poultry is unchanged but easy at quotations. Oranges, Irish potatoes, bananas, new tomatoes and strawberries are all in good demand at quotations. Receipts are lighter than usual.

There was more activity in the local grain market yesterday. Wheat advanced 1c, while corn and oats ruled steady at Thursday's prices. Track bids ruled as follows:

Wheat—No. 2 red, 57½c; No. 3 red, 53½c; rejected, 40@50c; wagon wheat, 56c.

Corn—No. 1 white, 39c; No. 2 white, 39c; No. 3 white, 36½c for one color, 38½c for grade; No. 2 white mixed, 37½c; No. 3 white mixed, 36½c; No. 4 white mixed, 31c; No. 2 yellow, 36½c; No. 3 yellow, 36½c; No. 4 yellow, 34½c; No. 2 mixed, 36½c; No. 3 mixed, 36½c; No. 4 mixed, 31c; ear corn, 37½c.

Oats—No. 2 white, 33½c; No. 3 white, 32½c; No. 2 mixed, 32c; No. 3 mixed, 31c; rejected, 27@29c.

Hay—Choice timothy, $11.50; No. 1, $11.25; No. 2, $9; No. 1 prairie, $6.50; mixed, $8; clover, $7@7.50 per ton.

Rye—No. 2, 45c for car lots; 40c for wagon rye.

Bran, $13.

### Poultry and Other Produce.

(Prices Paid by Shippers.)

Poultry—Hens, 6½c per lb; young chickens, 6½c per lb; turkeys, old toms, 4c per lb; hens, 7c per lb, fancy fat young toms, turkeys, 4c; ducks, 7c per lb, geese, $4.20@4.80 per doz for choice.

Eggs—Shippers paying 7½c.

Butter—Extra, 11c; mixed, 8@10c.

Honey—16@18c.

Feathers—Prime geese, 40c per lb; mixed duck, 20c per lb.

Beeswax—20c for yellow; 15c for dark.

Wool—Unwashed medium wool 15c; unwashed coarse or braid, 13@15c; unwashed fine merino, 10@13c; tub-washed, 18@20c; burry and cotted wool, 5c to 10c less than above prices.

RAW FURS.

Following is the price list for central and northern Indiana and Ohio for prime skins: Extra coon, $1@2; large coon, 80c; medium coon, 60c; small coon, 40c; large mink, $1.10; medium mink, 80c; small mink, 60c; black skunk, $1.30; half stripe skunk, 80c; narrow stripe skunk, 40c; broad stripe skunk, 20c; opossum, 2@25c; rat, 3@13c; red fox, 50@$1.25; gray fox, 40@65c; otter, $5@8; Kentucky skins, 10@20 per cent. lower than prices quoted above.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

Hides—No. 1 green hides, 2½c; No. 1 G. S. hides, 3½c; No. 2 G. S. hides, 2½c; No. 1 calf hides, 5c; No. 2 calf hides, 3½c.

Tallow—No. 1 tallow, 4¼c; No. 2 yellow, 4c.

Grease—White, 4½c; yellow, 3½c; brown, 2c.

Bones—Dry, $12@13 per ton.

### THE JOBBING TRADE.

(The quotations given below are the selling prices of wholesale dealers.)

#### Canned Goods.

Peaces—Standard 3-pound, $1.85@2; 3-pound seconds, $1.30@1.40; 2-pound pie, 90@ 55c; California standard, $2.25@2.50; California seconds, $1.35@2. Miscellaneous—Blackberries, 2-pound, 90@95c; raspberries, 2-pound, $1.20@1.25; pineapple, standard, 2-pound, $1.25@1.35; choice, $2@2.25; cove oysters, 2-pound full weight, 95c@$1; light, 65@70c; 2-pound full, $1.80@1.90; light, $1.10@ 1.20; string beans, 80@95c; Lima beans, $1.10 @1.30; peas, marrowfat, $1.10@1.20; early June, $1.25@1.50; lobsters, $1.85@2; red cherries, $1.20@1.25; strawberries, $1.20@1.30; salmon (lbs), $1.45@2.20; 3-pound tomatoes, $1.15 @1.20.

#### Candies and Nuts.

Candies—Stick, 6½c per lb; common mixed 6¼c; G. A. R. mixed, 7½c; Banner mixed, 10c; cream mixed, 10c; old-time mixed, 7½c.

