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BIRMINGHAM, FRIDAY, APRIL 15

A fashion writer says: "A woman can change the shape of her brows." Is that all?

A woman is as old as she looks, and a man is as old as she concludes to make him feel.

Dr. Lyman Abbott declares that "wealth is a danger." Sorry we're out of danger, Doc.

Hetty Green admits that she does not like an auto any more than she does a tax assessor.

Extraordinary news from Paris! There is a new play there that is popular, though decent.

The 400 is said to drink less champagne than formerly, but the beer statistics remain unchanged.

Collars are no longer fashionable for women, but are still the proper thing for good husbands to wear.

A contemporary says "tattan chairs have been made for hundreds of years." How old is Rat Ann?

"Beefsteak should be eaten rare," says a health expert. At present prices most of us eat it rarely.

Dr. Rondthaler says the neighborhood spirit should be cultivated. However, it all depends on the spirit.

Does Prof. Dennis wish to insinuate that in reducing Adam's ribs to twelve Eve drew the unlucky number?

Some of the New York banks have more money than they can count. We should just weigh it in and be done with it.

There must be some mistake about man being made out of dust, for dust settles some time, but no one men never settle.

Now that Mrs. Langtry is a grandmother, it seems as if it were really time for her to begin to think of settling down.

Jim Jeffries says that a man can hardly improve physically after 40; but, morally, James, you know how it is yourself.

The Birmingham Ledger tells of a local dairy farm that brings in $10,000 a year. Good money in the water wagon sometimes.

A millionaire has been put in jail at Philadelphia for crooked financiering. The foundations of the republic continue to be pretty solid.

English military man named Youngbusband has gone on the lecture platform. The young husband generally gets the lecture himself.

The New York Times has been telling how "to get heat from a fan." That's dead easy, when it's a baseball fan—they get heated so soon.

"Bathing" says a New York sun worshiper, "is the curse of the earth." It is curious how people begin to despise water as soon as they strike New York.

Dr. Hillis declares that our people "are losing their imagination." Doc has evidently not been keeping up with our justly celebrated fish and snake stories.

The war correspondent who was given a glimpse of the czar's $325,000,000 gold hoard was not staggered in the least. He has just made out his expense account.

An Ohio man wants a divorce because his wife kicked him while he was praying. Possibly he was praying that he might become a widower before it was too late.

Piano manufacturers are confronted with the necessity of making stronger instruments. When Paderewski is in good form he can hammer the life out of one in two sittings.

Sir Oliver Lodge has now discovered an electric current that will dissipate fog. A current so vast and powerful as that must be a thing to dodge, for it reads as if it would dissipate people.

Chang, Barnum's old Chinese giant, has started in as a religious revivalist. If Chang ever really gets hold of a doubter, it is probable that the doubter will "see his way" to going to the mourner's bench.

An orator with influenza can spread microbes among the audience for a distance of forty feet. And fallacies for an infinitely greater distance. Moral: When at a meeting keep your mind open and your mouth shut.

A fashion journal tells the women that "cheery colors should be worn to dispel the gloom of rainy days." Nothing, however, can ever dispel the gloom of the average fashion journal from a purely masculine point of view.

Arthur McVickers, eight years old, has been sent to jail at Harrison, N. J., for stealing a bucket of coal from a railroad company. It's a serious matter in New Jersey to steal anything less than a railroad or a Senatorial toga.

Mr. Rockefeller's salary as president of the Standard Oil Company is only $20,000 a year. There is no reason, however, to believe that Mrs. Rockefeller will be compelled to get along with less than two girls as long as her husband is able to keep on carrying his side lines.

A religious editor says that if St. Paul were on earth to-day he would start a newspaper. We hope the ministers will not desert their pulpits and rush into journalism in hypothetical imitation of St. Paul.

NEWS OF MICHIGAN

NEW MAYOR OF FLINT HANDS THE COUNCIL A WARM MESSAGE.

