IN THE WORLD OF TRADE.

NEW YORK, April 16.—Money on call easy at 1½@2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 5@7. Sterling exchange, dull but firm at $4.85 for 60-day bills, and $4.87½ for demand. The total sales of stocks to-day were 211,857 shares.

The stock market was quiet and for the general list was without movement of importance for the entire day, the interest centering in the Richmond & West Point stocks, and New England, whose activity and strength was responded to only slightly by the general market. There was some attempt to advance the market in the early trading, and, though London was a seller, the stocks offered were taken, though the gains made were afterward wiped out. New England early became conspicuous on the buying of Boston parties and the Standard oil interest, and the rumors of a consolidation with the New Haven road were again in circulation and seemed to find some believers. Missouri Pacific was, at this time however, very weak, and its price was forced down 1 per cent., but it had very little, if any, influence upon the remainder of the list. Later in the day the result of a meeting of the Richmond & West-Point directors was made public and the buying in the stocks of that company became very large, while their prices moved up sharply. The general list responded freely to the stimulation of this movement and quotations were improved all round the room. In none other than the stocks mentioned, however, did the extreme fluctuations reach as much as 1 per cent., and although there were some large blocks of St. Paul sold during the day, and Lackawanna was very scarce for delivery, the movements of the two stocks were entirely insignificant. The first sales were generally steady, but the market soon developed activity and strength and Missouri Pacific, New England and Union Pacific became conspicuous for strength. The animation died out before noon, however, and the list, with the single exception of New England, slowly reacted and the early gains were generally wiped out. The monotony was not relieved until toward 2 o'clock, when the movement in the Richmond & West Point stocks began, which infused some life into the list and prices moved up all round. The last prices were at or near the best of the day, and the close was active and strong. The closing prices are generally small fractions higher as compared with Saturday's prices, but New England rose 2¼. Richmond & West Point preferred 2⅝, the common 1¾, and Rock Island 1 per cent., while Tennessee coal lost 1. Railroad bonds were a little more animated and displayed a firm tone throughout. Mexican Central incomes rose 9¼ to 21; New Orleans Pacific transfer receipts 2¼ to 53¾. Mobile & Ohio first debentures lost 3 at 47. Government bonds were dull and steady. State bo ds were dull and steady.

U. S. 4s	122¼	Kansas & Texas	13½
U. S. 4s coup	122¼	Lake Erie & West	13½
U. S. 4½s	109½	do. preferred	43½
U. S. 4½s coup	109½	Lake Shore	88½
Pacific 6s of '95	120½	Louisville & Nash	54½
Louisiana stamp 4s	70	Louisville, N. A. & C.	31
Missouri 6s	101½	Memphis & Charles	51½
Tenn. 6s settlement	109	Michigan Central	76½
Tenn. 5s settlement	95	M., L. S. & W.	92
Tenn. 3s settlement	69½	do. preferred	84
Canada Southern 2s	90½	Minneap. & St. L.	6
Cent. Pac. firsts	114½	do. preferred	14½
Den. & R. G. firsts	121¼	Missouri Pacific	75½
do. 4s	75½	Mobile & Ohio	47½
Den. & R. G. W. firsts	69	Nashville & Chat	74½
Erie seconds	96½	New Jersey Cent	19½
M. K. & T. Gen. 6s	63½	Norfolk & W. pfd	45½
do. 5s	35	Northern Pacific	22½
Mutual Union 6s	91	do. preferred	47½
N. J. C. Int. Cert	92	Chic. & Northwestern	107½
Northern Pac. firsts	118	do. preferred	141½
do. seconds	103½	New York Central	103
Northwestern cons	142½	N. Y. C. & St. L.	14
do. debenture 5s	110½	do. preferred	64½
Oregon & Trans. 6s	95½	Ohio & Mississippi	21½
St. L. & I. M. gen. 5s	81½	do. preferred	85
St. L. & San Fran	116½	Ontario & Western	16½
St. Paul consols	125½	Oregon Imp	47
St. P. Chic. & Pac. 1s	119½	Oregon Navigation	80
Tex. P. land grants	43½	Oregon Transcon	19½
T. Pac. R. G. ex-coup	68½	Pacific Mail	31½
Union Pacific firsts	114	Peoria, Decatur & E.	19½
West Shore	102½	Pittsburg	138½
Adams Express	133	Pullman Palace Car	140
Alton & Terre H.	34	Reading	37½
do. preferred	70	Rock Island	110½
American Express	107	St. L. & San Fran	27
Bur., Ced. R. & N.	23	do. preferred	67
Canada Pacific	59	do. first pfd	106½
Canada Southern	48½	St. Paul	70½
Central Pacific	29½	do. preferred	116½
Chesapeake & Ohio	1	St. Paul, Min. & Man	103
do. pfd. firsts	3½	St. Paul & Omaha	35½
do seconds	2½	do. preferred	106
Chicago & Alton	135	Tenn., C., I. & R.	30½
Chic., Bur. & Q.	118½	Texas Pacific	23½
C., St. L. & Pac	12	Tol. & Ohio pfd	40
do. preferred	31½	Union Pacific	52½
Cin., San. & Cleve	56½	U. S. Express	72
Cleveland & Col.	43	Wabash, St. L. & Pac	11½
Del. & Hudson	107½	do. preferred	22½
Del., Lack. & West	126	Wells Fargo Express	130
Den. & Rio Grande	18	W. U. Telegraph	73½
East Tennessee	9½	Am. Cotton Oil	28½
do. 1st preferred	57	Colorado Coal	33½
do. 2d preferred	20½	Homestake	10
Erie	24½	Iron Silver	350
do. preferred	53	Ontario	28
Fort Wayne	133	Quicksilver	9½
Ft. Worth & Denver	34	do. preferred	50½
Hocking Val	18	Sutro	14
Houston & Texas	15	Bulwer	90
Illinois Central	119	Rich & W. Pt. term	24½
L. & W.	10½		

