FIRMER TONE IN WHEAT AT THE CLOSE TO-DAY

May Broke Early to a New Low Point at 72 1-8c, but Recovered on Later Buying.

WAITING MORE NEWS FROM S. W.

Decrease of 3,549,000 Bu. in the World's Visible—News of the Grain Trade.

Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce, March 18.—There was a nervous opening in wheat this morning following yesterday's decline, and indecision marked the early trading. Sentiment was firmer. The trade figured that favorable conditions as to the growing crop have been pretty well covered by the late declines, and with the market down this morning to the lowest point yet touched on this decline, or 72⅛c for May, there was the feeling that something of at least a temporary upturn was due. Still there was not much buying. Very few care to take hold while liquidation is still on. Undoubtedly there was considerable wheat bought late last week on the expectation of damage reports to follow the cold wave, and on the failure of the development of anything serious, and the general lack of bullish enthusiasm, this wheat went overboard yesterday and broke the market. This morning there were signs that all this wheat had not yet been cleaned up, and the pit traders feared that further pressure was to be expected, and that even if they had confidence in wheat at present range, it was the part of prudence to wait a while. Hence there was not much new buying and on moderate selling pressure a new low point was touched. Whatever may be the range a week or two hence, or however true it may be that all grain markets are seeking lower levels, there seems reason to expect steadiness for the remainder of this week, with possibly even a little better price. Receipts are about as light as for the past several weeks. Statistics do not cut so much figure just at this time. Interest lies primarily in the winter wheat crop. The Price Current and the Modern Miller are the authorities most quoted at present, and both have been reporting favorable crop conditions, while the Miller has been extremely bearish for several weeks. Presumably the best has been heard about winter wheat, and a repetition of the favorable reports in this week's issues could hardly be additionally depressing, except in so far as they would show the crop one week further along towards final maturity. On the other hand, should the Price Current find any less favorable outlook in this week's report, the effect would be towards price firmness, and should the Miller, which has persistently denied the truth of damage reports right along, admit any damage in its next report, it would almost certainly have some stimulating effect. Since we are just going through a period of alternate freezing and thawing in the southwest, it is not unreasonable to expect that damage reports will be forthcoming from reliable sources this week, if there are to be any such at all.

Rising temperatures are general. The prediction is for partly cloudy and warmer for the Dakotas, and warmer for Nebraska and Kansas.

Liverpool closed ¾d lower on wheat and ¼d lower on corn.

The Bradstreet figures show a decrease in the world's visible of 3,549,000 bu. This compares with a decrease of 1,025,000 bu last week and 773,000 bu a year ago. The quantity east of the Rockies decreased by 1,200,000, and stocks in Europe and afloat fell off by 2,349,000 bu.

Primary receipts were 481,000 bu, against 781,000 last year, and shipments 150,000, against 409,000 bu. Wheat and flour clearances equaled 195,000 bu. Minneapolis received 117 cars, against 333 last year, and Duluth had 265 against 64.

The market closed steady and firmer at 72⅝c for May. July closed at 73⅞@73⅞c, and September at 72½c. Chicago closed at .75c.

No special trade was noted in the cash market. No. 1 northern held at 1c over May for good lots, and No. 2 northern went at about ½c under. No. 3 wheat sold from 70½c to 70¾c for the average, some very choice No. 3 touching 71¼c. Millers were not quite so active in their inquiries although they took the bulk of the good offerings.

RANGE OF WHEAT PRICE IN MINNEAPOLIS

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close To-day.	Close Yesterday.	Close Year Ago.
Mch..	$	$	$	$ .72⅝	$ .72⅜	$ .74¾
May..	.72⅝	.72⅝	.72⅛	.72⅝	.72⅝	.74⅞@75
July..	.73⅝	.73¾@73⅞	.73⅝@73½	.73¾@73⅞	.73⅝	.76¼
Sept..	.....	.....	.....	.72⅛	.71⅞	.....

THE DAY'S RESULT

May Wheat.	Minneapolis.	Chicago.	Duluth.	St. Louis	New York
Close to-day.....	$ .72⅝	$ .75	$ .73¾	$ .81½	$ .80⅞
Close yesterday...	.72⅜	.74½@74⅝	.73½	.82⅛@82¼	.80½

CLOSING CASH PRICES

On Track—No. 1 hard, 75⅞c; No. 1 northern, 73⅜@73⅞c; No. 2 northern, 71⅞c, No. 3 wheat, 70⅜@70⅞c.
No. 1 flax, $1.74; No. 3 yellow corn, 56¼@57¼c.
No. 3 white oats, 41½@42½c; No. 2 rye, 54¼c.
Barley, 52c to 62c.

