GOING TO SMASH

WHEAT CLIMBS UP ON A TOBOGGAN SLIDE AND SLIPS.

Loses Almost Two Cents and is Now Lower for May Than It Has Ever Been on the Chicago Board

Armour, Who Bought a Big Lot Thursday, Unloads and Starts the Decline.

May Corn Closes at Yesterday's Figures.

CHICAGO, Feb. 9.—Wheat opened steady, with May ⅛ cent lower at 62¾ cents. The indications that a very heavy cold wave was bearing down on the rainsoaked regions aided the discomfited bulls in gaining a little of their lost nerve, and May advanced to 62⅞ cents, where it closed yesterday. Until 11 o'clock, honors were easy with the bears and bulls, and fluctuations were confined to ⅛ cent limit. But the news of the day was generally bearish.

Lester sold a big lot of wheat for Armour, who bought yesterday. That started the decline and May climbed on the toboggan slide, landing after the first break at 62¾ cents. From that figure it recovered slightly and then with another slide went to 60⅞ cents, the lowest price for May ever made on the Chicago board. A long line of New York wheat came out, liquidation by St. Louis followed, and every one seemed to have selling orders. The selling at the time was of a semi-panicky kind, and continued to the close with a rally of but ¼ cent, at the finish, from the day's bottom figures. May opened ⅜ cent lower, at 62¾ cents, advanced ¼ cent, declined ⅞ cent, rallied ⅛ cent, lost 1⅛ cents, rallied ¼ cent, to close, at 60⅞ cents.

In corn there was not much doing; the market ruling rather quiet. The feeling developed was steady, considering the action in the surrounding pits. The market showed strength at the start, initial trades being at a fractional advance, and upon good buying sold up ⅜@¾ cent more. Offerings were not free, while the demand was considerably improved. The better tone was due to the stormy weather and to a reported better and more active European inquiry for cash corn at higher prices. Prices went down ⅜ cent early, rallied ¼ cent, became steady, and closed with May at the opening figure, and but ¼ cent from the highest prices of the day.

There was a stubborn market in oats. Business was moderate and prices held within a ⅝ cent range, being firmer and ⅛ cent higher on the early steadiness of wheat, but later when wheat weakened, prices receded ¼ cent, and the close was easy with May ⅛ cent above the bottom figures of the day.

Provisions were dull early and steady with an undertone of weakness. The offerings were light and some disposition was exhibited on the part of the local operators to advance prices, due to slightly higher prices for hogs at the yards on the run being less than estimated and the unchanged condition of wheat and corn. Later on the bottom fell out of the market on the break in wheat and on the product being offered down on the absence of any support whatever. The close was weak and near the inside of the prices of the day. May Pork is 45 cents lower; May lard, 10 cents lower, and May ribs, 22½ cents lower.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 83 cars; corn, 500 cars; oats, 165 cars; hogs 10,000 head.

WHEAT SLUMPS AT ST. LOUIS.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 9.—At the lowest price for May, the speculative option, wheat declined today 2 cents, to 57⅞ cents, the lowest price ever known here. While there was considerable excitement, the market itself was not a wild one. It declined steadily from start to finish, and that was all. With all this terrific decline, considering how low wheat already was, no financial embarrassments are feared on the local board. The trade here has generally been bearish and short, though the price was too low for them to make good money on the decline. Cash No. 2 red wheat sold today at 54¼ cents, which is within two cents of the lowest price ever touched in this market last summer, when wheat was pouring in here. Now the receipts do not average 10,000 bushels a day.

LIVE STOCK MARKET STRONG.

CHICAGO, Feb. 9.—The cattle market was again strong and slightly higher, caused in a good part by the slim receipts—5,000 head. Trade was fairly active while the supply lasted and the close was fairly firm. The run of hogs also was small—15,000 head being received. The market opened brisk at an advance of 5 cents, and that advance was held to the close, though the late feeling was less firm. Sales were at $4.95@5.35. The outside figure was paid in two or three instances only, but there were many traders at $5.30, and the bulk of the stuff sold above $5.10.

