# ANOTHER ADVANCE IN WHEAT, BUT OTHER GRAINS WITHOUT CHANGE.

LITTLE OR NO CHANGE IN WHEAT EARLY, BUT LATER PRICES IMPROVED SOME.

## AND THE CLOSE WAS HIGHER.

CORN WAS SLUGGISHLY DULL AND VALUES REMAINED ALMOST STATIONARY ALL DAY.

## THERE WAS NO CHANGE IN OATS

Office Republic,
Thursday, Jan. 25, 1900.

The speculative grain markets of this country this morning had more of a waiting attitude than anything else, and were particularly uninteresting and featureless during the fore part of the session. A rather feeble response was made by wheat to the press dispatches of an important victory for the British in South Africa, but it was a slight one and confined mostly to wheat, the cheaper grains apparently not being influenced at all. New York stocks and cotton opened up smartly higher, but, for some reason, the cereal markets were slow and showed but few changes. Still, the undercurrent of sentiment seems to be gradually, if slowly, working to a bullish direction, but, owing principally to the lack of speculative support, they are making extremely slow progress, and the reactions that have occurred the last day or two have not been of a character to arouse enthusiasm among traders, as the efforts of the bulls to bring about higher prices have been neither fruitful nor healthy, and, although in many instances the shorts have been run to cover, the impression made by the bulls upon the different markets has been noticeably insignificant, especially outside of wheat. In a speculative way there has not been a particle of improvement. Outsiders are still holding off, professional traders show great cautiousness and pit operations, in the aggregate, have been of the smallest.

Interest, in a speculative way, continues to lag in wheat and the situation this morning here and, for that matter, at all other points was dull and dreadfully slow, the market exhibiting very few changes and none of real importance. The undertone was just a little bit firmer, being made so by the earlier advices, but, considering this news, which was a combination of bullish influences, the responses were of the feeblest character and evinced no enthusiasm in the ranks of the bulls, who, indeed, for some reason, were backward in taking advantage of opportunities that, under different circumstances, would have resulted in a big advance in prices, but which this morning resulted in an improvement of only ⅛c, and this gain was not maintained for any length of time, either. And yet there was more outside interest taken in this market than has been witnessed for a long time, commission houses having quite a number of buying orders from the country, which were brought out, it was claimed, by the change in the weather. The early advices, with hardly an exception, favored the buying side. In the first place, there was a decided drop in the temperature in the wheat territory; higher cables, Liverpool being reported ¼d up and London ¼d, and both firm, a condition that was believed to confirm the report that the bubonic plague existed in the Argentine. These were followed by confirmation of a British victory in South Africa, and still later by a report that the port of Rosario in the Argentine had been closed and an advance of ¾c at Paris, though the crop advices from France were by no means bad. It was the Argentine news, more than anything else, that gave the early strength to this market, and advanced La Plata wheat at Liverpool 1c, but all that this market could get out of it and the other bullish advices was a small advance of ⅛c, May opening at 69½c, and then selling at 69⅛@⅛c, while July brought 69½c. There were plenty of sellers at this advance, most of which was for the purpose of taking profits, and, as the buying let up, there was a let-down in values, May selling off to 69⅛c and 69½c for July; but on further advices from the Argentine there was a rally to 69⅝c for May and to 69¾@69⅞c for July.

The market was dull and unsettled later, and price changes were within a very narrow range. Foreign buying was off, exporters reporting but few exceptions to their offers of last night. Foreign markets did not appear to be as much disturbed over the reported plague in the Argentine as American markets were. Berlin was up 1c, but Buda-Pesth was off ½c. The day's clearances from the seaboard were only 528,000 bu. in flour and wheat. While the market was somewhat unsettled during the closing hours of the session, the changes in values were not especially marked, May selling at 69⅝c to 69⅞c, with an occasional trade at 69¾@69⅞c, and July at 69⅛c and 69⅛c. There was not a thing that could be construed as encouraging in the cash situation, but near the close traders who were long sellers, an opportunity when there were no sellers in the pit, and rushed prices up to 69⅞c for May, which was the best price of the day, and as there were few sellers in the market held pretty firm, and the close for that month was ⅝c up for the day at 69⅞c sellers, and 69¾c bid. July sold late at 69⅛c and closed at that, while Jan. was ⅛c higher, at 68⅞c bid.