Other Grains—No. 3 yellow corn, 1 car; No. 4 corn, 17; no grade corn, 5; No. 3 white oats, 10; No. 4 white oats, 14; No. 3 oats, 2; No. 2 rye, 2; No. 3 rye, 1; No. 3 barley, 1; No. 4 barley, 2; No. 5 barley, 3; No. 1 flax, 13; rejected flax, 13; no grade flax, 1.

Inspections Out—No. 1 northern wheat, 4 cars; No. 2 northern wheat, 34; No. 3 wheat, 38; rejected wheat, 1; no grade wheat, 13; No. 3 corn, 5; No. 4 corn, 2; No. 3 white oats, 2; No. 4 white oats, 4; No. 3 oats, 8; No. 4 barley, 1; No. 5 barley, 1; No. 2 rye, 1; No. 1 flax, 26; rejected flax, 2.

Receipts and Shipments.

March 17.

Received—Wheat, 117 cars, 100,620 bu; corn, 1,025 bu; oats, 5,160 bu; rye, 1,200 bu; flax, 2,840 bu; flour, 1,282 brls; millstuffs, 70 tons; hay, 113 tons; fuel oil, 53,560 gals; fruit, 53,272 lbs; merchandise, 2,509,901 lbs; lumber, 30 cars; barrel stock, 5 cars; machinery, 311,700 lbs; coal, 1,384 tons; wood, 15 cords; brick, 14,000; lime, 3 cars; cement, 300 brls; household goods, 20,000 lbs; pig iron, 15 cars; railroad iron, 1 car; ties, 2 cars; stone and marble, 1 car; live stock, 2 cars; salt, 2 cars; dressed meats, 84,130 lbs; railroad materials, 1 car; sundries, 45 cars. Car lots, 594.

Shipped—Wheat, 53 cars, 50,730 bu; corn, 20,370 bu; oats, 13,500 bu; barley, 4,600 bu; flax, 8,820 bu; flour, 42,201 brls; millstuffs, 1,552 tons; hay, 11 tons; fuel oil, 16,040 gals; merchandise, 2,109,230 lbs; lumber, 66 cars; machinery, 698,000 lbs; brick, 11,000; lime, 1 car; cement, 500 brls; household goods, 24,000 lbs; pig iron, 80 cars; railroad iron, 8 cars; stone and marble, 5 cars; linseed oil, 700 brls; oil cake, 34,500 lbs; sundries, 20 cars. Car lots, 807.

Wheat Movement.

March 18.

The following are the receipts and shipments at the principal primary wheat markets:

	Receipts. Bushels.	Shipments. Bushels.
New York	56,050	105,926
Philadelphia	67,757	11,644
Baltimore	70,441	None
Toledo	7,000	3,100
Detroit	494	4,000
St. Louis	51,000	14,000
Boston	4,917	None
Chicago	73,075	41,355
Milwaukee	72,500	1,000
Duluth	102,976	None
Minneapolis	100,620	50,730
Kansas City	71,200	30,400

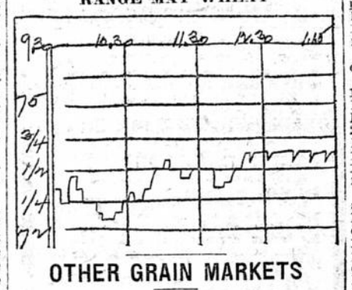
Wheat Movement by Roads.

March 17.

Received—Milwaukee, 58 cars; Omaha, 8; St. Louis, 8; Great Northern, 29; Soo, 7; Northern Pacific, 7.

Shipments—Milwaukee, 17 cars; Omaha, 2; St. Louis, 21; Great Northern, 9; Chicago Great Western, 4.

RANGE MAY WHEAT



OTHER GRAIN MARKETS

CHICAGO GRAIN

Prices Drop in the Face of the Weather Predictions.

Chicago, March 18.—Weather predictions favored the winter wheat crop and influenced lower prices in all grains at the opening. May wheat started a shade lower to a shade higher, at 74½@74⅝c, and soon declined to 74⅜c on liberal selling following lower cables and warmer weather. The local crowd started to take the selling side of the market, but commission houses were both buying and selling, and trade soon quieted down. Later there was a slight reaction and May attained to 74¾c. The Manitoba situation seems to be turning slightly bullish. Wheat from that quarter is gradually narrowing up somewhat; stuff that a week ago sold 9c under our May options is now only 7½c under. Local receipts were 53 cars, one of contract grade. Minneapolis and Duluth reported 282 cars, making a total for the three points of 435 cars, against 378 last week and 518 last year.