Nuts—Soft-shelled almonds, 18c; English walnuts, 15c; Brazil nuts, 12c; filberts, 11c; peanuts, roasted, 7@8c; mixed nuts, 14c.

#### Coal and Coke.

Anthracite coal, all sizes, $7.50 per ton; Pittsburg and Raymond City, $4.25 per ton; Jackson, $4.25; block, $3.25; Island City, $3; Blossburg and English cannel, $5. All nut coals 50c below above quotations.

Coke—Connellsville, $2.75 per load; crushed, $3.25 per load; lump, $3 per load.

#### Dried Fruits.

Figs—Layer, 14@15c per lb.

Peaches—Common sun-dried, 6½@7c per lb; common evaporated, 10@11c; California, choice, 11½@12c; California, fancy, 12½@13c.

Apricots—Evaporated, 16@18c.

Prunes—California, 7@12c per lb.

Currants—3½@4c per lb.

Raisins—Loose Muscatel, $1.25@1.35 per box; London layer, $1.35@1.45 per box; Valencia, 8@8½c per lb; layer, 9@10c.

#### Drugs.

Alcohol, $2.20@2.40; asafetida, 40c; alum, 4@5c; camphor, 60@65c; cochineal, 50@55c; chloroform, 60@65c; copperas, brls, 85c@$1; cream tartar, pure, 26@28c; indigo, 65@80c; licorice, Calab., genuine, 30@40c; magnesia, carb., 2-oz, 25@35c; morphine, P. & W., per oz, $2.45; madder, 16@18c; oil, castor, 1 gal, $1.35@1.36; oil, bergamot, per lb, $3.25; opium, $3.25; quinine, P. & W., per oz., 35@ 40c; balsam copaiba, 60@65c; soap, castile, Fr., 12@16c; soda, bicarb., 4½@6c; salts, Epsom, 4@6c; sulphur, flour, 5@6c; saltpeter, 8@20c; turpentine, 36@40c; glycerine, 14@20c; iodide potassium, $3@3.10; bromide potassium, 40@45c; chlorate potash, 20c; borax, 12@14c; cinchonidia, 12@15c; carbolic acid, 22@26c.

Oils—Linseed, 51@54c per gal; coal oil, legal test, 7@9c; lard oils, best strails, 50c; Labrador, 60c; West Virginia lubricating, 20@30c; miners' 45c. Lard oils—Winter strained in barrels, 75c per gal; in half barrels, 3c per gal extra.

#### Dry Goods.

Bleached Sheetings—Androscoggin, L, 6c; Berkeley, No. 60, 8c; Cabot, 6½c; Capital, 5½c; Cumberland, 6¼c; Dwight Anchor, 7½c; Fruit of the Loom, 7½c; Farwell, 7c; Fitchville, 6½c; Full Width, 5½c; Gilt Edge, 6½c; Gilded Age, 7c; Hill, 7c; Hope, 6½c; Linwood, 7½c; Lonsdale, 7½c; Lonsdale Cambric, 10c; Masonville, 7½c; Peabody, 6¼c; Pride of the West, 11½@12; Quinebaug, 5½c; Star of the Nation, 6c; Ten Strike, 5½c; Pepperell, 9-4, 18c; Pepperell, 10-4, 20c; Androscoggin, 9-4, 20½c; Androscoggin, 10-4, 22½c.

Brown Sheetings—Atlantic A, 6½c; Argyle, 5½c; Boott C, 4¾c; Buck's Head, 6c; Clifton CCC, 5½c; Constitution, 40-inch, 7½c; Carlisle, 40-inch, 7c; Dwight, Star, 7½c; Great Falls E, 6c; Great Falls J, 5c; Full Fine, 7c; Indian Head, 6½c; Lawrence LL, 5½c; Lawrence, No. 3, 5½c; Pepperell R, 5¾c; Pepperell E, 6½c; Pepperell, 9-4, 16c; Pepperell, 10-4, 18c; Androscoggin, 9-4, 18½c; Androscoggin, 10-4, 20½c.