Clearings and Balances Yesterday.

	Clearances.	Balances.
Chicago	$10,716,000	$2,000,000
New York	69,522,851	3,973,733
Boston	14,008,273	1,501,462
Philadelphia	12,035,939	2,952,632
Baltimore	2,107,101	289,859
St. Louis	3,661,431	573,951

CHICAGO, April 16.—New York exchange was 65c premium.

COMMERCIAL.

The grain market was rather quiet though firm yesterday, and as the following bids will show, there were no startling changes in prices. Corn continues to advance. Eggs yesterday dropped 1 cent, and country butter has gone off to 15c per pound. Otherwise the produce market is without change. Coffees are firm, and sugar is steady. Canned goods remain quiet.

WHEAT—Quiet.

	Bids.		Bids.
Wheat—No. 2 Med	86	Wheat—No. 3 Red	83½
No. 3 Med	83½	July	79½
No. 2 Red	83½		

CORN—

	Bids.		Bids.
No. 1 White	57	No. 2 Mixed	51½
No. 2 White	56½	No. 3 Mixed	51½
White Mixed	54½	No. 4 Mixed	51½
No. 3 White	54	S. E. White	56½
No. 2 Yellow	52	S. E. Yellow	50
No. 3 Yellow	51	S. E. Mixed	51
No. 4 Yellow	50		

OATS—

	Bids.		Bids.
No. 1 White	40	April	33
No. 2 White	36½	May	33½
No. 3 White	34½	June	33½
Mixed	33		

BRAN $16.75

	Bids.		Bids.
Choice Timothy	$16.50	No. 2 Timothy	$14.00
No. 1 Timothy	16.50		

Receipts and Shipments by Rail Past Twenty-four Hours.

		Receipts.	Shipm'ts.
Flour	Barrels.	625	875
Wheat	Bushels	6,000	2,400
Corn	Bushels	7,200	3,600
Oats	Bushels	9,000	8,100
Rye	Bushels	.....	.....
Barley	Bushels	3,000	600

Grain in Store April 13, 1888.

	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Rye.
Elevator A	4,503	73,881	38,121	.....
Elevator B	16,608	20,536	4,624	2,067
Capital Elevator	.....	500	49,000	.....
Elevator D	17,600	15,000	49,000	.....
I. D. & S. Elevator	.....	13,660	2,000	.....
Total r	38,203	122,717	133745	2,067
Cor. day last year	38,200	11,400	32,138	228

INDIANAPOLIS WHOLESALE MARKET.

The Produce Market.

Eggs—Fresh, per dozen, 12c.

Butter—Extra country roll, 15c.

Poultry—Hens, 8c; spring chickens, 8c; roosters, 4c; turkeys, 8@9c; geese, large, full feathered, 5c; ducks, 7c.

Feathers—Prime geese, 35c; mixed and duck, 20c.

Rags—$1 per cwt.

Wool—Medium and quarter blood, unwashed, 27@28c; braid and very coarse, 20@23c; fine unwashed merino, 18@22c; tub-washed, 28@39c; burry and fleece crown, 5@10c less.

The Provision Market.

Below are the present jobbing prices:

Smoked meats—Reliable Brand.