Damage reports from the southwest had some effect in holding prices up, as did also the decrease of 3,500,000 bu in the world's visible supply. Shorts covered and May went up to 75⅛c, closing firm, ⅜@½c up, at 75c.

Close: March, 73½c; May, 75c; July, 75¾@75⅞c; September, 75⅜c. Cash: No. 2 red, 82@83c; No. 3 red, 78@80c; No. 2 hard winter, 74@75c; No. 3 hard winter, 74@75c; No. 1 northern spring, 75@77c; No. 2 northern spring, 74½@75½c; No. 3 spring, 70@74½c.

Corn started out weak on selling induced by lower cables and the warmer weather predictions for the southwest. May opened ⅛@¼c to ⅜@½c lower, at 61¾c to 61½c. Trade at the start was only fair, though later the desire to sell quieted down and a good demand sprang up on the decline. Prices for May advanced and steadied around 61⅞c. Receipts were somewhat over the estimate, at 181 cars.

The wheat strength helped May to 62⅛c, but selling and the warm weather influenced another reaction and May closed easy, a shade lower at 61⅞c.

Close: March, 60½c; May, 61⅞c; July, 61¾c; September, 60c; December, 60⅛c; cash No. 3, 59@59½c.

Oats opened easier, in sympathy with other grains and on fair commission house selling. May was still nervous and early was only lightly traded in. July and September options were in fair demand. May started ⅛c down, at 44⅝c, eased to 44½c, advanced to 44¾c, and then eased to 44½c again. Receipts were 155 cars.

Close: March, 43⅝c; May, 44⅜c; July, 36⅛c; September, 30¼@30¼c; cash No. 2, 44@44½c; No. 3, 43¾@44c.

The following was the range of prices:

Wheat—	May.	July.	Sept.
Opening	74⅝@⅝	75¼@⅛	74⅞
Highest	75⅛	75⅞	75½
Lowest	74¼@⅜	75⅛	74⅞
Close—			
To-day	75	75¾@⅞	75⅝
Yesterday	74½@⅝	75¼	74⅞
Year ago	76⅛	.....	.....
Corn—			
Opening	61⅞@½	61½@⅝	59⅝
Highest	62¼	62	60⅛
Lowest	61½	61⅜	59⅝
Close—			
To-day	61⅞	61¾	60
Yesterday	61⅞@62	61⅝	59¾
Year ago	41⅜	41½	.....
Oats—			
Opening	44⅝	36	30@30⅛
Highest	44⅝	36¼	30¼
Lowest	43⅝	35⅞	30
Close—			
To-day	44¾	36	30⅛
Yesterday	44¾	36	30⅛
Year ago	25@25⅛	.....	.....

New York Grain.

New York, March 18.—Flour—Receipts, 48,000 brls; sales, 3,480 pkgs; there was a small trade and no change in prices. Wheat—Receipts, 56,500 bu; sales, 630,000 bu; opened steadier on cables and was held during the forenoon by scattered covering; May, 80¼@80 9-16c; July, 80⅜@81c; September, 80⅛@80¼c. Rye—Steady; state, 60@61c c.i.f. New York car lots; No. 2 western, 64c f.o.b. afloat. Corn—Receipts, 32,000 bu; sales, 35,000 bu; opened steady with wheat, but eased off on the larger movement; May, 67@67⅛c; July, 66½@66⅝c. Oats—Receipts, 169,500 bu; dull and easier; track white, 53@58c.

Close: Wheat—May, 80⅞c; July, 81¼c. Corn—May, 67⅛c; July, 66⅝c.

Duluth Grain.

Duluth, Minn., March 18.—Wheat opened ¼c off at 73⅝c, and gradually improved to near the close, advancing ½c. The close was 73¾c@73⅞c for May. Trading was of fairly good volume. Flax was steady at $1.75 for May. Receipts, wheat, 265 cars; oats, 8; barley, 1; flax, 16; total, 290. Shipments, flax, 5,095 bu. Close: No. 1 hard cash, 75¾c; No. 1 northern, cash and arrive, 72¾c; May, 74¾c; July, 74¾c; No. 2 northern, 70¼c; No. 3, 68¼c; Manitoba wheat, 71¼c; May, 72¼c; No. 2, 68¼c; flax, cash and arrive, $1.73; May, $1.75; September, $1.40; corn, 61c; oats, 42c; rye, 53½c.

St. Louis Grain.