JUSTICE BLAIR'S ARGUMENT ON THE RAILROAD TAXATION ISSUE.

CHARLES H. SMITH, PINGREE'S OLD PARTNER, WHO DISAPPEARED, IS DEAD.

Scathing denunciation of the moral conditions of the city of Flint was the burden of Mayor D. D. Aitken's first message to the council. He unmercifully lambasted the police department, gambling dens, immoral places, and wealthy citizens who rent their property for improper purposes. The "bar trade" drug stores were also included. One of the hot things follows: "From my understanding of the workings of the police department, it has been remarkably smooth. The gambling rooms have run on night and day and Sunday, and they have not interfered with the place, but on Sunday saloons, or night-time saloons, or the bawdy houses interfered with the police, and the result seems to be that the policemen are protected and happy and are waxing fat under the good treatment." This was followed by another which runs thus: "The most despicable violation of the liquor law that can be found here is that of men of persons who, under a druggist's bond and license, sell intoxicants as a beverage. They sell what they call 'toniclose' and have mixed drinks of a peculiar and fascinating name, a considerable portion of which is the poorest kind of whisky, to the young boys and girls of the city of Flint. They sell liquor by the drink in a back room or their drug stores, and do a general retail liquor business. I hope the police department will see to it that these gentlemen are dealt with as their conduct deserves."

Justice Blair's Address.

Justice Charles A. Blair, of the state supreme court, closed the first week of the hearing on the railway tax case with the most eloquent address so given. In the course of his talk he treated lightly the claims of unconstitutionality presented by the railway attorneys. He ridiculed their repeated references to the California cases, determined in the federal circuit court of that state. He asked why they had not gone to the supreme court of the United States for precedent. Not once, he said, but time after time, the highest tribunal of the United States has decided conclusively that railway properties are in a class by themselves and separate from other general properties.

The United States supreme court has placed the railways in a class by themselves for purposes of taxation and had found that the state might, without violating the constitution of United States, place a tax upon railways, because of a peculiarity of their property, at a rate higher than the tax assessed against the property holders.

The speaker asked the court if the state of Michigan was obliged to come into this case and establish again grounds for decisions such as have already been handed down by the higher tribunals of the country. He said he can see no necessity for such a showing.

Justice Blair had just begun on the question of the allowance of credits and deduction of debts when court adjourned.

After Fifteen Years.

Charles H. Smith, who, with the late Gov. H. S. Pingree, founded the boot and shoe manufacturing firm of Pingree & Smith, is dead in New York. Monday evening. Fifteen years almost to a day since his mysterious disappearance, his body was on the way to Detroit for burial. His disappearance was one of the most mysterious events of the city of the day. At a minute's notice Mr. Smith, then one of the leading manufacturers of Detroit, disappeared as completely as if the earth had swallowed him up, and none of the family ever set eyes on him again. The first glimpse they will have had of him since 1890 will be when his body is carried for burial. Mr. Smith was declared legally dead by Judge of Probate Durfee 14 years ago, although it was known at the time by some persons that he was alive. Most of the time Smith's partners knew of his whereabouts and cared for him. Gov. Pingree in his lifetime attended to this himself, and at Mr. Pingree's death John B. Howarth assumed the charge, and up till the last hour he cared for Mr. Smith, the man who started him on the road to wealth and high standing in the community.

A New Clue.

The police have struck a new clue in the mysterious case of Miss Leila Haynes, the pretty 16-year-old Battle Creek girl who was the victim of a carbolic acid assault Sunday night. They find that an unknown girl in a light jacket and with blond hair bought a bottle of acid at the Clarke street branch of the City drug store, and that she left the store preceding the assault. Some now think the mysterious man was a girl enemy dressed in male attire, her sole object being to destroy the girl's beauty. Miss Haynes has recovered from the shock, but her face is badly scarred.

The Mayville opera house block was destroyed by fire early Monday morning, probably caused by lightning. Loss $10,000, including damage to adjoining buildings and stocks.