Sugar-cured Hams—25 lbs. and over		10¾
	22½ lbs. average	11
	20 lbs. average	11½
	17½ lbs. average	11¾
	15 lbs. average	12
	12 lbs. average	12½
	10 lbs. and over	12¾
Boneless hams		10
California hams—10 to 11 lbs. average		8½
	14 to 15 lbs. average	8
Cottage hams, 4 to 6 lbs. average		8½
English-cured breakfast bacon, clear		11½
English shoulders light and medium		8½
Rolled shoulders		9½
Dried beef hams		14
Bacon—Clear sides, light or medium weight		9½
	Clear backs, light or medium	9
	Clear bellies	9½

"Morgan & Grey" brand—

Hams, ¾c less than "Reliable;" shoulders and breakfast bacon, ½c less than "Reliable;" Californians, none at present.

Miscuits—

Hams	9
Shoulders	7½

"Porter Brand"—

Dried beef hams	10

D. S. and Pickled Meats—

English cured, clear sides, unsmoked	8½c
Bean pork (clear) per bbl, 200 lbs	$18 00
Ham or rump pork, per bbl, 200 lbs	14 00

Also in one-half bbls., containing 100 lbs., at half the price of barrels, with 50c added to cover additional cost of package.

Lard—Pure leaf, kettle rendered in tierces, 9¼c; half barrels ⅜c advance on price of tierces; 50-pound cans in 100-pound cases, ½c advance on price of tierces; 20-pound cans in 80-pound cases, ¾c advance on price of tierces; 10-pound cans, in 60-pound cases, ⅞c advance on price of tierces; 5-pound cans in 60-pound cases, ⅞c advance on price of tierces; 3-pound cans in 60-pound cases, ⅞c advance on price of tierces.

Indiana Packing Company's Lard—"Diamond A," in tierces, 8¾c; family lard, 8½c; 50, 20 and 10 pound cans at usual advance on price of tierces.

Smoked Sausage—Bologna—Skin, large or small, 7½c; cloth, 7c.

Groceries.

Sugars—Hard, 7½@8c; standard A, 6¾@7c; coffee A, 6¼@6⅞c; white extra C, 6⅛@6¼c; good yellow, 5⅞@6c; common to fair, 5½@5⅞c.

Molasses—New Orleans, new crop, 30@50c; medium syrups, 33@35c; choice, 38@45c.

Coffee—Common to good, 14@16c; prime to choice, 17@19c; fancy, 20@21c; golden Rio, 20½@22½c; Java, 24@28c; Levering's E. L. C., roasted, 19½c; Schnull & Krag's standard, 18¾c; Arbuckle's, 19¾c.

Miscellaneous—Rice, 5½@7½c. Coal oil, 8@14c. Lake salt, car lots, 98c@$1. Beans, navy, $2@3 25; medium, $2 65@2 90; marrowfat, $3@3 25. Canned goods—Blackberries, $1 15@1 20; peaches, 3-pound, $2 75@3; peas, $1 40@1 60; salmon, 1 pound, $2@2 75; tomatoes, 3-pound, $1 15@1 40; sugar-corn, $1 10@1 50. Raisins—Crown London layers, new, $3@3 25 per box; Muscatel double crown, new, $2 20@2 50. Prunes, 4½@6c. Currants, 7@8c.

Seeds.

Shippers' paying prices: Prime clover, $3 30@3 60; prime timothy, $2 50@2 70; extra cleaned blue grass, $1@1 20; red top, 75c; orchard grass, $1 40; Alsike, $6 10; English blue grass, 8c.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

UNION STOCK YARDS, INDIANAPOLIS, April 16, 1888.

CATTLE—Receipts, 73; shipments, 69. Market strong and active on all grades though the supply is weak. The prices are about the same as Saturday's close.

Prime shipping steers of 1,400 to 1,600 pounds	$4 65@5 00
Fair to good shipping steers of 1,400 to 1,600 pounds	4 25@4 50
Fair to good shipping steers of 1,200 to 1,300 pounds	3 75@4 25
Good shipping steers of 1,100 to 1,200 pounds	3 50@4 00
Fair shipping steers of 800 to 1,000 pounds	2 75@3 25
Prime heifers	3 75@4 00
Fair to good heifers	2 75@3 25
Prime butcher cows	3 25@3 75
Fair to good butcher cows	2 50@3 00
Common cows	2 00@2 50
Prime heavy bulls	2 50@3 00
Fair to good bulls	1 50@2 25
Veals	3 00@5 00
Milch cows, calves and springers	20 00@40 00

Hogs—Receipts, 500; shipments, 373. The market opened active and strong at prices the same as Saturday's close. The receipts were hardly enough to make a market and the close was weak at the morning prices. All sold.