St. Louis, March 18.—Wheat—Easier; No. 2 red, cash, elevator, 82c; May, 81½c; July, 74⅝c; No. 2 hard, 75@77½c. Corn—Higher; No. 2, cash, 61½c; May, 61⅞@62c; July, 61⅞c. Oats—Lower; No. 2, cash, 45½c; May, 44⅝c; July, 35¾c; No. 2 white, 47½c.

Liverpool Grain.

Liverpool, March 18.—Wheat—Spot No. 2 red western winter, dull, 6s 1½d; No. 1 northern spring, dull, 6s 1½d; No. 1 California, steady, 6s 4d; futures steady; March, 6s 1¼d; May, 6s 3½d; July, 6s. Corn—Spot American mixed, new, 5s 2¼d; old, 5s 3d; futures quiet; March, nominal; May, 5s 2¾d.

Milwaukee Grain.

Milwaukee, March 18.—Flour, steady. Wheat, steady; close, No. 1 northern, 75½@76c; No. 2 northern, 74@75c; May, 75c. Rye, steady; No. 1, 60c. Barley, firm; No. 2, 65½c; sample, 58@65½c. Oats, steady; No. 2 white, 46@46½c. Corn, May, 61⅞c.

Wheat—Puts, 74⅝c; calls, 75⅜c.
Corn—Puts, 61⅝c; calls, 62⅜c.

Toledo Grain.

Toledo, Ohio, March 18.—Wheat—Fairly active, firm; cash, 81¾c; May, 81¾c; July, 78⅜c. Corn—Dull, firm; cash, 61c; May, 62½c; July, 62½c. Oats—Cash, 43@44¾c; July, 37½c. Cloverseed—Strong, higher, cash and March, $5.47½; April, $5.35; October, $5.25. No. 2 alsike, $8.65. No. 2 timothy, $2.95.

Kansas City Grain.

Kansas City, Mo., March 18.—Wheat—May, 72¼c; July, 72½c; cash, No. 2 hard, 72@73c; No. 2 red, 80c; No. 2 spring, 70½@71c. Corn—May, 62⅜c; September, 59¼c; cash, No. 2 mixed, 62½c; No. 2 white, 65c. Oats—No. 2 white, 46½@47½c.

Chicago Seed and Coarse Grains.

Chicago, March 18.—Flax, cash northwest, $1.72; southwest, $1.68; May, $1.72. Rye, May, 56¾@57c; July, 57¼c. Barley, cash, 60@65c. Timothy, March, $6.70. Clover, March, $8.75.

GENERAL PRODUCE

The Minneapolis Market.

Tuesday, March 18.

Extra creamery butter, higher; extra dairy butter, higher. Strictly fresh eggs, lower. Dressed hens, firm; spring chickens, firm; fancy turkeys, firm. Live poultry, firm. Potatoes firm. Fancy country dressed veal, steady. Oranges, firm.

BUTTER—Extra creameries, 1lb, 25½@26c; firsts, 1lb, 23@24c; seconds, per lb, 18½@20c; dairies, extras, per lb, 22c; dairies, firsts, 1lb, 19@20c; seconds, 1lb, 18½@20c; roll and print, fancy, 1lb, 19@20c; roll and print, choice, 1lb, 18½; ladles, firsts, 19@20c; seconds, 1lb, 17c; packing stock, per lb, 18c; renovated, fancy, 23c; renovated, choice, 17@18c.

EGGS—Strictly fresh, case count, doz, 13¾c; checks and seconds, 10c.

CHEESE—Twins or flats, fancy, per lb, 13c; twins or flats, choice, 10½@11½c; brick, No. 1, 14c; No. 2, 12@12½c; No. 3, 1lb, 7@8c; limburger, No. 1, per lb, 14c; limburger, No. 2, per lb, 10@11c; pultost, per lb, 9c; primost, No. 1, per lb, 6½c; block Swiss, No. 1, per lb, 14½@15c; No. 2, 8½@9c; round Swiss, No. 1, 15@15½c; No. 2, 8½@9c; Young Americas, fancy, 13c; choice, 9@10½c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Turkeys, fancy hens and young toms, per lb, 14c; old toms and hens, lb, 10@11c; thin young toms, 12½@13c; culls, per lb, 5@5½c; chickens, springs, fancy, 12½@13c; fair to good, 10@10½c; hens, fancy, per lb, 11c; hens, fair to good, per lb, 8@10c; old roosters, lb, 6@7c; ducks, fancy, per lb, 12c; culls, 6@7c; geese, per lb, 10@11c; culls, 6@7c.