A comparison of present prices on the sheep and lamb market with those current one week ago, shows very little change. There has been quite a pronounced decrease in the arrival, but there were more sheep and lambs than were needed and the market is barely as good as it was a week ago. There is no considerable inquiry for shipment and that demand is not sufficient to have an appreciable influence in helping the course of prices. The choicest offerings brought $3.50@3.60. Not many sales were made better than $3.35, but the most of these changing hands were at $2.75@3.25. Poor stuff sold at $2.25@2.65, and culls went as low as $1.50@1.75. The range of price for lambs was $3.00@4.75, though few sold outside the limit of $3.50@4.50. The market was inactive and weak.

Receipts—Cattle: 5,000 head; hogs; 15,000 head; sheep, 7,000 head.

Chicago Market.

CHICAGO, Feb. 9.

The market today experienced the following range of prices.

	Opened.	Highest	Lowest.	Closed.
WHEAT				
February	58¼	58¼	56¼	56⅝
May	62¾	62⅞	60⅞	60⅞@¾
July	63⅝@⅞	63⅝	61⅞	62⅛
CORN				
February	34⅝	34⅝	34¼	34⅜
May	37⅛@¼	37⅛	36	37⅛@⅛
July	38¼	38¼	37⅝@38	38
OATS				
February	27¾	28	27¾	27¾
May	29¼	29⅜	27⅞	28⅛@⅜
July	28¼	28¼	28	28
PORK				
February				11 97½
May	12 57½	12 62½	12 00	12 07½
LARD				
February	7 40	7 40	7 32½	7 32½
March				7 20
May	7 30	7 32½	7 15	7 20
RIBS				
February	6 37½	6 37½	6 10	6 10
May	6 45	6 45	6 20	6 20

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour weak. No. 2 spring wheat 56⅞c. No. 3 [illegible]c, No 2 red 59½c. No 2 corn 34⅞c. No 3 corn 34¼c. No 2 oats 27¾c. No 2 white 30@30½c, No 3 white 29@29½c. No 2 rye 44c. No 2 barley, nominal, No 3 42@50c, No 4 43@46c. No 1 flaxseed $1 39. Prime timothy seed $4.15. Mess pork, per barrel, $12 00. Lard, per 100 pounds, $7 35. Short ribs sides, loose, $6 15. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, 6@6⅛c. Short clear sides, boxed, 6⅞@7 12½. Whisky, distillers' finished goods, per gallon, $1 17. Sugars—Cut loaf 5.30, granulated 5.15, standard A 4.62.

GRAIN MOVEMENTS.

	RECEIPTS.	SHIPM'TS.
Flour (barrels)	6,000	6,000
Wheat (bushels)	44,000	6,000
Corn "	417,000	32,000
Oats "	171,000	94,000
Rye "	8,000	3,000
Barley "	61,000	24,000

PRODUCE EXCHANGE.

Butter market quiet; creamery 21@26c. Eggs firm.

St. Louis Grain and Produce.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 9.—Flour was weaker with wheat, but prices showed no quotable change. Wheat opened firmer on predictions for a cold wave, but the long wheat soon began to come out and prices dropped rapidly the rest of the session, closing 1⅝c below yesterday's final prices; No. 2 red cash, 53½c; February, 53½c; May, 57⅞c; July, 58⅝c. Corn strong, but bad weather news and the weakness of wheat dragged it down ¼@½c; No. 2 mixed cash closed at 33½c; February, 33½c; March, 33⅝c; May, 34¼@34⅜c; July, 35c. Oats weak and lower; No 2 mixed cash closed 28¾c; February, 28¾c; March, 29c; May, 29¼@29½c. Rye weak, 44c. Barley nominal, 42@50c. Bran unsettled, 65c on east track. Flaxseed, $1 32. Clover lower, $6 75@7 40. Lead, weaker and lower, $3 10; spelter, firm, $3 47½. Cornmeal, $1 70@1 75. Whisky, $1 15. Hay unchanged. Butter unchanged. Eggs, 13c. Bagging higher, 1¾ lbs to 2¼ lbs range, 5½@6½c. Cotton ties 95cal 00.