Best heavy shipping	$3 70@3 80
Best light and heavy mixed	3 50@3 65
Choice lights (170 to 190 lbs)	3 55@3 65
Common to good	3 25@3 40
Pigs and common lights	4 50@3 25

SHEEP—Receipts of sheep very light. The market strong on good grades at unchanged prices.

Prime sheep, 110 pounds and upward	$4 75@5 50
Good sheep, 90 to 100 pounds	4 00@4 50
Common to medium sheep	2 50@3 50
Prime spring lambs	5 25@5 75
Fair to good spring lambs	4 00@4 75
Bucks, per head	2 00@4 00

Elsewhere.

CINCINNATI, April 16.—CATTLE—Receipts, 1,465; shipments, 28. Plenty and easier; common to choice butchers', $2.25@4.40; shipping, $4.25@5. SHEEP—Receipts, 263; shipments, 190. Active and firm; common to prime, $3.25@5.50; choice wethers, $5.75; lambs, strong at $4@6.25. HOGS—Strong; common and light, $4@5.50; packing and butchers', $5.50@5.85; receipts, 4,300; shipments, 1,500.

EAST LIBERTY, April 16.—CATTLE—Receipts, 1,045; shipments, 298; market slow, 10@15c off from last week's prices; eight cars of cattle shipped to New York to-day. HOGS—Receipts, 3,200; shipments, 3,300; market active; Philadelphias, $6.00@6.15; mixed, $5.90@6.05; Yorkers, $5.60@5.90; common to fair, $5.45@5.75; pigs, $5.00@5.35. Nine cars of hogs shipped to New York to-day. SHEEP—Receipts, 3,200; shipments, 3,000; market firm and shade higher than last week's prices.

KANSAS CITY, April 16.—CATTLE—Receipts, 1,200; shipments, 270; market dull, good to choice, $4.40@4.75; common to medium, $3.25@4.30; stockers, $2@2.90; feeders, $3@3.60; cows, $2@3.50. HOGS—Receipts, 6,600; shipments, 1,800; opened active closing slow, and steady except for some light which were a shade weak; good to choice, $5.30@5.50; common to medium, $4.80@5.30; skips and pigs, $3@4.70. SHEEP—Receipts, 1,600; shipments 250; offerings common and not in demand; good to choice, $4.15@4.60; common to medium, $2.50@3.75.

ST. LOUIS, April 16.—CATTLE—Receipts, 900; shipments, 200. Market steady; choice heavy and native steers, $4.40@5.25; fair to good native steers, $3.90@4.50; butchers' steers medium to choice, $3.20@4.25; stockers and feeders fair to good, $2.20@3.30; rangers ordinary to good, $2.25@4. HOGS—Receipts, 2,900; shipments, 500. Market active and strong; choice heavy and butchers' selections, $5.65@5.80; packing, medium to prime, $5.40@5.59; light grades, ordinary to best, $5.30@5.60. SHEEP—Receipts, 1,100; shipments, 1,100. Market strong; fair to fancy, $4.10@6.20.

CHICAGO, April 16.—CATTLE—Receipts, 9,000; shipments, 3,000. Market slow, 5@10c lower; steers, $3.50@5.65; stockers and feeders, $2.40@3.65; cows, bulls and mixed, $1.75@3.50; Texas steers, $3@4. HOGS—Receipts, 16,000; shipments, 8,000. Market slow, 5@10c lower; mixed, $4.65@5.75; heavy, $5.55@5.83; light, $5.00@5.70; skips, $3.60@5.15. SHEEP—Receipts, 6,000; shipments, 2,000. Market strong; natives, $4@6.25; western, $4.75@6.25; Texans, $2.75@4.50; lambs, $5@6.50. The Drover's Journal special cablegram from London quotes excessive supplies, very weak demand and a decline on cattle; best American beeves 11½c per s dead weight.

NEW YORK, April 16.—BEEVES—Receipts, 3,100, making 8,750 for the week. Arrivals to-day included 74 car-loads for the market. 62 car-loads for exportation and 40 car-loads for city slaughterers direct. Active, firm and higher. Very poor to prime steers sold at $4.20@5.80, with nothing very good shown. SHEEP—Receipts, 10,300, making 28,800 for the week. Firmer and a fraction higher for desirable stock; common to best unshorn sheep went at $5.55@7.50; clipped, $4.50@6.25; unshorn yearlings, $5@6.65; spring lambs, $5 75@6.25 per head. HOGS—Receipts, 6,900, making 28,500 for the week. Not enough offered alive to make a market; firm feeling; nominal range, $5.80@6.25.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

Produce.