The fire which destroyed the Bay county poor house Sunday, causing a loss of $7,000, and rendering 38 inmates homeless, originated in the roof of the main building from a defective chimney.

Agnes Heab, a pretty and popular 16-year-old girl, died in St. Joseph after several weeks' illness from typhoid fever, during which time she refused medicine, being a Dowieite.

The outlook is good for a large crop of peaches, pears and plums this season, it being stated that the buds are in a condition to withstand any frost that may come at this time of the year.

Oliver White, of Jonesville, while administering medicine to a sick dog, was bitten in the hand, which may prove serious. As soon as the dog swallowed the medicine it frothed at the mouth and fell dead.

BRIEF STATE NEWS

E. K. Warren has donated over 100 acres of land for free parks in five townships of Berrien county. The land borders on Lake Michigan.

Andrew Carnegie has presented Hope College, Holland, with $20,000. He asks the college to add $20,000 in addition to his sum to the endowment fund.

Lucille, the 15-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen McClintock, of Owosso, found a box of strychnine tablets and ate them and was saved with great difficulty.

The Southern Michigan Trust Co. has authorized the contract for 1,000,000 baskets to be used in harvesting this year's crop of grapes by the members of the association.

Battle Creek board of education is looking for spinsters above 35 for position in the city schools, because young and attractive teachers are soon picked off by the arrows of Cupid.

Through an alleged faulty diagnosis by physicians, John Seewald, aged 23, died in Grand Rapids from hemorrhagic smallpox, without quarantine being established and with no restrictions made upon visitors.

The pardon board has denied clemency to Clarence E. Miller, manager of Kalamazoo to Ionia for attempted murder, and William Westbrook and Charles Van Zandt, sent from Oakland to Marquette for attempt to kill.

George Wright, A. Alphart, of Munising, made a queer consignment, recently to the Pacific Coast Forest, Fish and Game association in San Francisco consisting of six porcupines. The animals were wanted for exhibition purposes.

William Maloney, of Port Huron, a Grand Trunk brakeman, was fatally injured while his train was switching at Duffield. He jumped over a freight car block and fell in front of the train which passed over his thigh and one side of his body.

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SEA FIGHT

A NAVAL BATTLE NOW PREDICTED AT OR NEAR FORMOSA.

THE RUSSIANS ARE NOT DELUDED AS TO TOGO'S FLEET.

JAPS WILL PUT ONE MILLION MEN IN THE FIELD.

Whether Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky's battleship division passed through the Straits of Sunda or the Straits of Malacca, it is practically certain now that he is moving to effect a juncture with the division which passed Singapore April 8. It is possible this may not take place until the two divisions reach Cape Padaran, on the east coast of Cochin-China. According to the admiralty's information the Japanese have had an observation squadron in the neighborhood of Labuan, British Borneo, where they took the same advantage of British neutrality as Rojestvensky did of French neutrality at Madagascar, and then squadron is believed to have been summoned by Japanese scouts to remain in touch with the Russians until they go north to the Straits of Formosa, where it is believed here a battle will occur. Considering the vital nature of the issue the admiralty is inclined to think that Admiral Togo will not dare to send ships to the southward over the open blockade and fell in front of the train which passed over his thigh and one side of his body.

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THE LEGISLATURE.

Rep. George Lord introduced his concurrent resolution making May 11 the date of concluding business, and May 18 the date of final adjournment.

Senator James F. Rumer, of Flint, suffered a painful accident Saturday. As he stepped into a hack at a funeral, a hasty attendant slammed the door, nipping Dr. Rumer's left thumb, crushing and cutting off about a quarter inch with a bit of the bone. The wound is extremely painful.

Senate and house quickly received and passed Senator John D. MacKay's concurrent resolution ordering a recount of votes in the Wayne judicial election. The senate committee on elections, Senators Baird, Jenks, Heine, Brown and Cook, and a special committee of the house, Reps. Detroit and superintend a recounting. Judge Frazer's petition expresses the hope that the votes will be counted according to the law as they stand. But the spirit of the senate committee yesterday was to follow the law. However, Mr. Baird expects that amendments to the petitions will be made, and the substance of the whole affair will be an ordinary election contest.