LIVE POULTRY—Turkeys, mixed coops, 10@11c; chickens, springs, 10½@11c; hens, 9½@10c; roosters, 5c; ducks, white, 10c; colored, 9c; geese, 8c.

DRESSED MEATS—Veal, fancy, per lb, 7½@8c; fair to good, lb, 6½@7c; thin, small or overweight, per lb, 5@6c; mutton, fancy, country dressed, 6@6½c; mutton, thin, lb, 5c; lambs, fancy, pelts off, 7¼c; hogs, light, lb, 7¼c; hogs, medium, 7c; heavy, 6¾c.

GAME—Squirrels, gray, doz, 50c; red, doz, 20c.

FISHPickerel, 4@5c; Lake Superior herring, 3@3½c.

POTATOES—White stock, per bu, in car lots, 80c; white stock, less than car lots, 85@90c; mixed red in car lots, 75c; small lots, sacked, 85c.

ONIONS—Red Globe, bu, $1.75; Red Wethersfield, per bu, $1.75; Silver Skins, per bu, $2; Spanish, per crate, $2.

DRIED PEAS—Fancy yellow, per bu, $1.50; medium, per bu, $1.40; green, fancy, per bu, $1.60; green, medium, bu, $1.35; marrowfat, bu, $2.25; Lima, California, per lb, 6@7c.

APPLES—Lumber Twigs, per brl, $4.50@5; Missouri Pippins, brl, $4.75@5; Winesaps, brl, $6; Ben Davis, brl, $5@5.50; box stock, $1.50@2.25.

ORANGES—California navels, fancy, $3.50; choice, $3.25; California seedlings, $2.50; tangerines, California, ½-bu box, $2.50@2.75; Florida, ½-bu box, $3.50; grape fruit, California, per box, $6; Florida, $9.50@10.

LEMONS—Messinas, fancy, $3.75; choice, $3.50; California, fancy, as to size, $3.50; choice, $3.25.

PINEAPPLES—New, southern, large, per doz, $3.75; small and medium, $3.25.

STRAWBERRIES—Southern, express receipts, per qt, 55@60c.

CRANBERRIES—Jerseys, per brl, $7.50; Jerseys, bu boxes, $2.75.

GRAPES—Malagas, extra fancy, per keg, $7; fancy, per keg, $6.

BANANAS—Fancy, large bunches, $2.50@2.75; medium, bunches, $2.25; small bunches, $2.

HONEY—New, fancy, white, 1-lb sections, 15@16c; choice white, 12@13c; amber, 10@12c; golden rod, 11@12c; extracted white, 8@8c; buckwheat, 9@10c; extracted amber, 7@8c.

VEGETABLES—Asparagus, new, doz, $2.75@3; pie plant, per lb, 8c; beets, per bu, 60c; cabbage, per lb, 2c; cabbage, per ton, $35; radishes, per doz, 65@70c; radishes, home-grown, per doz, 35c; lettuce, doz, 45@50c; lettuce, head, per doz, 60@85c; carrots, bu, 45@50c; cauliflower, crates, $3@3.25; cucumbers, hothouse, per doz, $2; celery, per doz, 25c; carrots, per doz bunches, 50@60c; beets, per doz bunches, 50@60c.

Chicago Produce.

Chicago, March 18.—Butter—Firm; creameries, 18@26½c; dairies, 18@23c. Cheese—Steady; twins, 11@14c; daisies, 11½@12c; young Americas, 12@14c. Eggs—Steady; at mark, cases included, 17c. Dressed Poultry—Steady; turkeys, 10@14½c; chickens, 10@11½c.

New York Produce.

New York, March 18.—Butter—Receipts, 7,588 pkgs; market steady; state dairy, 20@27c; state creamery, 22@29c; creamery held, 20@25c; renovated, 17½@24c; factory, 18@22c. Cheese—Receipts, 3,432 pkgs; firm; state full-cream, small, early make, fancy, colored and fancy white, 12¾@13c; full-cream, large, fall make, fancy colored and fancy white, 11¾@12c. Eggs—Receipts, 20,368 pkgs; firmer; state and Pennsylvania, 16½c; western at mark, 16@16½c; southern at mark, 15½@16¼c.

MORE CORN, SAYS JOHNSON

Acreage Will Be Doubled in Northern South Dakota.

Special to The Journal.

Winona, Minn., March 18.—General Agent A. C. Johnson of the North-Western road has just returned from a trip over the lines west of Winona for the purpose of investigating the crop outlook. He says that in the northern half of South Dakota there will be double the corn acreage there was a year ago, this in face of the fact that the South Dakota corn acreage a year ago was double what it was the previous year. There will also be an increase in western Minnesota and South Dakota in the acreage of barley, wheat and flax.