Corn did not attract near the attention that wheat did to-day, and in consequence was dull and slow, and all the time being without features of interest. The feeling early also was not so strong, the cold and freezing weather, which allows of country hauling, having a bearish effect, though the day's arrivals were small and the Cincinnati Price Current's report on the crop bullish. Liverpool cables were quite changed. Receipts at Western markets were 425,000 bu., against 840,000 bu. a year ago, including 36,000 bu. here, against 92,000 bu. last year. The shipments were 240,000 bu. and the export clearances from Atlantic and Gulf ports 42,000 bu. Trading was extremely dull during the day. There was some little done in July early at 32⅝c, which was a very much larger premium over May than when trading first started in that month. May had sellers at 1-16c decline at 31⅝@31⅞c, but no buyers at that. Later, however, there was some trading in this option at 31c and 31⅛c, but the market most of the time was neglected. At the close there were no changes of importance, May closing the same as it did yesterday at 31⅛c buyers and July at 32⅛c, while Jan. was ⅛c better at the nominal.

There was a slight change for the better in a trading way in the local market for oats, but not enough to have any bearing on values. The trading was confined exclusively to May, which brought 24½c, the price at which it closed yesterday, and was asked at close to-day. Jan. was nominally unchanged at 22½c. Western market receipts were 420,000 bu., against 312,000 bu. a year ago, to-day, and 1,000,000 bu. last year. Shipments were reported at 230,000 bu., and the export clearances 23,000 bu.

ON THE CURB—St. Louis, 2:30 p. m.—May wheat sold at 69⅝c and that bid; puts 69⅝c; calls 69⅞c.

Chicago—May wheat: Puts 69⅝c; calls 67½@68c.

### Trade Notes.

—It looks very much as though we were to experience real winter weather. The temperature has fallen so far below freezing and prospects are for a still further drop. At Calgary, in British North America, one of the cities that give a pretty good idea of changes in temperature, the weather was six degrees colder this morning than yesterday. There were, besides, four high areas, one in the Northwest, one in the Northwest, which, in all probability, will continue a cold weather, if not bringing weather of real severity.

—There is no snow in winter wheat regions to protect the plant, and it is pretty certain complaints of damage will be heard, but that, probably, is about as far as the damage will get—just complaints. This weather is certainly better for winter wheat than the soft stuff—I we have just passed through. The freeze will stop the depredations of the bugs, at any rate.

—The Cincinnati Price Current says the weather conditions are mild and growing wheat condition maintained. Interior offerings of all grain are light. Roads are bad and farmers are firm holders. Feeders are still buying corn freely. Millers in some sections are inquiring urgently for wheat, but this is not general at present.

—Just a year ago wheat was at its apex of its first-of-the-year boom. On January 26 and 27 May sold in this market at 85c. July selling at 79½c. Subsequently there was a complete breakdown, May finally selling at 67½c. Tough on those who were for again on the crop scare of last spring.

—A Buenos Ayres cable states that the bubonic plague has broken out in Rosario, and a vigorous cordon established at that place.

—Minneapolis wires: "Elevator people claim receipts at country points are almost nothing. One concern operating 100 houses says their receipts do not average over 30 to 40 bu. to the house per day.

—A decrease of 800,000 bu. is now predicted in Minneapolis stock of wheat this week. This may bring about a decrease in the wheat visible as no material increases are in prospect anywhere.

—Western markets received 2,000,000 bu. against 2,600,000 bu. one week ago, 400,000 bu. a year ago and 2,000,000 bu. two years ago.

—A Sidney, N. S. W., cable reports the bubonic plague has broken out there, seven "suspects" having been quarantined.

—A private cable from Liverpool says wheat market fluctuating, being squeezed, demand client from short sellers.

—A Paris cable says: "The chief to estimate future, to stop out for the Argentine Republic, and the United States."

—Liverpool cables: "The sharp decline at the opening this morning was due to the many bears, the shorts at the close of American markets yesterday, but it soon rallied on the plague in the Argentine and on the report that Buenos Ayres country received a heavy measure, which, with a further decline in the bank rate of interest to 4 per cent, caused bears to cover. No doubt the 6 per cent was quite high, and strong in sympathy with the better cash demand. Several cables received from Argentine report that the bubonic plague has appeared in Rosario, one of the Argentine ports that only just is closed. Bidder Further parts early bidding."

### Cash Grain, Flour, Etc.

WHEAT—Cash market firmer, but dull, and 2 cents lower. This was one of the features, more to mark the sellers have not had spunk enough to do anything to speak of, and unless would not pay over 69c for the best No 2 red, were available in this and other. No 3 red, 68c; No 4 red, 67c; No 2 hard, 69c; No 3 hard, 68c; No 4 hard, 67c; No 2 northern at 70c, mostly; No 3 spring at 68c; No 4 spring, from 67c@69c; No 2 red sold at 70c; No 3 white at 69c; No 4 white at 68c; No 2 white at 70c; No 3 white at 69c; No 4 white at 68c. Mill offerings and a fair market demand, but no sales at strike, things for no and choice.