CHICAGO, April 16.—Wheat was on the up grade to-day. There were many things to favor the bulls. The sustained advances of Saturday gave the syndicate of local buyers more courage. Again a crop expert, who has been on the road for local parties, came in this morning with a report that more than confirmed the government report of last week on the point of damage to the winter wheat crop. This caused a bold front, and the courage and nerve of the local buyers frightened the shorts, and together they indged prices as they have not since last November, when the country got under wheat. Prices ranged, May, 79½c to open, then up to 81⅛c, back to 80c, up to 80⅞c and back to 80¼c, closing at 81⅛c. The visible supply decreased 461,000 bushels less than expected, which, together with realizing sales, caused the ease during the last hour of the session. There was a strong feeling on the curb, and the opening was at 80¾@⅞c better than prices for corn than the close on Saturday. There was fair buying by some leading local houses, and some outside orders gave additional strength. The corn pit was filled with excited traders early, and prices advanced from the opening about ½c. The market was not so well sustained as wheat and before noon there was a reaction to the opening price for May, and the closing price at 3 o'clock was ⅛c over Saturday. May sold at 55⅝c up to 56¼c back to 55¾c, up to 56⅛c, closing at 56⅛c. Oats did not reach Saturday's prices, although the market was firm and active with corn. May sold 32⅝@32¾c, closing at 32¾c, or ⅛c higher for the day. Provisions parted company with grain and declined, closing sales at 1 o'clock being 15c lower on pork, 2½@5c on short ribs. At 3 o'clock pork closed at $14.37½. Outside buying orders came in slowly, and local holders were disposed to sell more freely, but it required little pressure to keep prices on the downward path after they had fairly started. May opened at $14.35, sold to $14.40, declined to $14.17½ and closed at $14.27½. Lard remained steady with light offerings. May sold at $7.70@7.75 and closed at $7.72½@7.75. Short ribs for May opened at $7.30, sold to $7.55, receded to $7.30.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Opening.	High-est.	Low-est.	Closing.
Wheat No. 2—				
May	79⅞	81⅛	79¼	81⅛
June	81½	82	81	82
July	81⅜	83½	81⅜	83
Dec.	84	85	84	85
Corn No. 2—				
May	55⅝	56¼	55⅝	56⅛
June	54	55⅝	54⅜	55⅝
July	54½	55½	54½	55⅝
August	....	55⅛	55⅛	55⅛
Oats No. 2—				
May	32⅛	32⅞	32⅛	32⅝
June	32½	32¾	32¼	32¾
July	32½	32⅝	32½	32⅝
August	28¼	28¼	28¼	28¼
Mess Pork, per brl.—				
May	14 35	14 40	14 12½	14 37½
June	14 35	14 40	14 15	14 25
July	14 45	14 47½	14 20	14 35
Lard, per 100 lbs.—				
May	7 75	7 75	7 70	7 72½
June	7 80	7 82½	7 77½	7 80
July	7 85	7 85	7 82½	7 85
August	7 87½	7 90	7 87½	7 90
S. Ribs, per 100 lbs.—				
May	7 30	7 35	7 25	7 30
June	7 40	7 42½	7 32½	7 35
July	7 47½	7 50	7 40	7 42½
August	7 55	7 55	7 47½	7 52½

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour—Was firm and some dealers were asking an advance of 10c per brl; no. 2 spring wheat, 79¾c; no. 3 spring wheat, 74@76c; no. 2 red, 83¼c; no. 2 corn, 55¾c; no. 2 oats, 29@32½c; no. 2 rye, 61c; no. 2 barley, 77@80c; no. 1 flaxseed, $1.45; prime timothy seed, $2.70@2.90; mess pork, $14.12½@14.15; lard, $7.72½; short ribs sides (loose), $7.25; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $5.75@6; short clear sides (boxed), $7.70@7.80; whisky, $1.15.

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, brls	24,000	17,000
Wheat, bu	16,000	13,000
Corn, bu	36,000	79,000
Oats, bu	89,000	80,000
Rye, bu	1,000	7,000
Barley, bu	17,000	22,000

On the Produce Exchange to-day the butter market was easier and lower; creamery, 21@25½c; dairy, 17@24c. Eggs—Lower at 13@14½c.