Provisions weak and lower; little doing. Pork—Standard mess, $12 50. Lard—Prime steam, $7 22½@7 35. Dry salt meats—Loose shoulders $6 00, longs and ribs $6 30, shorts $6 45, boxed 15c more. Bacon—Packed shoulders $6 75, longs $7 12½, ribs $7 25, shorts $7 50.

Receipts—Flour, 3,000 barrels; wheat, 10,000 bushels, corn, 112,000 bushels; oats, 19,000 bushels. Shipments—Flour, 4,000 barrels, wheat, 3,000 bushels; corn, 47,000 bushels; oats, 15,000 bushels.

Kansas City Grain and Produce.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 9.—Wheat 1c lower, closing weak: No. 2 hard 50@50½c, No. 2 red, nominal, 53c. Corn steady to small fraction higher and in good demand: No. 2 mixed 30½@30¾c, No. 2 white 31½c. Oats slow, unchanged: No. 2 mixed 27@28c, No. 2 white 29c, rye steady: No. 2, nominally, 57c. Flaxseed firm; $1 29@1 27. Bran firm; 57@59c. Hay dull and lower; timothy, $8 00@9 00, prairie, $5 00@6 50. Butter steady; creamery, 19@24c; dairy, 16@18c. Eggs steady; 11½c.

Receipts—Wheat, 17,000 bushels; corn, 8,000 bushels; oats, ... bushels. Shipments—Wheat, ... bushels; corn, ... bushels; oats, ... bushels.

Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 9.—Wheat was quiet and the demand moderate; holders offer moderately; No. 2 red western winter, 5s@5s2d. Corn was firm and demand fair; mixed western, 3s9½d. Pork, prime mess, fine, 75s.

New York Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Coffee—Options closed barely steady at 5@15 points net decline. Sales: 13,500 bags, including February, at 14.25. Spot Rio dull and heavy; No. 7, 17½@17¾c. Mild, quiet and easy; Cordova, 20@24c.

Sugar—Raw, firm; fair refining, 3⅝c. Refined, firm, fair demand; crushed, 4⅞c; granulated, 4⅝c; powdered, 4⅝c.

Condition of Cotton.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 9.—Cotton steady; middling 7 7-16c. Sales none, receipts 1100 bales, shipments 800 bales, stock 60,000 bales.

Wool—Improving in demand, with a better tone to the market, but not quotably changed in pulls.

New York Dry Goods.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—The inclement weather prevailing today has had an unfavorable influence upon the volume of business in dry goods. There is a good number of out-of-town buyers here but they are waiting for better weather conditions, and the same is true of the resident traders. The general market is featureless and inclined to dullness.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 9.—CATTLE—Receipts, 2500; shipments, 200; market steady but slow, no good stock on sale; Texans firm; common native steers $2 50@3 25, cows $1 25@2 00, Texas fed-steers $2 90@3 35, cows $2 35@2 80, calves $8 00@9 00 each. HOGS—Receipts, 4000; shipments none; market strong and 5c higher; supply inadequate; best heavy, $5 25@5 30; anything good brought $5 10 and above; light and rough stock, $4 25@4 90. SHEEP—Receipts, 400; shipments none; market firm with supplies light; no natives on sale; Kansas yearling wethers sold at $3 65, southwestern mixed at $3 00, bucks and culls at $2 00.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 9.—CATTLE—Receipts, 5000; shipments, 1800; best cattle were strong, others steady; Texas steers, $2 10@3 20; shipping steers $3 60@5 00; Texas and native cows, $1 20@3 15; butcher stock, $2 60@3 70; stockers and feeders, $2 25@3 50. HOGS—Receipts, 10,000; shipments, 1800; market opened strong and 5c higher, and closed with advance lost; bulk, $5 00@5 10; heavy, packing and mixed, $4 95@5 15; lights, yorkers and pigs, $4 10@5 10. SHEEP—Receipts 2000; shipments, 1000; market slow and steady; representative sales: muttons, $2 40@3 25.