Prints—Allen dress styles, 4½c; Allen's staples, 4½c; Allen TR, 5c; Allen robes, 5½c; American indigo, 4½c; Arnold LLC, 7½c; Arnold LCB, 8½c; Arnold Gold Seal, 9½c; Cocheco fancy, 5c; Cocheco madders, 4¾c; Hamilton fancy, 5½c; Manchester fancy, 5½c; Merrimac fancy, 5½c; Merrimac pinks and purples, 6c; Pacific fancy, 5½c; Pacific robes, 6c; Pacific mourning, 5½c; Simpson Eddystone, 5½c; Simpson Berlin solids, 5½c; Simpson's oil finish, 6c; Simpson's grays, 5½c; Simpson's mournings, 5½c.

Ginghams—Amoskeag staples, 5½c; Amoskeag Persian Dress, 6½c; Bates Warwick Dress, 6½c; Johnson BF Fancies, 3½c; Lancaster, 5½c; Lancaster Normandies, 6½c; Charlton, 4½c; Renfrew Dress, 7½c; Whittenton Heather, 6½c; Calcutta Dress styles, 5½c.

Kidfinished Cambrics—Edwards, 4c; Warren, 3½c; Slater, 3¾c; Genesee, 3¾c.

Ticklings—Amoskeag, ACA, 12c; Conestoga, BF, 13c; Cordis, 140, 13½c; Cordis, FT, 12½c; Cordis, ACE, 12½c; Hamilton, awning, 10c; Kimono Fancy, 17c; Lenox Fancy, 18c; Methuen, AA, 12c; Oakland, APF, 6c; Portsmouth, 11c; Susquehanna, 13c; Shetucket SW, 7½c; Shetucket F, 8c; Swift River, 5½c.

Grain Bags—Amoskeag, $13.50; American, $13.50; Franklinville, $16.50; Harmony, $13.50; Stark, $17.50.

#### Groceries.

Sugars — Hard sugars, 4½@5¾c; confectioners' A, 4¾@4¾c; off A, 4¼@4¾c; A, 4⅛ 4¼c; extra C, 3⅞@4¼c; yellow C, 3⅝@4⅜c; dark yellow, 3⅝@3⅞c.

Coffee—Good, 20¼@21c; prime, 22@23c; strictly prime, 24@25c; fancy green and yellow, 26@27c; ordinary Java, 29@30c; old government Java, 32@33c; roasted, 1-pound packages, 23¾c.

Molasses and Syrups—New Orleans molasses, fair to prime, 30@40c; choice, 40@ 45c; syrups, 20@25c.

Spices—Pepper, 16@18c; allspice, 12@15c; cloves, 20@25c; cassia, 10@12c; nutmegs, 70@ 80c per lb.

Rice — Louisiana, 4@5¼c; Carolina, 4¾@ 6¾c.

Honey—New York stock, 1-pound sections, 16@18c per lb.

Beans—Choice hand-picked navy, $2@2.10 per bu; medium hand-picked, $1.90@2; limas, California, 5c per lb.

Salt—In car lots, 90@95c; small lots, $1@ 1.05.

Shot—$1.15@1.20 per bag for drop.

Lead—5¾@7c for pressed bars.

Twine—Hemp, 12@18c per lb; wool, 8@10c; flax, 20@30c; paper, 15c; jute, 12@15c; cotton, 16@25c.

Wooden Dishes—No. 1, per 1,000, $2.20; No. 2, $2.50; No. 3, $2.80; No. 5, $3.50.

Flour Sacks (paper)—Plain, 1-32 brl, per 1,000, $3.50; 1-16 brl, $5; ¼ brl, $8; ½ brl, $16; No. 2 drab, plain, 1-32 brl, per 1,000, $4.25; 1-16, $6.50; ⅛, $10; ¼, $20; No. 1 cream, plain, 1-32, per 1,000, $7; 1-16, $8.75; ⅛, $14.50; ¼, $28.50. Extra charge for printing.

Woodenware—No. 1 tubs, $6.50@7; No. 2 tubs, $5.50@6; No. 3 tubs, $4.50@5; 3-hoop pails, $1.60@1.65; 2-hoop pails, $1.35@1.40; double washboards, $2.25@2.75; common washboards, $1.50@1.85; clothes pins, 50@55c per box.

#### Flour.

Straight grades, $2.50@2.75; fancy grades, $2.75@3; patent flour, $3.25@3.75; low grades, $1.50@2.

#### Oil Cake.

Oil cake, $25.25 per ton; oil meal, $25.25.