Rep. Lord, of Detroit, has introduced a bill proposing an amendment to the general corporation act, which looks like a good anti-trust measure. It prevents corporations outside the state from securing stock in Michigan corporations, and forbids Michigan corporations from transferring their stock to outside corporations. To regulate corporations which already hold stock in Michigan companies, the bill provides that any corporation holding shares in any other corporation, when the aggregate of the stock by the statutes of Michigan, shall not be entitled to vote such stock at any meeting of stockholders of the corporation issuing such stock.

The Hudson local option liquor bill is probably too moribund to be galvanized into life unless it comes up in committee of the whole consideration has been postponed till April 22.

Senator Fyfe has introduced his joint resolution proposing a constitutional amendment to provide a specific tax on all credits.

The memorial services in honor of the late ex-Gov. Luce, will be held in representative hall April 25. Senator Burrows, Congressman Washington Gardner and Milo D. Campbell will deliver addresses.

Benton, of Northville, introduced the petition of the state association of supervisors asking for the abolition of the present tax commissioners, for the curtailing of its powers over local assessing officers should another commission be created.

To protect Senators Alger and Burrows to vote for the removal of Reed Smoot from the United States senate is the purport of a resolution introduced in the house by Rep. Frank D. Alley, of Roseburg, abstractor; A. R. and Edward R. Downs, Seattle timber men; Rev. Stephen W. Turmelle, Presbyterian; Edward Singleton, brother-in-law to the Booths; Willard N. Jones, a Portland timber man; Thaddeus S. Potter, formerly of the law firm of Potter & Mays, Hugh F. Sissler, of Seattle; Daniel Clark, Clarence Zachary, Col. D. C. Barnard and Charles A. Wladsworth, of Fossil, Wheeler county.

Rockefeller's Gift.

During a discussion as to the advisability of accepting the Rockefeller $100,000 gift to the Congregational missions it transpired that all but $9,000 of the money had been used. P. H. Wiggin, treasurer of the American board, said: "The decision of the presidential committee is final. Notice of Rockefeller's gift was received February 19 and accepted by the subcommittee and a vote of thanks was sent to Rockefeller." Immediately after, on February 21, appropriations were made and it is not likely that the report will be rejected. The report was held back from the public by reference to the protesting clergymen."

It is generally admitted that the gift will be accepted at the meeting.

E. S. Adams, Detroit, legal attorney, taking up the cudgel for John D. Rockefeller, aims a long statement at the critics of his $100,000 gift to missionaries, at Rev. Washington Gladden. He says: "If false, the charges made are vile; made by a minister, doubly vile. No one has ever proved John D. Rockefeller's millions were made dishonestly."

Thirteen Thousand Killed.

Commissioner Jullundur, of Lahore, India, reports that as a result of his investigations he estimates the fatalities resulting from the recent earthquake in the Kangra district at 10,000 and in the Palanpur district at 3,000.

The total number of persons killed at Dharmsala was 524, besides the Gurkhas, who were crushed to death by the falling of the stone barracks.

Fresh earth shocks give rise to fears of alarm. The new government offices in Simla were freshly cracked.

Gov. Vardaman is quoted as saying negroes will never again be allowed to vote in Mississippi.

Lord Rosebery, speaking in London, said the Jews never had a better friend than Theodore Roosevelt.

Nora Gaines, Colorado Springs, once a millionaires and thrice married, now earns her living by driving a hack.

Highly civilized France has a birth rate of only 21 per 1,000; semi-barbarous Russia has a birth rate of nearly 50.

Miss Alice Roosevelt has bought the bay racing filly Jessielyn, which she admired at the Bennings racetrack, as a saddle horse.