General conditions, Mr. Johnson says, were never so favorable. There is a large immigration of Iowa and Illinois farmers and a general tone of porsperity prevails. Sales of lands are being made daily at advanced prices. The present cold wave will delay seeding for only a few days. Harrowing had been commenced on high ground, but very little seed had been planted before the blizzard.

SPOT TIN CORNER.

New York, March 18.—A small corner in spot tin has developed, and prices have been worked up to 26.65c bid and 26.75c asked, or some 50 points above the end of last week.

THE FLOUR MARKET

Better Demand in General—Prices Hold Firm.

General demand is better, although there is no special increase in foreign inquiry. Prices are firm as quoted. The outlook is for a fairly good week.

Shipments for the day were 42,201 brls.

Quotations: First patents, $3.30@3.90; second patents, $3.70@3.80; first clears, $2.85@2.95; second clears, $2.35@2.45.

THE CASH TRADE

Flax Firm—Light Receipts of All Coarse Grains.

FLAX—The market showed no especially new feature to-day and held steady at prices about the same as yesterday. Delivery on contract again took a good part of the receipts and only a few cars were found on the tables. No. 1 sold at $1.74@1.74½, and rejected was quoted nominally $1.73, but on sale brought $1.72½.

Minneapolis received 5 cars, against 15 last year, and shipped 9 cars. Duluth had 15 cars.

Closing prices: Minneapolis—Cash, $1.74; to arrive, $1.74; March, $1.74; May, $1.74. Duluth—Cash, $1.73; on track, $1.73; to arrive, $1.73; May, $1.75; September, $1.40.

CORN—One car of No. 4 at 55½c and a car of ear corn at 56c constituted the business reported to noon. Receipts were too light to make a very active market. No. 3 yellow closed at 56¼@57¼c. Receipts, 5 cars; shipments, 21 cars.

OATS—There was a fair trade in oats, limited in volume, however, by the extremely light offerings. At the close No. 3 white oats were quoted 41½@42½c. Receipts, 4 cars; shipments, 10 cars.

FEED AND MEAL—Coarse corn meal and cracked corn, $20.75; No. 1 feed, $21.75; No. 2 feed, $22.75; No. 3 feed $23.75; granulated corn meal in cotton sacks at the rate of $2.80 per brl.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran in bulk is quoted $13.25@13.50 per ton; bulk shorts, $13.50; flour middlings, $15@15.50; red dog, $16.50; feed in 200-lb sacks, $1 per ton additional; in 100-lb sacks, $1.50 per ton additional. Shipments, 1,552 tons.

BARLEY—Feed grades are quotable at 52@56c, and malting grades, 57@63c. *Receipts, none; shipments, 4 cars.

RYE—The market was a trifle weaker: No. 2 closed at 54¼c. Receipts, 2 cars; shipments, none.

HAY—Upland fancy, $7@7.50; upland, choice, $6.50@7.25; No. 1, $6.50; midland, $6@6.25; medium, $5.75@6; timothy, choice, $11@11.50; rye straw, choice, $4@4.50. Receipts, 42 tons; shipments, 22 tons.

Puts and Calls.

Two o'clock report:

Puts—May wheat, 72⅜c.
Calls—May wheat, 72⅝c.
Curb—May wheat, 72⅝c.

Cash Sales Reported To-day.

No. 1 northern, 8 cars	$0.73⅜
No. 1 northern, 1 car	.73½
No. 2 northern, 3 cars	.71⅞
No. 2 northern, 1 car	.71¾
No. 2 northern, 1 car	.71⅞
No. 2 northern, 19 cars	.72
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	.70½
No. 3 wheat, 2 cars	.70¾
No. 3 wheat, 2 cars	.70⅞
No. 3 wheat, 6 cars, choice	.71¼
No. 3 wheat, 5 cars	.71
Rejected wheat, 2 cars	.70
Rejected wheat, 1 car	.71
Rejected wheat, 1 car, smutty	.68
No grade wheat, 1 car	.69
No grade wheat, 1 car	.64½
No. 4 white oats, 1 car	.42
No. 4 oats, 1 car	.40½
No. 3 white oats, 1 car	.40½
No. 3 white oats, 1 car	.42½
No. 4 corn, 1 car	.55½
Ear corn, 1 car	.56
Rejected flax, 1 car	1.72½

State Grain Inspection.

March 17.