#### Leather.

Leather—Oak sole, 28@38c; hemlock sole, 22@25c; harness, 2½@38c; skirting, 31@32c; single strap, fly block bridle, per doz, $60 @95; fair bridle, $60@78 per doz; city kip, 55@75c; French kip, 85c@$1.10; city calfskins, 85c@$1; French calfskins, $1@1.80.

#### Iron and Steel.

Bar iron, $1.50@1.60; horseshoe bar, 2¾@ 3c; nail rod, 6c; plow slabs, 3c; American cast steel, 8c; tire steel, 2½@3c; spring steel, 4½@5c.

#### Produce, Fruits and Vegetables.

Brocoli or Kale—90@$1 per brl.

Spinach—$1.50@1.75 per brl.

Cranberries—Jersey, $6.50@7.50 per brl.

Apples—$5.50@6.50 per brl.

Cabbage—$1.25@1.75 per brl, according to quality. Florida cabbage, $1.75@2 per crate.

Sweet Potatoes—Cobden, $3.75.

Lemons—Choice, $2.50 per box; fancy, $3.50.

Florida Oranges—$2.75@3.50 per box, according to size and quality; California navel, $2.75@3.25 per box; seedlings, per box, $2.25@2.50.

Onions—85@90c per bu, or $2 per brl; new Bermudas, $2.75@3 per bu box.

Florida Pineapples—Medium, $1@1.50 per doz; extra size, $3.

Bananas—$1.25@1.75 per bunch, according to size and quality.

Cheese—New York full cream, 12@14c; skims, 5@7c per lb.

Cider—Duffy brand, 32-gal brl, $5; 16-gal brl, $3.

Onion Sets—White, $4@4.50; red and yellow, $3 per bu.

Cucumbers—$1.25@1.50 per doz.

New Tomatoes—$3.75@4 per case.

Potatoes—$2@2.25 per brl; from car, 60@65c per bu; from store, 65@70c per bu; seed potatoes, Early Rose, 80c per bu; Ohio, 90c per bu.

Strawberries—25@30c.

Maple Molasses—90c@$1 per gallon.

New Potatoes—Bermudas, $6.50@7 per brl; second growth, $4.50@5 per brl.

#### Provisions.

Bacon—Clear sides, 40 to 50 lbs average, 7¾@8c; 30 to 40 lbs average, 8¼c; 20 to 30 lbs average, 8¼@8¾c; bellies, 18 to 20 lbs average, 7¾@8c; 14 to 16 lbs average, 8¼@8½c; 12 to 16 lbs average, 9@9¼c; clear backs, 20 to 25 lbs average, 8@8¼c; 12 to 20 lbs average, 8¼@8½c; 9 to 10 lbs average, 8¼@8¾c.

Shoulders—English cured, 12 lbs average, 8¼c; 16 lbs average, 8c.

Hams—Sugar cured, 18 to 20 lbs average, 9¼@10¼c; 15 lbs average, 10¼@11c; 12½ lbs average, 10¾@11¼c; 10 lbs average, 11¼@12c; block hams, 10@10½c, all first brands; seconds, ½@¾c less.

California hams, sugar cured, 10 to 12 lbs average, 8¼c.

Boneless ham, sugar cured, 8¼@9¼c.

Pickled pork, bean pork, clear, per brl, $14@15; rump pork, $12.50@13.00.

Breakfast bacon, clear firsts, 11½@12c; seconds, 10¼@11¼c.

Lard—Kettle rendered, in tierces, 8¾@9¼c; pure lard, 8¼@8½c; cotton-oleo, 6c.

#### Nails and Horseshoes.

Steel cut nails, $1.25; wire nails, $1.25 rates; horseshoes, per keg, $3.75; mule shoes, per keg, $4.75; horse nails, $4@5.

#### Seeds.

Clover—Choice recleaned, 60-lb, $5.50@ 5.50; prime, $5@5.25; English choice, $5.25; prime, $5.25@5.50; Alsike, choice, $8.25@8.75; Alfalfa, choice, $5.35@5.55. Timothy, 45-lb bu, choice, $2@2.15; strictly prime, $2@2.10. Bluegrass—Fancy, 14-lb bu, $1.15@1.20; extra, clean, 85@90c. Orchard grass—Extra, $1.65@ 1.75. Red top—Choice, 55@65c; extra clean, 35@40c. English bluegrass, 24-lb bu, $2.75@ 2.85.