The profits from the Japanese tobacco monopoly for the first year are 27,000,000 yen (about $13,500,000). This exceeds the government's estimate 7,000,000 yen.

Complete returns received at Harbin headquarters give the total Russian losses in killed, wounded and prisoners at the battle of Mukden as 107,000.

A Kansan has complained under the new Kansas anti-discrimination law that the Pullman Company charges excessive rates on its cars, and an investigation will be made.

Thirty-seven bodies have been recovered from the Leiter mine at Ziegler, Ill., and it is thought that the bodies of several other explosion victims are still in the workings.

It is wrong to bet if you don't better yourself.

NEWS OF THE NATION

MADRID SCENE OF A CALAMITY BY WHICH 400 WERE KILLED.

SPEECHES AND HURRAHS ARE OVER AND PRESIDENT'S HUNT BEGUN.

THE OREGON LAND FRAUDS IN VESTIGATION LEADS TO MANY INDICTMENTS.

Four Hundred Killed.

Four hundred persons were killed or injured Saturday by the collapse of a new water reservoir in course of construction in Madrid, Spain. The catastrophe caused a profound sensation throughout the city. All work was suspended and the people flocked to the scene. A workman who was injured says the collapse was so sudden and complete that it was impossible to tell what happened. The men at work on the reservoir, however, anticipated trouble, as a fortnight ago three arches collapsed and cracks developed in four others. King Alfonso and Queen Christina have been in the matter, because the Armours made their charges on the refrigeration of the cars. But by juggling those charges, it is said, they have escaped rebates was established which worked great injury to the shippers with whom private line companies were not connected. It has been charged that the same men who made up the private car companies also handled fruit, and having full knowledge of all shipments would get their fruit to markets first.

In the Wilds.

The White Star line has opened the season of 1905 with the Big Four Flats, Olsen's Island, Algonac, Marine City, St. Clair and Port Huron with the steel steamer Owana. The steamers of this line are perfect in all of their appointments and passengers' comfort is one of the special features. The trip over this route is a very delightful one. Freight is handled rapidly and received for St. Clair river points also from all points in the thumb district of the Pere Marquette railway.

Although the Bland Christian Science bill is dead, letters protesting against it are still flooding the desk of the representatives daily. Mr. Bland would forget to die if he were not allowed to lapse, if it were not for these letters.

THE MARKETS.

Detroit.—The principal sales of the week in the Detroit live stock market on Thursday, and most of the staying is done on that day. Trade in the cattle yards was active on the 6th, all grades being 25c higher; bulls 10c to 15c higher. Veal calves sold in a fair way, and kinds strong at last week's prices, quite a number bringing $5 and a hundred and over. Milch cows and springers were also some higher, the best grades offering bringing $50 to $60. Sheep and lambs could have been sold for $50 had they been on the market, the demand was so plentiful and the quality none too good, and at the close they were selling about 50c lower than they did a week ago. Best grades, $5.50 to $6; others, $3.50 to $5. Hogs, $6.20 for yorkers and fat flats; 25c and pigs 25c higher than a week ago. Best grades, $6.25; others to the butchers, $5.40 to $5.55; pigs, $5.25 to $5.30; light yorkers, $5.40 to $5.45; roughs, $4.50; stags, one-third off. Sheep: A light run made prices 25c better than last week. Best lambs, $6.75 to $8; fair to good lambs, $7 to $7.50; light to common lambs, $6 to $6.50; fair lambs, $5.50 to $6.25; fair to good butcher sheep, $5 to $5.50; culls and common, $4 to $4.50.

Chicago.—Good to prime steers, $5@6.75; poor to medium, $4.60@5.75; stockers and feeders, $3@4.65; cows, $2.75@4; heifers, $3@5.50; canners, $1.50@2.80; bulls, $2.50@4.75; calves, $3@6.50. Hogs: Mixed and butchers, $5.45@5.62½; good to choice heavy, $5.55@5.67½; rough heavy, $5.35@5.50; light, $5.45@5.65; bulk of sales, $5.47½@5.60. Sheep: Good to choice wethers, $5.25@6.15; fair to choice mixed, $4.50@5.65; native lambs, $4.50@7.50.