ST. LOUIS, April 16.—Flour—Higher, ranging from $3.10@4.40. Wheat—Opened firm and advanced from the start, reaching ⅝c above opening before a halt was secured; toward close it eased off ¼c, and closed ⅝c above Saturday; no. 2 red, cash, 85¼c; May, 84⅝@85⅛c, closing 84⅞c; June, 84⅝@85⅝c, closing 84½c; July, 85@81⅝c, closing 81⅛c; Aug., 81⅛@82c, closing 81⅝c; Dec., 83⅝@86⅛c, closing 85⅝c. Corn Opened strong but lost ground, closing ⅛c lower; cash, 50½c; May, 50⅛@50⅛c, closing 50⅛c; June, 50⅛@50⅝c, closing 50⅛c; July, 50⅛@50⅝c, closing 50⅝c. Oats—Lower; cash, 33⅝@33½c; May, 32c. Provisions—Strong and higher; pork, $14.50; lard, $7.37½; dry salt meats, (boxed) shoulders, $5.87½; long clears, $7.30@7.25; clear ribs, $7.25@7.30; short clears, $7.37½@7.40. Bacon—(Boxed) shoulders, $6.37½; long clears, $7.75@7.85; clear ribs, $8@8.12½; short clears, $8.25@8.30; hams, $10@12.

CINCINNATI, April 16.—Flour—Strong and higher; family, $3.50@3.70; fancy, $3.85@4.15. Wheat—Strong; no. 2 red, 86@88½c; receipts, 2,000; shipments, none. Corn—In good demand and higher; no. 2 mixed, 56c. Oats—In fair demand; no. 2 mixed, 34@34½c. Rye—Scarce; no. 2, 67c. Pork—Dull, $14.50. Lard—Firm, $7.50. Bulk meats—Firm; short ribs, $7.50. Bacon—Steady; short clear, $8.37½. Whisky—Steady; sales, 1,238 brls. of finished goods on a basis of $1.08. Butter—Weaker and lower; fancy creamery, 28c; prime dairy roll, 18@20c. Linseed oil—Easy, 53@56c. Sugar—Steady and quiet; hard refined, 7½@8c; New Orleans, 5⅝@6c. Eggs—Dull and lower, 13½c. Cheese—Fair; prime to choice flat, 9@11c.

NEW YORK, April 16.—Flour—Receipts, 25,230 pckgs; exports, 1,649 brls, 28,099 sacks; strong; sales 25,000 brls; common to good extra Ohio, $2.80@3; common to choice extra St. Louis, $2.85@3; patent Minnesota, extra good to prime, $4.40@4.60; choice to fancy do., $4.65@5. Wheat—Receipts, 5,500; exports, 48,133; sales, 10,232,000 futures, 62,000 spot. Options unsettled and very irregular; opened ⅛@⅜c higher, then gained ⅜@⅝c, later ruled easier, dropped ⅛@⅜c, closing stronger at the best. Fair speculative business; cash grades ½@¾c better but quiet; ungraded spring, 90c f. o. b.; ungraded red, 90@95c; no. 2 red, 93¼@94c store and elevator, 94@94½c f. o. b., 95¼@95¾c delivered; no. 3 red, April, 92 9-16@94c, closing 94c; May, 92⅞@93⅝c, closing 93⅛c; June, 91⅞@92 13-16c, closing 92⅛c; July, 91⅛@92⅛c, closing 92⅛c; Aug., 90¼@91½c, closing 91½c; Sept., 90⅝@91⅝c, closing 91⅝c; Dec., 93⅛@94⅛c, closing 94⅛c; May (1889), 96⅛@98⅛c, closing 98⅛c. Corn—Receipts, 46,076; exports, 450; sales, 1,792,000 futures, 24,000 spot; cash firm and very quiet; options opened heavy and ½@⅝c lower, later advanced about ½c, closing firm at about the best; speculation moderate; ungraded mixed, 66@70c; no. 3, 68c delivered steamer, 69½@69¾c store and elevator; no. 2, 70c store; no. 2 April, closing 70c; May, 64⅛@65c, closing 64⅞c; June, 63@63½c, closing 63½c; July, 62⅞@63⅛c, closing 63⅛c; Aug., 62½@63⅛c, closing 63c; Sept., 62⅝@62⅞c, closing 62⅞c; Oct., 61⅞@62⅛c, closing 62⅛c. Stocks of grain in store April 14: Wheat, 2,848,371, corn 136,899, oats, 838,278; rye, 16,456; barley, 52,892; malt, 227,173. Oats—Receipts, 44,000; exports, none; sales, 505,000 futures, 118,000 spot; steady; mixed western, 27@31c; white do., 32@37c. Coffee—Spot fair. Hides—Easier. Eggs—Heavy and lower; western, 16@16½c. Pork—In fair demand and firm; mess quoted $14.50@14.75 old; $15@15.25 new. Cut meats—Very firm; pickled hams, 10½@11c; pickled bellies, 7½c. Lard—Opened about 20c points higher; after fell back 3@5 points, closing steady; western steam, spot, $8.07½; April, $8.04; May, $8.03@8.07; June, $8.06@8.11; July, $8.08@8.13; Aug., $8.11@8.14; Sept., $8.15@8.17; city steam, $7.75. Butter—Quiet, but weak; western, 15@25. Eggs—Heavy and lower; receipts, 7,729 pckgs; western, 13@16½c.