#### Tinners' Supplies.

Best brand charcoal tin IC, 10x14, 14x20, 12x12, $6.75@7; IX, 10x14, 14x20, 12x12, $8.50@ 9; IC, 14x20, roofing tin, $5.75@6; IC, 20x28, $11.50@12; block tin, in pigs, 25c; in bars, 27c. Iron—27 B iron, 3c; C iron, 4c; galvanized, 70 per cent. discount. Sheet zinc, 5½@6c. Copper, bottoms, 20c. Planished copper, 24c. Solder, 15@16c.

### APRIL MAGAZINES.

A new feature in serious magazine illustration is the story of the emigrant told in pictures by Andre Castaigne in the Century. His life in the old world, his departure from the old home, his arrival at the new, and his development under favorable conditions are well set forth. A fine portrait of Matthew Arnold forms the frontispiece of the number. The early literary efforts of great men are not always entertaining, but John Nicolay presents some hitherto unpublished efforts in prose and verse of Abraham Lincoln which have a peculiar and almost pathetic interest when the limitations of that great man's educational opportunities are considered. On the occasion of a visit to his early Indiana home, long after he had left it, he wrote a long poem, of which these are the opening stanzas:

My childhood's home I see again,
And sadden with the view;
And still, as memory crowds my brain,
There's pleasure in it, too.

O Memory! thou midway world
'Twixt earth and paradise,
Where things decayed and loved ones lost
In dreamy shadows rise,

And, freed from all that's earthly vile,
Seem hallowed, pure and bright,
Like scenes in some enchanted isle
All bathed in liquid light.

The other contributions to the number are of the usual variety and interest.

In Scribner the farmer of the South is described by Octave Thanet in a humorous but wholly appreciative and sympathetic manner. The illustrator enters into the spirit of her article with unusual success. A story of much interest is that told by Gustav Kobbe of the life and experience of a diver, whose work is mostly about New York harbor. The variety of services such men are called upon to preform will surprise most readers. Rasmus Anderson, ex-Minister to Denmark, describes a winter journey up the coast of Norway. H. C. Bunner writes of "The Bowery and Bohemia;" Arsene Alexandre talks about "French Caricature of To-day. "At Tully's Head" is the title given by Austin Dobson to a sketch of Robert Doddsley and his famous book shop. Dramatic in short story by Thomas Nelson Page, called "The Burial of the Guns," describes the action of a confederate regiment when it heard the news of Lee's surrender. Philip Gilbert Hamerton contributes a brief biographical sketch of Frank Bramley, with an account of the school of artists to which he belongs.

An excellent piece of descriptive work is the account, in the April Harper, of a battle ship in action, as it is seen by Lieut. S. A. Staunton, of the United States navy, who projects his fancy into the year 1898 and pictures an encounter between two war vessels having all the devices now being planned by shipbuilders and naval engineers. The article is suggestive of one of a similar character which appeared in an English periodical several years ago, but which was more spirited and dramatic than this. George W. Smalley writes about the "English Senate." John Gilmer Speed has a sketch of "A Vigorous Politician of the Olden Time, meaning Captain Matthew Lyon, of Vermont. The "Winter's Tale," with comment by Lang, has nine illustrations by Abbey. Poultney Bigelow describes Emperor William's great horse-breeding establishment and his hunting forest; illustrations by Remington. A paper on Cornell University, by Andrew T. Hadley, describes the development and character of that institution. Several very good short stories are features of the number.

A good deal of the confederate side of the war history is getting into current literature nowadays. A chapter of it in the Atlantic Monthly relates to General Lee's movements during the seven days' campaign before Richmond. In a paper entitled "War's Use of the Engines of Peace" Joseph L. Brent discusses some methods of coast defense and modes of protecting cities against attack. An article on the referendum in America and Switzerland is contributed by A. L. Lowell. The fiction of the number consists of an installment of Mrs. Deland's serial, and two short stories by Elizabeth Stuart Phelps and Mrs. Catherwood, respectively. A bird sketch by Olive Thorne Miller, a study of a horse by Mrs. Carazza, and an essay by Agnes Repplier are pleasant features of the number. William R. Thayer tells of some of the causes of the Italian crisis.