Grain, Etc.

Chicago.—Cash No. 2 spring wheat, 91 1/8@91½c; No. 3, $1.01@1.04; No. 2 red, $1.17¼@1.19¾; No. 2 corn, 48¾c; No. 2 yellow, 49c; No. 2 oats, 32½c; No. 3 white, 33c; No. 3 white, 30@32¼c; No. 2 rye, 78@78½c; good feeding barley, 37@39c; fair to choice malting, 40@45c; No. 1 flaxseed, $1.24; clover, contract grade, $12.

Detroit.—Wheat—No. 2 red, spot, 1 car at $1.09, closing nominal at $1.09½; at $1.09, closing nominal at $1.09½; May, 3,000 bu at 90¾c, 5,000 bu at $1.09¼; July, 3,000 bu at 90¾, 10,000 bu at 91c, 5,000 bu at $1.09¾c, 12,000 bu at 90¾c, 10,000 bu at 90c, 10,000 bu at 89¾c, 5,000 bu at 89½c, 5,000 bu at 89¾c; No. 3 red, $1.01¾c; No. 2 white, $1.09¾ asked per bu.

Corn—No. 2 yellow, 50c; No. 3 yellow, 1 car at 51c per bu.

Oats—3 white, spot, 1 car at 34c; May, 34¾c per bu.

Rye—No. 2 spot, nominal at 86c bu.

Clover seed—Prime spot, 1 car at $8.75; April, $8.50; No. 2, 50 bags at $8.50; by sample, 60 bags at $8.25 per bu; prime alsike, 10 bags at $7.60; No. 2, 15 bags at $7.20; by sample, 10 bags at $6.50 per bu.

Timothy seed—Prime spot, 50 bags at $1.50 per bu.

Barley—Sale of 1 car at 95c per cental.

Receipts of beans for the week, $1.11 nominal; July, 1 car at $1.75 bu.

AMUSEMENTS IN DETROIT.

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Secretary Shumway, of the state board of health, has received a report of the outbreak of cerebro-spinal meningitis in Star township, Antrim county, where there were eight cases with seven deaths. The disease there has been termed spotted fever, such as has been spreading death in New York city. Dr. Shumway will urge restrictive measures on the part of local health officers. The outbreak occurred in the Clymer camp of the Antrim Lumber Co. of Mancelona, located at Alba, on the G. R. & I. railway. The first case was that of Nellie McGarey, who was first taken down about the first of February, and was diagnosed as congestion of the brain. The disease gradually spread in the McGarey family and from this to others. Health Officer John C. Zeigler, of Alba, in reporting the deaths, says that the camps are live in poorly constructed houses and have suffered from the severe weather of the winter. Secretary Shumway will insist that all cases in the future be isolated and quarantined.

To Bust the Trust.

The Michigan Central railroad, it is announced, has ordered 1,000 refrigerator cars to be added to its equipment.

This will be welcome news to the fruit growers of Michigan, and especially to peach growers in the west Michigan belt, who have long complained of the extortions of the Armours and other operators of private line refrigerator cars. The railroad companies have been aware of the matter, because the Armours made their charges on the refrigeration of the cars. But by juggling those charges, it is said, they have escaped rebates was established which worked great injury to the shippers with whom private line companies were not connected. It has been charged that the same men who made up the private car companies also handled fruit, and having full knowledge of all shipments would get their fruit to markets first.

White Star Line.

The White Star line has opened the season of 1905 with the Big Four Flats, Olsen's Island, Algonac, Marine City, St. Clair and Port Huron with the steel steamer Owana. The steamers of this line are perfect in all of their appointments and passengers' comfort is one of the special features. The trip over this route is a very delightful one. Freight is handled rapidly and received for St. Clair river points also from all points in the thumb district of the Pere Marquette railway.

