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POEMS AND LYRICS OF THE JOY OF EARTH. By GEORGE MEREDITH. 16mo, pp. xi., 181. (Macmillan & Co.

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MILWAUKEE, Wis., Nov. 15.—Flour in fair demand. Wheat weak at 95½c Nov.; 96½c Dec.; 97½c Jan.; $1 05⅛ May. Corn—No. 2 at 52c. Oats higher; No. 2 at 28½c. Rye dull—No. 1 at 56½c; No. 2 at 55½c. Receipts—Flour, 8,000 bbls; Wheat, 26,000 bush; Barley, 27,000 bush. Shipments—Flour, 15,000 bbls; Wheat, 22,000 bush; Barley, 29,000 bush.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 15.—Flour—Ruled steady, but the home trade were operating only in moderate quantities to cover current requirements. Exporters not buying. Sales of Pennsylvania Family, $5; Ohio Clear, $5@5; do straight, $5@5; Southern Illinois Clear, $5 50; Winter Patent, $6@6 70; Minnesota Bakers Clear, $5 50; small lots do straight, $5 75@$6; Minnesota Patent, $6 75@7. Buckwheat Flour quiet, but steady, at $4 10@$4 25 for good and choice, new process, 2,000 lb sold at $4 12½. Wheat closed steady at the noon call, at ¼@⅜c. advance on last business of yesterday. Export orders were below the market; car lots dull. Corn advanced ½c, under a decrease of over 700,000 bushels in the visible supply, but ruled quiet and closed steady.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 15.—Flour steady and unchanged. Wheat closed slow; No. 2 Red Fall, $1 00⅛@$1 01⅛ cash, $1 00⅛ November; $1 02⅛ December; $1 06½ all the year; $1 04⅛@$1 04⅜ January; $1 06½ February; $1 10½ May. No. 3 Red Fall, 94½@96c. Corn dull and lower at 44½@45c. cash; 44⅛c. November; 42½@43c. December; 42c. all the year; 42@42½c. January; 46⅛c May. Oats higher at 25⅞@26⅛c. cash; 25⅞c November; 26½c bid December; 26c. all the year; 27½@27⅝ January; 31½c. May. Rye dull at 52c. Receipts—Flour, 6,000 bbls; Wheat, 59,000 bush; Corn, 32,000 bush; Oats, 14,000 bush, Rye, 3,000 bush; Barley, 88,000 bush. Shipments—Flour, 13,000 bbls; Wheat, 61,000 bush; Corn, 43,000 bush; Oats, 45,000, Rye, none Barley, 4,000.

TOLEDO, Nov. 15.—Wheat a shade higher; No. 1 White at $1 08; No. 2 do, 99½c; No. 3 do, 96c; No. 2 Red, cash, $1 04@$1 07; November $1 04; December $1 05¼; January $1 06⅛; February, $1 08⅛; May, $1 13⅝; No. 3 do, 95c; No. 4 do, 80c; Rejected, 76c. Corn shade lower; High Mixed at 55c; No. 2 cash, 53c Nov, 53c; December 56½c; January 49½c; May, 54c. Receipts—Wheat, 56,000 bush; Corn, 9,000 bush; Oats, 4,500 bush. Shipments—Wheat, 54,000 bush. Corn, 6,000 bush; Oats, 2,000.

THE MARKETS.

TOTAL RECEIPTS OF PRODUCE

Per North River, Vessels and Railroads.

NEW-YORK, Thursday, Nov. 15, 1883.

Ashes, pkgs	25	Rye, bush	500	Pork, pkgs	574
Beeswax, p	253	Malt, bush	7,200	Beef, pkgs	154
Beans, bbls	247	Barley, bush	33,400	C'meats, pkgs	3,904
Beans, bags	93	Peas, bush	500	Lard, tcs	824
B Corn, b'ls		O meal, bbls	133	Lard, kegs	493
Cotton, bls	4,555	O meal, hgs	350	Butter, pkgs	7,137
C'n Seed Oil bbls	75	Grease, pkgs	158	Cheese, pkgs	9,353
Copp'r, bbls	75	G Seed, b'gs	1,024	D Hogs, No	54
Copper, cks	312	Hides, No	464	Syrup, bbls	15
Dfruit, pkgs	860	Hides, bales	98	Sh'ch, pkgs	125
Eggs, pkgs	1,885	Hops, bales	967	Tallow, pkgs	240
Flour, bbls	19,142	Lead, pkgs	4,487	Tob'co, hds	129
Meal, bbls	325	Leather, sls	13,209	Tob'co, pkgs	151
Wheat, bush	50,700	Lump, bbls	476	Whis'y, bbls	408
Corn, bush	52,650	Rosin, bbls	1,018	Wool, bales	44
Oats, bush	53,100	O Cake, pks	50		

GENERAL MARKET REPORT.

NEW-YORK, Thursday, Nov. 15, 1883.

ASHES—Quiet and unchanged.

COFFEE—Spot Rio firm and fairly active; Fair, 12½c.; sales 365 bags ex Neamyth, 2,025 Archimedes and 1,332 ex Harrox on private terms. Stock here in first hands, 150,065 bags. Options moderately active and an early decline of 5 points was recovered, after which there was an advance of 5 points. Sales, 31,000 bags No. 7 at 10.75@10.80 for November, 10.70@10.75 for December, 10.65@10.70 for January, 10.55@10.65 for February and March, 10.60@10.65 for April, 10.55 for May, 10.55@10.60 for June, and 10.60 for July; closing steady as follows: November, 10.75; December, 10.70@10.80; January, 10.65@10.70; February, 10.65@10.70; March, 10.60@10.65; April, 10.60@10.65; June, 10.60. Havre declined 1½ francs but Rio Janeiro was firm, though the receipts there weakened to 18,500 bags. It is claimed that some heavily loaded bulls are quietly unloading, and that little covering for the French speculators was done here to-day. Milds firm; 1,000 bags Maracaibo sold on private terms.