The Forum for April gives its first pages to an Independent's criticism of the President, which is the plaint of one who discovers that his idol is not perfect. "Lord Rosebery and the Liberal Crisis in England," "American Universities and the Training of Teachers" are interesting as well as timely articles. Dr. Shredy tells of "American Achievements in Surgery." Hubart Welsh has discovered "A Definite Step toward Municipal Reform." Theodore Roosevelt tells "What Americanism Means." Colonel Walker, of the Interstate-commerce Commission, describes that subject, while E. V. Smaily asks and answers the question, "Has Farm Machinery Destroyed Farm Life?" The Forum is sold new for 25 cents a copy, or for $3 per year, by the Forum Publishing Company, Union Square, New York.

McClure's Magazine is crowded with features of interest. The opening paper is an account of the life and methods of work of Emil Zola, as related by himself to the interviewer, R. H. Sherard. Archdeacon Farrar sets forth in vigorous style the difference between true and false Christianity. A character study of Ellen Terry, the actress, is contributed by Ethel McKenna. E. J. Edwards describes the remarkable work accomplished by Dr. Schurz in his crusade against official crime in New York city. E. C. Cotes writes of the poisonous snakes of India. W. Clark Russell has a short story entitled "Captain Jones of the Rose."

"The Flying Halcyon," a story of lively adventure by sea and land, is the complete novel in the April Lippincott. It is the work of Richard H. Savage. Among other interesting contributions to the number is a paper by H. C. Walsh descriptive of a successful experiment in co-operative housekeeping now in operation in a Boston suburb, Brookline. "The Librarian Among His Books" is the title of a pleasant sketch, by Julian Hawthorne, of a talk with Mr. Spofford, of the Congressional Library.

A very interesting paper by Prof. Max Muller on the similarities of the Mohammedan to the Christian religion is a feature of the April Eclectic Magazine. The objections to the House of Lords are forcibly set forth by D. R. Mackenzie. Other subjects considered are: "Mr. Ruskin in Relation to Modern Problems," "Mothers and Daughters," "The Philosophy of Crime," "Significance of Carbon in the Universe," "Shakspeare's Natural History" and "Remarkable Applications of Electricity."

### A Little Darling's Discovery.

New York Weekly.

Professor—Some of the grandest inventions of the age have been the result of accidental discoveries.

Young Lady—I can readily believe it. Why, I made an important discovery myself, and it was the purest accident, too.

"I should much like to hear it."

"Why, I found that by keeping a bottle of ink handy, a fountain pen can be used just the same as any other without any of the bother and muss of filling it."

# MERCURIAL MARKETS

## Wheat Was Unstable and Made Some Alarming Jumps.

### An Early Drop of 11-8c Quickly Followed by 23-4c Advance and a Collapse of 13-4c Later—Pork Is Lower.

CHICAGO, April 6.—It was a wild, uproarous day in the wheat pit. First there was a drop of 1⅛c in May, then a series of jumps until it had advanced 2¾c, and later a sudden collapse of 1⅞c, with, in the end, a gain of ¼c since yesterday's close. Spreaders who had been working on the expectation of July going to a premium of 3½c were stranded by those months coming together for a few minutes with a clash. The covering of a line of short wheat for a Baltimore house, which found itself unable to respond to further margin calls, helped furnish the excitement which ruled during the greater part of the session. Corn and oats received some benefit from the strength in wheat, but lost it all again. provisions were weak and lower, pork closing at from 15c to 17½c decline.