CORN—Cash market—Received, 37 cars head and 10 cars through. Four was little dragged, the firmer, but dull, trading being week and 1c lower. No 2 cash, 37½c; No 2 white, 38c; No 3 cash, 37½c; No 3 white, 38c; No 4 cash, 37c; No 4 white, 37½c; No 2 yellow, 38c; No 3 yellow, 38c; No 4 yellow, 37½c. Mill offerings and a fair market demand, but no sales at strike, things for no and choice.

OATS—Cash market—Received, 37 cars head and 10 cars through. Four was little dragged, the firmer, but dull, trading being week and 1c lower. No 2 cash, 24½c; No 2 white, 26c; No 3 cash, 24½c; No 3 white, 26c; No 4 cash, 24c; No 4 white, 25½c; No 2 yellow, 26c; No 3 yellow, 26c; No 4 yellow, 25½c. Mill offerings and a fair market demand, but no sales at strike, things for no and choice.

RYE—Cash market—Received, 2 cars head and 10 cars through. Four was little dragged, the firmer, but dull, trading being week and 1c lower. No 2 cash, 57c; No 2 white, 58c; No 3 cash, 56c; No 3 white, 57c. Mill offerings and a fair market demand, but no sales at strike, things for no and choice.

FLOUR—Millers say they cannot do anything in the table line this week, and that foreign business is practically at a standstill. Export trade has quieted down considerably.

Quotations on soft winter wheat flour are as follows:

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| Patents | $4.00@4.25 |
| Extra fancy | 3.50@3.75 |
| Clear | 3.00@3.25 |
| Low and medium | 2.75@3.00 |

Hard winter patents $4.00@4.25, and bakers $3.50@3.75 per bbl.

RYE FLOUR—Nothing at $3.50 in sht, and $3.20 in bbl.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—Fancy nominal at $3.50 and Western at $3.25 per bbl.

CORNMEAL—Steady. Kiln dried, 5 lbs, $1.75@1.80; kiln dried, bulk and barrels $2.10.

WHEAT FLOUR—Steady. Patents, 5 lbs, $1.75@1.80; kiln dried, bulk and barrels $2.10.

HAY—Receipts, 200 tons. Firm and fair demand through, supply fair for the time. The leading demand is for very good to choice timothy, and for this there is a good demand, there is plenty of all kinds but low grades are neglected. Sales reported include: Prairie, on track, choice, $9.00; fair to good, $8@8.50; choice timothy, $9@9.50; fair to good, $8@8.50; choice clover, $8@9.50; mixed, $7@8.50.

STRAW—Wheat on trk, at $6.50, sale at $6.50; rye at $7.

GRASS SEEDS—Offerings light at steady prices. Clover, $7.60 for poor to $7.90 for choice; red top, $1.50@1.75 for common to fair, and $2 for fancy; German millet $1 for ordinary to fair, and $1.25@1.50 for fancy; timothy $2@2.25 per bbl.

FLAXSEED—Easier at $1.40@1.41 spot and to arrive.

CASTOR BEANS—Nominal at $1.50 per bu. for car lots in the trade.

BRAN—Firmer. Sales in sht at 65 per ton for ordinary and $4 for extra.

PEANUTS—Steady. Sales at $1.50@1.60 per bu. for fancy and $1@1.25 for ordinary.

POTATOES—Steady. Sales in bulk at 65@70c per bu. for Burbanks, and 60@65c for Rose and other varieties.

### Prices on Change.

The following table shows the range of prices in futures and cash grains:

| | Use Wednesday. | Range. | Close. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Wheat—Jan | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Feb | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| May | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Corn—Jan | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| May | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| July | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Oats—Jan | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| May | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |

Cash wheat, corn and oats receipts:

| | Receipts. | Shipments. |
|---|---|---|
| Wheat—No 2 red | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| No 3 red | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| No 2 hard | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| No 3 hard | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Corn—No 2 | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| No 3 | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Oats—No 2 | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| No 3 white | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Rye—No 2 | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Flour, bbls | [illegible] | [illegible] |

### Movement of Grain.

| Cities | Receipts. Wheat. | Corn. | Shipments. Wheat. | Corn. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| St. Louis | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Chicago | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Toledo | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Detroit | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Kansas City | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Milwaukee | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Minneapolis | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Cincinnati | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| New York | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Baltimore | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Philadelphia | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Peoria | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| New Orleans | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Galveston | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |

### Stocks of Grain in Store.

| | To-day. | Yesterday. | Last yr. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Wheat | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Corn | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Oats | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Rye | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Barley | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Flour | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Western grain | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| No 2 wheat | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| No 3 hard | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| No 2 corn | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| No 2 white corn | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| No 2 oats | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| No 2 white oats | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| No 2 rye | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |

### Shipments of Flour.

St. Louis, 2,000 bbls; Chicago, 40,000 bbls; Astoria, 10,000 bbls; Minneapolis, 40,000 bbls; Seattle, 2,000 bbls; Tacoma, 2,000 bbls; Portland, 12,000 bbls; Philadelphia, 1,000 bbls.

### WOOL.

There is still no change to note, market quiet and steady at the following:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Missouri & Illinois | | Colorado & New Mex. | |
| Med. combing | [illegible] | Fine med. | [illegible] |
| Med. clothing | [illegible] | Med. fine | [illegible] |
| Low combing | [illegible] | Coarse | [illegible] |
| Low clothing | [illegible] | Utah & Nevada | |
| Unwashed, fine | [illegible] | Fine | [illegible] |
| Delaine | [illegible] | Fine med. | [illegible] |
| Unwashed, med. | [illegible] | Medium | [illegible] |
| Unwashed, coarse | [illegible] | Coarse | [illegible] |
| Kansas and Nebraska | | Oregon, Idaho & Montana | |
| Unwashed, fine | [illegible] | Fine | [illegible] |
| Unwashed, med. | [illegible] | Fine med. | [illegible] |
| Unwashed, coarse | [illegible] | Medium | [illegible] |
| Wisconsin | | Coarse | [illegible] |
| Fine | [illegible] | Fine | [illegible] |
| Fine medium | [illegible] | Fine med. | [illegible] |
| Medium | [illegible] | Medium | [illegible] |
| Coarse | [illegible] | Coarse | [illegible] |
| Michigan & New York | | Territory | |
| Fine | [illegible] | Fine | [illegible] |
| Fine medium | [illegible] | Fine med. | [illegible] |
| Medium | [illegible] | Medium | [illegible] |
| Coarse | [illegible] | Coarse | [illegible] |
| Ohio | | Texas | |
| Fine | [illegible] | Fine | [illegible] |
| Fine medium | [illegible] | Fine med. | [illegible] |
| Medium | [illegible] | Medium | [illegible] |
| Coarse | [illegible] | Coarse | [illegible] |
| Pulled | | Tub washed | |
| Extra | [illegible] | Fine | [illegible] |
| No 1 | [illegible] | Fine med. | [illegible] |
| No 2 | [illegible] | Medium | [illegible] |
| Fine | [illegible] | Coarse | [illegible] |
| Fine med. | [illegible] | | |
| Medium | [illegible] | | |
| Coarse | [illegible] | | |

### FURS.

Market continued strong and demand active and urgent for best.

| Raccoon— | | Timber | |
|---|---|---|---|
| No 1, large | [illegible] | Red Fox— | |
| Medium | [illegible] | No 1 | [illegible] |
| Small & seconds | [illegible] | No 2 | [illegible] |
| No 2 | [illegible] | No 3 | [illegible] |
| No 3 | [illegible] | No 4 | [illegible] |
| Mink— | | Gray Fox— | |
| No 1 large | [illegible] | No 1 | [illegible] |
| Small & seconds | [illegible] | No 2 | [illegible] |
| No 1 medium | [illegible] | No 3 | [illegible] |
| No 2 | [illegible] | No 4 | [illegible] |
| No 3 | [illegible] | Otter— | |
| Skunk— | | No 1 large | [illegible] |
| Black | [illegible] | No 1 medium | [illegible] |
| Narrow stripe | [illegible] | No 2 | [illegible] |
| Broad stripe | [illegible] | No 3 | [illegible] |
| Badger— | | No 4 | [illegible] |
| Texas | [illegible] | Bear | [illegible] |
| Opossum | [illegible] | Beaver | [illegible] |
| Muskrat— | | Wildcat | [illegible] |
| Winter | [illegible] | Horse cut | [illegible] |
| Prairie | [illegible] | All muskrat warehoused. | |

### PROVISIONS.

Pork—F. o. b., E. side: Old $9.25; new standard $11.25.

Lard—Steam on E. side week, prime 5.67½c; choice 5.65c.