COTTON—Spot Cotton firm, unchanged. Sales, 2,134 bales (437 last evening), including 277 for export, 507 for spinning, 150 on speculation and 1,200 in transit. Delivered on contracts, 300 bales. Receipts at the ports, 31,871 bales, against 35,073 last week, and 47,217 last year; since September 1, 1,911,840 bales, against 1,829,558 same period last year. Middling Uplands, 10 7-16c. Futures moderately active, closing steady, at an advance of 6 to 8 points. Sales, 101,300 bales. Highest and lowest prices of the day: November, 10.48@10.44c. December, 10.58@10.54; January, 10.74@10.68; February, 10.8@10.83, March, 11.02@10.97; April, 11.13@11.09; May, 11.28@11.21; June, 11.37@11.33; July, 11.50@11.45; August, 11.58@11.56; September, 11.30@11.30. Closing prices: November, 10.48@10.50; December, 10.58@10.59; January, 10.72@10.73; February, 10.87@10.88; March, 11.02; April, 11.14@11.15; May, 11.26@11.27; June, 11.37@11.38; July, 11.49@11.50; August, 11.58@11.60. Transferable orders, 10.50.

FLOUR AND MEAL—FLOUR—Market slightly in buyers' favor, in instances 5@10c lower; export demand quite moderate, and the jobbing trade mainly to cover urgent wants; part of the sales were for delivery in all this month. Sales, 15,000 bbls., of which 8,000 bbls. were for export, including 4,000 bbls. City Mill Extra at $5 40@$5 50 for West. Indies; 1,900 bbls. No. 2, $2 30@$2 70 for spring, and $2 75@$3 25 for Winter Wheat Extra; 1,500 bbls. Low Grade Extra, $3@$3 40; 900 bbls. City Mill Superfine, $3@$3 30 for Spring, and $3 25@$3 50 for Winter Wheat. Quotations: No. 2, $2 30@$3 25; Superfine, $3@$3 50, latter an extreme; Common to Fair Extra State, $3 60@$4; Good to Fancy do., $4 05@$6; Common to Good Extra Western, $3 60@$4 25; Good to Choice, $4 30@$7 10; Common to Fair Extra Ohio, $3 70@$4 40; Good to Choice, $4 45@$6 60; Good to Choice, $5 65@$6 50; Common Extra Minnesota, $3 60@$4 50; Clear, $4 60@$6; Rye Mixture, $4 75@$5 75; Straight, $5 50@$6 25; Patent, $5 85@$7 10; St. Louis Common to Fair Extra, $3 65@$4 25; Fair to Good, $4 30@$5 25; Good to Very Choice, $5 35@$6 75. Patent Winter Wheat Extra, $5 00@$7 15; City Mill Extra for West Indies, $5 40@$5 50; South America, $5 55@$6 65. Market closed dull. ——SOUTHERN FLOUR without material change; light export and jobbing trade demand. Sales, 1,300 bbls. Common to Good Extra, $3 75@$4; Good to Choice, $4 05@$6 50. ——RYE FLOUR steady, with a moderate trade demand. Sales, 500 bbls. Superfine, $3 65@$4. ——BUCKWHEAT FLOUR in moderate request at $3 50@$4, mainly $3 50@$3 90. ——CORN MEAL quiet. Yellow Western $2@$3 30; Brandywine, $3 30@$3 40.

GRAIN—WHEAT, Receipts, 160,250 bu, mainly Western, under the direct influence of a fair demand, chance for cash notes; options opened a shade easier, and subsequently were ¼@⅜c. better, closing steady at a shade under the highest prices; a very light export trade, a fair business for city millers and large sales on speculative account. Sales, 4,304,000 bush. future, including 2,000,000 bush. Duluth, and 2,304,000 bush. Western, closing at $1 06 for Ungraded Spring at $1 06@$1 08, including 10,000 bush. Duluth, at $1 05 for export; No. 2 Chicago, $1 07 in store; Ungraded Winter Red, 92c@$1 17, including 40,000 bush. Choice Detroit taken by a city miller at $1 17; No. 3 Red, $1 05@$1 06 in elevator, $1 07 delivered; No. 2 Red, $1 14 for export, $1 15 delivered; $1 11@$1 11½ for grain delivered from store and afloat; No. 2 Red, seller November, $1 11⅛, closing $1 11⅛; do, December, $1 11⅝@$1 12⅛, closing $1 12⅛; do, January, $1 13⅝@$1 14⅛, closing $1 14⅛; do, February, $1 16@$1 16⅛, closing $1 16⅛; do, May, $1 21@$1 22⅛, closing $1 22⅛. ——RYE—Market quiet and lower. Western, 67@69c; Canada and State, 72@73c. ——BARLEY—Market in fair request at steady prices. Sales, 10,000 bush No. 2 Canada, at 86c; 10,000 bush. Ungraded Canada, at about 87c; 10,000 bush. California Barley, 82c; 1,000 bush. Western, 90c. ——BARLEY MALT dull; prices nominally unchanged. ——OATS—Sales were a trifle lower; options opened a little lower, subsequently recovered and advanced ½@¾c, and closed steady at a shade under the highest prices; a moderate export and light home trade demand, and a fair business on speculative account. Sales, 650,000 bush. future, including 100,000 bush. cash, including Ungraded Mixed at 32@32½c, closing $1 20½c. ——RYE—Market free on the market; cars lots dull.