Inspections In—Wheat—Great Northern—No. 1 northern, 10 cars; No. 2 northern, 78; No. 3, 35; rejected, 6; no grade, 9.

Milwaukee—No. 1 northern, 16 cars; No. 2 northern, 50; No. 3, 20; rejected, 7; no grade, 6.

Minneapolis & St. Louis—No. 1 northern, 1 car; No. 2 northern, 17; No. 3, 6; rejected, 1.

Soo—No. 2 northern, 4 cars; No. 3, 1; no grade, 1.

Northern Pacific—No. 1 northern, 7 cars; No. 2 northern, 11; No. 3, 2; rejected, 1; no grade, 2.

Omaha—No. 1 northern, 1 car; No. 2 northern, 17; No. 3, 13; no grade, 4.

Total—No. 1 northern, 35 cars; No. 2 northern, 177; No. 3, 77; rejected, 14; no grade, 21.

CLIMB IN STOCKS

This the Tendency, Though Amalgamated Goes Down.

LATTER UP AGAIN UNDER SUPPORT

Linseed Gains in the Final Hour, Followed by a Dull and Irregular Close.

New York, March 18.—Amalgamated Copper started downwards again this morning, but this did not interfere with the general tendency of stocks to advance. There were some fairly large takings in a number of instances. The New York public utilities were in demand. Brooklyn Transit, Brooklyn Union Gas and Consolidated Gas rising about a point. All of them reacted on secondary dealings. Pacific Mail rose a large fraction on the passage by the senate of the shipsibsidy bill.

Railroad stocks were sluggish and did not derive much immediate benefit from a rise of 1¼@1½ in Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis and New York Central. Consolidated Gas and Pacific Mail, which had opened with good gains, reacted below last night and liquidation in Evansville & Terre Haute stocks lowered them 1½ to 2 points. Sugar was under pressure, but Amalgamated Copper was supported and got above 63. Other pronounced movements included advances of 3 in American Tobacco preferred, 4 in North American, 2½ in Continental Tobacco preferred, 3½ in General Electric and 1@1½ in New York, Chicago & St. Louis second preferred, Colorado Fuel, American Bicycle preferred and American Malting preferred. Losses of a point each were made by St. Joseph & Grand Island first preferred, and Westinghouse Electric, but the latter recovered when General Electric advanced. Toward 11 o'clock there was some demand for the trans-continental stocks under the lead of St. Paul, which crossed 165.

The market broadened out and became stronger all around on increased dealings. Prominent stocks came into more general demand. General Electric advanced 6 and Colorado & Southern common and first preferred, Lackawanna, Great Northern preferred, the International Paper stocks, Lake Erie & Western, Canada Southern, St. Louis & San Francisco, Texas & Pacific, Tennessee Coal, American Ice, National Biscuit and Rutland preferred, St. Joseph & Grand Island first preferred and Evansville & Terre Haute about recovered their previous losses. A renewed drive against Amalgamated Copper lowered it 1½ to 61⅝ and the general market became dull and reactionary. Declines from the best were mainly fractional, but reached 2 points in North American. Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg preferred sold 4 points below the previous sale.

There were some erratic movements in the specialties. North American's rise reached 6½. Lackawanna 7, Rutland preferred 3¾, Pullman and Delaware & Hudson 2, and Reading common and second preferred, American Agricultural-Chemical 1@1½. Amalgamated Copper rallied a point. The general tone was heavy and Sugar, Consolidated Gas, Westinghouse Electric and Pacific Mail fell 1@1¾ under last night.

The Erie stocks joined the advance in the coalers and their rise of over a point was followed by a demand for the tractions, which carried them to the best. The market continued largely one of specialties and there were scarcely any dealings in the grangers, Pacifics or Southwesterns. Colorado Fuel rose 2¾, to 98, and there was a sympathetic rise in Tennessee Coal. Cotton Oil gained 3, Virginia-Carolina Chemical a point and North American made its extreme rise, 11½ points.

A few points of strength developed, but the general market was rather heavy in the final hour. People's Gas, Chicago Union Traction, International Pump and Colorado & Southern first preferred rose 2, American Linseed 1⅜ and Colorado & Southern second preferred a point. The closing was dull and irregular.

Bonds were steady.

Stock quotations reported for The Journal by Watson & Co., Chamber of Commerce, Minneapolis.

Closing figures are bid.