Wheat at the opening was weak compared with its feverish strength at the close of yesterday's session. May opened with almost the entire crowd willing to sell at 64c, and some with ideas no higher than 63⅝c at the same time. The lower figures soon prevailed, and before the early competition to sell was overcome by the buying orders which were waiting to come out the price had dropped to 63⅜c. The swell which resulted after the market had dug down to the buying stratum caused a quick recovery to 64¼c, and these fluctuations all occurred in the first forty minutes of the session. The desire to sell was not occasioned by any change in the situation. The main cause of it was the profit which so many had in the long wheat bought within the last few days and the attempt to turn that into money. The weather was still dry in Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri, where the plant is reported to be suffering for want of rain. The advices from those States did not offer much encouragement for the farmers who have winter wheat in the ground. A more protracted drought would mean a more aggravated loss. The Missouri State crop report announced that 25 per cent. of the winter wheat in that State had been damaged by the late freeze. The frost damage in southern Illinois and southern Indiana and in Kentucky, Tennessee and Ohio may also be largely reduced with the proper kind of weather. From California the same discouraging drought which prevailed up to yesterday was reported as still doing its withering work. All that had but little further immediate effect, and a reaction of 1c or 2c was confidently looked for by the bears, when suddenly it become whispered about that there was some urgency in the demand for cash wheat. When it became known that a Milwaukee miller had bought here 200,000 bushels of hard spring wheat to be ground at his mill, that the price paid for it was within a fraction of 3c premium over the price of regular contract for May and that it could have been sold twice over again at a straight 3c premium, in one case to a Rochester miller, and again to a Buffalo miller; then the musicians in the pit, who had simply been tuning their fiddles, started up with a quickstep, and the bears danced for twenty minutes like dervishes, throwing up their hands and shouting for wheat at the same time, until May was up to 65¼c and July to 66⅝c, the latter having sold earlier in the day at 65c. Even at those prices they only stopped a few minutes for breath, and when they started again they put May up to 66c and July to 67⅜c. The bulls dared after May had risen to 66¼c and July to 68⅜c and the price was allowed to drop 1⅛c about as rapidly as it had risen that much. At one period of the advance May and July for a few seconds were traded in at the same price, and for quite a long time the difference was only ⅛c, about 12:45 o'clock May was down again to 64½c and July to 65c. The closing prices were: May, 64⅜c; July, 65¼c.

There was a fair business done in corn, and the market went soaring at one time. The shorts were badly demoralized by the jump in wheat, and that was the chief reason for the advance which took place in the middle of the session. When wheat came off its perch toward the end corn lost for a time all its earlier advance. Later there were independently strong points in the corn situation, and the market wound up firm at a slight improvement on yesterday's closing prices. May started weak with wheat at 38½c, sold off to 38¾c, recovered to 39⅜c and closed at 38⅜@39c, compared with 38¾c yesterday.

There seemed to be a general uprising in the oats crowd to-day. Not only was there a big business transacted, but the market was independently strong. Even at the opening, when corn and wheat were easier, the price of oats was up from ⅛c to ¼c. This was due to the fact that while the reports of the condition of the wheat and corn crops were conflicting, they were universal as to the oats crop being badly damaged. May started at 31⅜c against yesterday's last quotation of 31¾c, sold off to 32¼c. The later decline in the larger markets was more influential, and when the decline in those prices began, oats also fell off. May oats sold at 31⅛c and closed at this price.

Provisions acted weary with the load of their recent advance. There was an appearance of the more anxious of the shorts having come in and of even some selling on short account. There was a few short-lived spurts of activity at times when wheat was on the rampage, but the result of the day's trading was a small aggregate. May pork opened off 10c at $12.02½, and was $11.95 at the close. Lard for May closed with .02½c loss for the day. May ribs closed .05c lower.

Estimated receipts for to-morrow are: Wheat, 52 cars; corn, 230 cars; oats, 118 cars; hogs, 16,000 head. Leading futures ranged as follows:

| Articles. | Open-ing. | High-est. | Low-est. | Clos-ing. |
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| Wheat—April | 63 | 65¼ | 62¾ | 63¾ |
| May | 64 | 66¼ | 63⅜ | 64⅜ |
| July | 65½ | 66¾ | 65 | 65¼ |
| Corn—April | 37⅜ | 38⅝ | 37½ | 38⅛ |
| May | 38¼ | 39¼ | 38¼ | 39 |
| July | 39¾ | 40¼ | 39¼ | 39⅝ |
| Oats—May | 31⅜ | 32¼ | 31⅝ | 31⅝ |
| June | 31¼ | 31¾ | 31¼ | 31¼ |
| July | 29¾ | 30¼ | 29⅝ | 29½ |
| Sept | 25¾ | 26⅜ | 25⅞ | 26⅛ |
| Pork—May | $12.05 | $12.07½ | $11.92½ | $11.97½ |
| July | 12.05 | 12.10 | 11.95 | 12.00 |
| Lard—April | ..... | ..... | ..... | 7.15 |
| May | 7.05 | 7.12½ | 7.02½ | 7.15 |
| July | 6.90 | 6.92½ | 6.85 | 6.87½ |
| Ribs—May | 6.10 | 6.17½ | 6.09½ | 6.12½ |
| July | 6.10 | 6.12½ | 6.05 | 6.05 |

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour firm. No. 2 spring wheat, 63