CHICAGO, Feb. 9.—CATTLE—Receipts, 4500; in fair demand; top steers $5 05@5 15, others $4 70@4 90, common $3 25@4 50. HOGS—Receipts, 15,000; market active, with a slight upturn; packers and mixed, $5 10@5 20; prime heavy, $5 25@5 35; light, $5 20@5 30. SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 7000; market slow but unchanged; top sheep, $3 00@3 60; top lambs, $4 00@4 40.

WICHITA MARKETS

WICHITA, Feb. 9.

CATTLE.

Cattle—Steady; stockers and feeders higher and in strong demand.

The quotations here presented are to give the shipper an idea of the general range of prices.

Native shipping steers, good to extra	$3 75@4 00
Good to extra native butcher steers 1000 to 1200 pounds	3 25@3 50
Native feeding steers, 900 to 1050 pounds	3 00@3 15
Native stockers, 600@800 pounds	2 50@3 00
Choice cows and heifers	2 25@3 00
Fair to good cows and heifers	1 90@2 25
Bulls and stags (fat)	1 75@2 25
Bulls and stags (feeders)	1 50@1 75
Canners	1 00@1 25
Scalawags	50@ 75
Texas steers (fat)	2 25@3 00

REPRESENTATIVE SALES.

The following are the representative sales of cattle at the yards today:

2 cows	1115	2 50	1 cow		630	2 25
21 cows	878	2 25	2 bulls		1440	2 00
4 st'kerhf's	505	2 00	1 heifer		830	2 35
1 bull	1450	1 85	1 bull		1620	1 85
2 stockers	710	2 10	7 stockers		621	2 75

HOGS.

Hogs—Steady; opened 10c higher and closed lower.

REPRESENTATIVE SALES.

The following are the representative sales of hogs at the yards today:

No	Dock	Ave	Price	No	Dock	Ave	Price
11	....	257	4 60	4	....	237	4 60
24	....	196	4 60	2	....	230	4 60
7	....	235	4 60	2	....	205	4 25
2	....	290	4 55	8	....	211	4 60

SHEEP.

Good stock sheep, 80 to 100 pounds	$2 25@2 75
Good stock ewes, 70 to 80 pounds	2 00@2 50
Good to extra wethers, 75 to 85 pounds	2 25@2 75
Good to extra lambs	3 00@3 50

Wichita Produce and Fruit.

Market steady. Wholesale prices are as follows:

Potatoes—80c; Onions, red and yellow, per hundred, $2 25; Spanish, per crate, $1 35. Cabbage per hundred, $2 50; turnips, per bushel, 25c; parsnips, per bushel, $1 00@1 25; Grapes (Malaga) $6 00@7 00; figs, per box, 16c; lemons, per box, $4 50@5 50; oranges per box, $2 50@3 00; bananas, per bunch, $1 50@3 00; apples, per box, $1 75@2 25; cranberries per barrel, bell and cherry, $7 00; fancy bell bugle, $6 25; cocoanuts, $5 50@6 00; peanuts, $5 00@6 00 walnuts, $10 00@11 00.

Wichita Produce and Poultry.

Market active. The following are the wholesale prices:

Poultry—Hens, live spring, per pound, 5c; dressed, 6c; big roosters, live, old 10c apiece, young 15c apiece; ducks, full feathered, 6c; geese, live, 5c; turkeys: hens, live, 6c; turkey toms, live, 5c.

Local Grain and Feed Market.

Market slow.

Wheat—No. 2, 44c; other grades, 41c. Corn, 34c. Oats, 25c. Baled hay, $6 00@7 00. Ground corn, 80c. Corn and oats mixed, 35c. Bran, per ton, $13 00. Ship, per ton, $14 00.

Wichita Breadstuff Market.

Market constant. Wholesale prices are quoted below:

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Corset Wearing Men.

It is said that corset wearing is gaining ground among the officers of the British and German armies. Fashionable young English swells have been wearing corsets for the last quarter of a century, but it is comparatively recently that the practice has shown a disposition to extend itself to any considerable degree. Women are wearing corsets less, men more; but fortunately the men who are taking to corset wearing belong to the class with whom society could very well dispense, and so we shall not undertake to inaugurate a reform among male corset wearers, but let the good work go on until the shallow-pated creatures who ape this feminine folly are exterminated.—Good Health.

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