Sales	Stocks—	High-est.	Low-est.	—Close— Bid. Mr.18	Bid. Mr.17
	Adams Express	.....	.....	200	202
	Am. Express	.....	.....	230	230
16,300	Am. Cot. Oil	47⅝	44½	46¾	44½
200	do pr	95½	95	95	94
900	Am. Car	.....	.....	31¾	31⅞
200	do pr	.....	.....	89½	89½
	Am. Locomot	32⅛	31⅝	31¾	31¾
	do pr	93⅛	93	93⅛	93
	Am. Ice	19½	18½	19½	18½
	do pr	.....	.....	60½	59¾
5,100	Am. Linseed	25⅞	24½	24⅞	24½
	do pr	57½	56½	57	57¼
10,300	Am. Sugar	128⅞	127⅞	127¾	128¾
	do pr	.....	.....	117½	118
600	Am. Smelting	46⅝	46	46⅝	46¼
	do pr	.....	.....	98½	98½
21,700	Amal. Cop	63⅛	61⅝	62½	62
1,100	Anacon. Cop	30½	29⅞	30¼	30½
4,600	At., Top. & S.F.	76⅝	76	76¾	76
1,400	do pr	97¼	96¾	96¾	96¾
18,800	Balt. & Ohio	106¾	106	106¾	106
	do pr	.....	.....	94	94
1,000	Brook. Rap. Tr.	67½	66¾	66⅞	66⅝
	Brook. Un. Gas	.....	.....	225	227¼
1,100	Can. Southern	88¼	87⅞	87⅞	87¾
	Canadian Pac	115¾	115¼	115½	115¼
	Ches. & Ohio	46¾	45¼	46⅛	45¾
	C. & E. Illo	.....	.....	160	160½
1,900	Chi. & Alton	36¼	35⅝	36	35¾
1,400	do pr	75½	75	75¼	75
	Chi. Gr. West	24⅝	24¼	24⅛	24¼
	do pr A	.....	.....	87½	87½
	do pr B	.....	.....	45	45½
	do deb	.....	.....	91	91
	Chi., Ind. & L.	62⅞	62	62	62⅜
	do pr	.....	.....	73	73
	C., C., C. & St. L.	102¾	101¾	101¾	100¾
	do pr	.....	.....	122	120
	Chi. Term	18½	18¾	18½	18½
	do pr	36	35¼	35⅝	35
20,800	Col. Fuel & Ir	98⅝	95⅛	98	95
	do pr	.....	.....	128	128
10,200	Col. Southern	27¾	27	27½	26¾
	do 1st pr	72	70	71¾	70
	do 2d pr	43	42¾	43	42
	Col. H. & I.	.....	.....	16¾	17
4,500	Consol. Gas	.....	.....	224½	226
4,300	Con. Tobacco pr	124	122	122¾	.....
	Del. & Hudson	173½	171½	172	171
	Del., Lack. & W	287	280⅝	284	280
	Den. & Rio Gr	.....	.....	44	43½
	do pr	.....	.....	91¼	91½
	Des. M. & Ft. D	.....	.....	43	43
	Du., S. S. & At	.....	.....	12¾	12¾
	do pr	.....	.....	24	24¼
4,800	Erie	37⅞	36¾	37⅞	36⅝
1,900	do 1st pr	69	68¼	68¼	68
4,000	do 2d pr	55¾	54½	54⅞	54
	Evans. & Ter H	66	63⅛	65	65
	do pr	.....	.....	97½	95
	Gen. Electric	318	312	316	310
	Grass Twine	52¼	51¾	51⅞	52
	Great Nor., pr	186	185½	186	185
1,000	Hocking Valley	.....	.....	70¼	70¼
	do pr	.....	.....	86½	86¼
	Illinois Central	140¼	140	140	140½
	Iowa Central	49⅞	49⅜	49½	49½
	do pr	82⅞	82⅜	82½	82
5,900	Inter. Paper	22⅞	21½	22	21
	do pr	76¾	75½	76¼	75¾
	K. C. & South.	23	22½	22¾	22½
	do pr	53¾	53⅝	53¾	53¾
	LaClede Gas	.....	.....	90	.....
	do pr	.....	.....	105	.....
	Lake E. & W	.....	.....	67	67
	do pr	133¾	133¼	133	129
1,800	Louis. & Nash.	104½	104⅛	104⅛	104⅛
300	M., St. P. & Soo	48½	48⅜	48⅜	47½
	do pr	.....	.....	112	113
26,400	Manhattan	13⅝	13¼	13¼	13¾
900	Met. St. Ry	168⅞	168⅛	168⅛	168
200	Minn. & St. L.	.....	.....	110¼	110
	do pr	.....	.....	120½	120
	Missouri Pac	101¾	100⅞	100⅞	101¼
200	M., K. & T.	.....	.....	24	24⅝
500	do