Green Hams, 12c.—Car lots f. o. b., E. side are held Hams average at 9½c, 12s at 9¾c, 16s at 9c, 18s at 8½c, 20s at 8¼c, 25s at 8¼c. Salmed hams—16s at 8¾c, 18s at 8½c, 20s at 8¼c, 25s at 8¼c. Bacon at 8½c; collarms at 5½c, 6c average; New York cables at 55s. Prime bacon, 40s. Hams at 9½c to 9c, and bellies at 9½c to 9¾c, as in average; New York shoulders at 5c.

D. S. Meats—Small bid, bids range: Extra shorts at 5½c, clifts at 5½c; clear sides at 6c. Dealers charge higher on orders.

Bacon—Bid, s. c. meats in a jobbing way: Heavy to fancy light breakfast bacon at 9c to 9½@9¾c, hams at 9¾c to 10½c, Californias at 6¾c, shoulders at 6½c. Plain smoked meat bid, sells in a small way thus: Extra shorts at 6½c; clifts at 6½c; short clear sides at 6½c. Dealers charge higher on orders.

Country Lard—Quotable in irregular pkgs. at 4½c to 4¾c.

### STREET MARKETS.

EGGS—Receipts 1,000 cases; shipped none. Fresh receipts were fairly plenty and the market ruled steady at prevailing prices from 20c.

BUTTER—Unchanged. Creameries—Extra 24c; firsts 21@22c; seconds 20c. Dairy—Extra 20c; firsts 18@19c; seconds 16@17c. Grease 4@5c. Roll—Nearby 16@18c; Western 15@17c. Country store packed—Choice fresh packing; inferior to fair 11@13c. Ladle-packed—Extras 15c; firsts 12@13c.

CHEESE—Full cream—Twins 12c; singles 12½c; N. Y. 13c. Brick 12c. Limburger 12@12½c. Swiss Easier. New York full cream 12½c. Michigan full cream 12c. Singles at 10c. N. Y. at 10c.

EGGS—Receipts, 1,000 cases; shipped, 1,000 cases. Market ruled steady. Fresh 20c.

POULTRY—Receipts, 1,000 lbs. Dressed—Turkeys, 10@12c; ducks, 12@13c; geese, 10@12c. Live—Turkeys, 8@9c; ducks, 10c; chickens, young and old, 10@11c; hens and heavy, 10c; roosters, 6@7c; ducks, 10@11c; geese, 8c. Live pigeons, 60c per doz.

DRESSED POULTRY—Only fast stock available. Market generally slow. Scalded and uncovered, broiler chickens, 12@13c; fancy light stalks, 14c; fancy, 13c; hens, 10@11c; fancy, 12c; roosters, 7@8c; capons and young roosters, 12@13c; ducks, 12@13c; geese, 10@12c; turkeys, 12@13c. Dressed—Fancy, 12@13c; ducks and young chickens, 12@13c; hens and roosters, 10@11c; geese, 10@12c; turkeys, 12@13c.

GAME—Market dull and weak. Quotations: Mallards, $3.50; teal, $1.50; quail, $1.50; prairie chickens, $3.50; rabbits, $1.50@2.50 per doz.

VEAL—Steady to lower at 6@8c per lb. for ordinary, fresh and thin calves. Strong weakness on good, thick veals, 9@10c per lb.

BUFFALO—Steady. Receipts, 1,000 lbs. Dressed—Choice, 8@9c per lb.

VENISON—Steady. Receipts, 1,000 lbs. Saddles, 12@14c per lb.

HONEY—Dull. Receipts, 1,000 lbs. Choice, 15c per lb.

BEESWAX—Firm. Prime 26c per lb.

PEANUTS—Prime large Virginia, 6c in small lots and 5½c in large; choice, 5½c; fancy, 5c; extra, 4½c; Jumbos, 4c; Spanish, 4c per lb.

POPCORN—Prime 2c per lb.; nubbins for seed.

BROOM CORN—Quiet. Quotations range from 2c for common to 4c for fancy, and 4½@5c for extra fancy.

DEPOSITS—Prime 2c per lb.; nubbins for seed.

BROOM CORN—Quiet. Quotations range from 2c for common to 4c for fancy, and 4½@5c for extra fancy.

BEANS—Prime hand-picked, $1.80@1.85 per bu.; fair to good, $1.60@1.70; inferior, $1.50; Lima beans, 4c per lb.

SEEDS—Prime large Western, $1.60 in small lots and $1.50 in large; choice, $1.40; fancy, $1.35; Prime Kentucky, $1.60; Prime Michigan, $1.60; Prime Ohio, $1.60; Prime Alsike, $5.50; Prime Alsike, $5.50; Prime Alsike, $5.50