Although the Bland Christian Science bill is dead, letters protesting against it are still flooding the desk of the representatives daily. Mr. Bland would forget to die if he were not allowed to lapse, if it were not for these letters.

THE MARKETS.

Detroit.—The principal sales of the week in the Detroit live stock market on Thursday, and most of the staying is done on that day. Trade in the cattle yards was active on the 6th, all grades being 25c higher; bulls 10c to 15c higher. Veal calves sold in a fair way, and kinds strong at last week's prices, quite a number bringing $5 and a hundred and over. Milch cows and springers were also some higher, the best grades offering bringing $50 to $60. Sheep and lambs could have been sold for $50 had they been on the market, the demand was so plentiful and the quality none too good, and at the close they were selling about 50c lower than they did a week ago. Best grades, $5.50 to $6; others, $3.50 to $5. Hogs, $6.20 for yorkers and fat flats; 25c and pigs 25c higher than a week ago. Best grades, $6.25; others to the butchers, $5.40 to $5.55; pigs, $5.25 to $5.30; light yorkers, $5.40 to $5.45; roughs, $4.50; stags, one-third off. Sheep: A light run made prices 25c better than last week. Best lambs, $6.75 to $8; fair to good lambs, $7 to $7.50; light to common lambs, $6 to $6.50; fair lambs, $5.50 to $6.25; fair to good butcher sheep, $5 to $5.50; culls and common, $4 to $4.50.

Chicago.—Good to prime steers, $5@6.75; poor to medium, $4.60@5.75; stockers and feeders, $3@4.65; cows, $2.75@4; heifers, $3@5.50; canners, $1.50@2.80; bulls, $2.50@4.75; calves, $3@6.50. Hogs: Mixed and butchers, $5.45@5.62½; good to choice heavy, $5.55@5.67½; rough heavy, $5.35@5.50; light, $5.45@5.65; bulk of sales, $5.47½@5.60. Sheep: Good to choice wethers, $5.25@6.15; fair to choice mixed, $4.50@5.65; native lambs, $4.50@7.50.

Grain, Etc.

Chicago.—Cash No. 2 spring wheat, 91 1/8@91½c; No. 3, $1.01@1.04; No. 2 red, $1.17¼@1.19¾; No. 2 corn, 48¾c; No. 2 yellow, 49c; No. 2 oats, 32½c; No. 3 white, 33c; No. 3 white, 30@32¼c; No. 2 rye, 78@78½c; good feeding barley, 37@39c; fair to choice malting, 40@45c; No. 1 flaxseed, $1.24; clover, contract grade, $12.

Detroit.—Wheat—No. 2 red, spot, 1 car at $1.09, closing nominal at $1.09½; at $1.09, closing nominal at $1.09½; May, 3,000 bu at 90¾c, 5,000 bu at $1.09¼; July, 3,000 bu at 90¾, 10,000 bu at 91c, 5,000 bu at $1.09¾c, 12,000 bu at 90¾c, 10,000 bu at 90c, 10,000 bu at 89¾c, 5,000 bu at 89½c, 5,000 bu at 89¾c; No. 3 red, $1.01¾c; No. 2 white, $1.09¾ asked per bu.

Corn—No. 2 yellow, 50c; No. 3 yellow, 1 car at 51c per bu.

Oats—3 white, spot, 1 car at 34c; May, 34¾c per bu.

Rye—No. 2 spot, nominal at 86c bu.

Clover seed—Prime spot, 1 car at $8.75; April, $8.50; No. 2, 50 bags at $8.50; by sample, 60 bags at $8.25 per bu; prime alsike, 10 bags at $7.60; No. 2, 15 bags at $7.20; by sample, 10 bags at $6.50 per bu.

Timothy seed—Prime spot, 50 bags at $1.50 per bu.

Barley—Sale of 1 car at 95c per cental.

Receipts of beans for the week, $1.11 nominal; July, 1 car at $1.75 bu.

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