MINNEAPOLIS, April 16.—Flour—Patents to shippers, sacks, car-load, $4.20@4.40; in bbls, $4.45@4.55.

Foreign Markets.

LIVERPOOL, April 16.—Wheat—Firm; demand fair; holders offer sparingly; California no. 1, 6s 9d@6s 10d per cental. Corn—Firm; demand fair; new western mixed, 3s 3d per cental. Lard—Prime western, 29s 3d per cwt.

Dry Goods.

NEW YORK, April 16.—Dry Goods—The market was quiet in all departments.

THE ORDER OF VIDETTES.

A Secret Organization in the Interest of Gresham's Presidential Aspirations.

Some time since the Chicago *Mail* published an account of the existence of a secret oath-bound organization, whose chief object was the election of Judge Walter Q. Gresham to the presidency of the United States. The story was mildly discussed by the press, and Judge Gresham was interviewed concerning his knowledge of such a society. He said that he did not know of any organization having his election as the reason of its existence. The *Mail*, however, avers that there is an organization, which now covers every state and territory in the union; has councils, or "companies," as they are called, in three-fourths of the important towns; has twelve brances of the organization in Chicago, and more than a hundred in the state of Illinois—the National Order of Videttes.

The constitution of the body does not explicitly declare the nomination and election of Judge Gresham to be the leading motive of the organization, but the movement was started in Gresham's interest solely, because the founders of it thought him to be the fittest man for the position. His name was not incorporated in the constitution because some unforseen event might render it impossible for him to be nominated, or to accept the honor if tendered to him.

The system of organization is on a military plan, the state organizations being known as "brigades," which are divided into "regiments" and "companies." The greatest care is exercised in the selection of members of the organization. No one may become a member by application because outsiders have not hitherto known that such an organization existed, and even now will not know to whom to apply should they wish to join the order. The method of obtaining membership is this: In the "company" meeting some "officer" or "private" suggests the name of some one who would, in his opinion, make a good "enlisted man." A committee is then appointed to investigate the recruit's reputation, social standing and political affiliations and inclinations. Should the report of this committee be satisfactory the desired member is elected "on probation" and another committee is appointed whose duty it is to interview the unconscious member and learn his views and opinions as to Judge Gresham's availability as a presidential candidate, and on the principles of the order. Should his expressions be in harmony with the objects of the order, the advisability of having some organization of men of his views is suggested, and if he confesses to a desire to help organize such a body he is partially paralyzed by being informed that such an organization is already in existence, with a membership of 500,000 picked men, and that he had been elected to comradeship in it. He is then told where to find the "tent," and at the next meeting takes the oath of membership. This obligation is very strict, and the recruit binds himself to submit to the penalty provided for treason, should he be disloyal to his oath.

From a prominent Indiana republican the foregoing particulars were obtained by a reporter for the *Mail*. This gentleman, being an ardent Gresham man, was made a sort of an honorary member of the videttes, without being required to take oath.

"The national order of videttes was organized a little more than a year ago," said he, "almost simultaneously in Indianapolis and Chicago. The movement was small at first, and its present form was not assumed for quite a while after its inception. We support Judge Gresham because he is the only prominent republican who, in our opinion, can be elected."

"Will Judge Gresham adopt and indorse your platform?"

"Well we have good reason to think that he does and will. We have been making a quiet but very active campaign. People and press have been astonished at what seemed to be a spontaneous uprising of public opinion in favor of Gresham. If you have noticed the expression in favor of his candidacy crops out everywhere. Meetings indorse him, newspapers hoist his name to the tops of their columns, political clubs resolve to support him, and all apparently without any concert of action. All this show of support and sympathy and public favor for Gresham is, with few exceptions, directly the work of the videttes. The videttes now include very many of the leading republicans and not a few of the prominent democrats of the country. I can tell you with a tolerable certainty what will be done at the Chicago convention. I do not think Gresham's name will come up till after a few ballots have been had, and then his name will be presented, probably by Illinois, and the next ballot will nominate him."

A ROMANCE IN REAL LIFE.

Husband and Wife Reunited After Four Years Searching for Each Other.

CHICAGO, April 12.—Michael Sullivan left his home in Ore Hill, Conn., about four years ago to seek his fortune in California. He left behind a wife and child, a daughter about ten years of age. Mr. Sullivan made money rapidly in the golden state and sent frequent remittances to his family. About two years after leaving home he sent his wife $500 and told her to come to him. She went to California in company with a male relative named Kelly. When she arrived at San Francisco no husband was at the station to welcome her. She went to the address given her by Mr. Sullivan and learned that he had suddenly left two weeks before and nothing had been heard from him since.

Mrs. Sullivan, assisted by Mr. Kelly, instituted a thorough search for the missing husband and advertised liberally, but no tidings of the lost one came. Finally, after months of vain search, Mrs. Sullivan determined to return home. She purchased a ticket to Chicago, and on the train between this city and Omaha was robbed of all her money save a small amount of change. Arrived here she secured shelter after many privations, and since then has worked very hard to maintain herself and child. Nothing had been heard of her husband until yesterday morning, when she received a call from a detective, who questioned her closely. He left the house, but shortly afterward returned with a swarthy, bearded man, and husband, wife and child were again reunited.

It appears that immediately after writing his wife to join him, Mr. Sullivan determined to make a trip to Arizona and inspect some mining property in which he was interested, intending to return to San Francisco in time to meet his wife. At Chandlas he met with a serious accident, and a few days afterward brain fever set in. He was confined to his bed for three months. When he became convalescent he found that his mine had developed wealth, and that he was a rich man. As soon as he was able he returned to San Francisco only to find that his wife had been there, but had not been seen for several weeks. From that day until yesterday a constant search has been kept up for the missing ones. Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan, accompanied by their daughter, departed at once for their old home in the East.

A SCOUNDREL IN UNIFORM.

SAD STORY OF MAN'S DUPLICITY.

A Young Girl Led From Home and Deserted by Her Betrayer Who Gets Tired of Her—A Naval Officer's Villainy Catches Up With Him.

PITTSBURGH, April 11.—Last evening Ensign Ryan, U. S. N., stationed here to inspect armor plate at the Carnegie works, and J. H. Meade of the Arctic ice company, were arrested, charged with abducting the seventeen year old daughter of W. J. Parsons, a prominent citizen of Allegheny. The daughter has been missing ten weeks and a search has been made everywhere for her. Ryan denies the charge, but says Miss Parsons had frequently asked questions about the stage and that he had endeavored to dissuade her from going. Since she left he had received letters from her detailing her experience. She is now, he says, at 52 Clinton place, New York. The parties were held in $1,000 bail each. Lieut. Eaton, in command here, has suspended Ryan pending an investigation, and says if the charge is sustained he will be dismissed from the service. It is rumored that the matter will be compromised by Ryan marrying the girl.

The story of the affair as told by Minnie Rose Parsons to detectives who found her in New York to-day is as follows: "My dearest friend is Carrie Hamilton, who lives in Pittsburg. Some days prior to my leaving home I was introduced by her to two young men, who were named to me J. R. Marshall and J. H. Meade. I understood from Carrie that they were theatrical agents. All my life I have longed to be an actress and this may account, in a measure, for the fancy I took to the men, who, I believed, might help me on in the profession I intended to adopt."

By specious promises and assurances that he would obtain for her a leading position in New York as an actress, Marshall (or Lieut. Ryan, his real name) got her to consent to leave home. Carrie determined to do the same, but after they had started she became home-sick and returned. Minnie would not turn back, however, and by Ryan's directions she went to Trenton, N. J., and registered at the Trenton house as Mrs. Marshall. She reached there one morning and he arrived in the afternoon. They occupied the same room as man and wife. They remained there a few days and then went to New York. Ryan took the trusting young girl to an infamous house, on Bleeckerst., where they registered on the 5th of last February as Mr. and Mrs. Marshall. They were assigned room 61, at a weekly rental of $5. No one asked them any questions, and most of the time they remained in their room, only going out to their meals, and on two or three occasions spending the evening out.

Ryan tired of his victim ten days after their arrival in New York. He gave her $20 and kissed her affectionately one morning, telling her he had to go down town on business, but that he would return in the afterno