GENERAL LET-DOWN IN GRAIN VALUES, MARKETS CLOSING OFF.

WHEAT DECLINED EARLY AND SHOWED NO RECUPERATIVE POWERS DURING SESSION.

CLOSING WAS SHARPLY OFF.

CORN ALSO GAVE WAY TO WEAKNESS, BUT THE LOSS FOR THE DAY IN PRICES WAS SMALL.

OATS DULL AND LOWER.

Office Republic,
Tuesday, Feb. 20.

None of the speculative grain markets of this country showed the essence of strength this morning as they did yesterday and which made some of them doubly prominent in the speculative situation on this side the water. In other words, quite a well-defined change appeared to have come over things during the night, and right at the start the different markets showed more or less of a reactionary spirit. Not alone was this shown in the fact that they opened lower, but during the first half of the day's session the declining tendency was at frequent intervals quite marked and they exhibited less powers of recuperation than has been witnessed of late. All the markets here went off, probably the loss undergone by corn during the day was more conspicuous than that in wheat, for the simple reason that the past day or two it has shown a strong bullish tendency and has practically led all other grains in point of strength. This being the case the actions of the markets yesterday and this morning was in marked contrast. In consequence, this change for the worse in the speculative situation was not calculated to improve pit operations, and one of the most discouraging features throughout the day was the dullness witnessed in trading operations, and the very apparent lack of interest taken by those on the floor in the day's proceedings.

The local wheat market to-day was even more narrow and uninteresting than it was on yesterday. After the first rush to sell, trading was slow and dull, while the tendency of the market from start to finish was toward a lower, which they were not long in reaching. Early in the day traders had to choose between a lack of response to our advance of yesterday by English markets, favorable crop weather, increased receipts and no improvement in the cash situation, either here or abroad, on the one hand, and the bull sentiment, which still continues in corn, on the other, and they naturally took the former, following up their conclusions by selling freely, the lotns not being at all backward in doing this, the result of which was that the initial sales of May were 1/8@¼c lower, at 70@⅞c. Cables reported no change at Liverpool, but London was said to be ½d off, the former dull for cash, and the cargo market quiet at the latter. Receipts locally were larger to-day than they have been for some time, being 18,000 bu., against 13,700 bu. a year ago, while in the Northwest they were 480 cars, against 479 last year. There was nothing in late conditions or influences to have any material effect upon the situation. May did rally to 70⅝@¾c, but almost immediately declined to 70⅛c, a Paris cable reporting ½@¾c decline being the cause. Other late cables reported Antwerp and Liverpool unchanged, but Buda-Pesth and Berlin were up ⅛c and ⅛c, respectively. Port clearances for abroad were small, at 64,000 bu., but New York wired that there was considerable inquiry from the Continent. Weakness was the chief feature of the situation during the last part of the day, though there was a spurt that sent May up to 70⅝@¾c, and which was due to the posting of Bradstreet's figures, showing a decrease of 758,000 bu. in the world's available, and a decrease of 272,000 bu. at points outside of the regular visible. This little spurt did not hold very long, the market soon showing signs of distress. There was nothing in the cash news to help it, and May declined to 70⅛@⅛c, when was ⅛c off for the day, and at which it closed buyers, July sold at 68c, down to 67⅝c, and closed ⅜@⅝c lower, at 67⅝@⅝c, while Feb was nominally ½c off, at 68½c.

There was not an item of news early to-day that could be construed as encouraging for the bulls in corn, except it might be that the sentiment continues bullish. The day's arrivals at Western markets were large, amounting to 828,000 bu., against 605,000 bu. last year, including 83,000 bu. here, against 26,000 bu. a year ago. Outgoing receipts were also said to be liberal. Shipments from Western points were 290,000 bu., but exports were small at 29,000 bu. The advices from abroad were no more encouraging than that of a domestic nature. Liverpool was up ¼d, but dull, and private cables said that their were no sellers at 3c decline. Exporters said there was little doing in their line, and Bradstreet's reported an increase in the available of 493,000 bu., where the regular visible was increased only 18,000 bu. The opening here for May was 1-16c lower than it closed yesterday at 34⅛c, and in a short time 34⅛@¼c was bid. This strength did not continue long, a weak spot coming to the surface and prices giving way, and May declined to 33⅝@¾c, sellers and no buyers, but on an advance at Chicago there was a rally to 34⅛c for May, but as there was no more good news forthcoming and nothing in the cash situation the market dropped back to 33⅞c, and at the close was 1c lower, at 33⅝@⅞c bid. May No. 2 white sold at 34¼c, but July was not traded in, and at close was nominal at 34⅝@¾c, while Feb. was 33c.

The local market in a speculative way for oats was in no better condition than it has been all of the week, but neither was it much changed. The arrivals at Western markets were reported at 288,000 bu., against 259,000 bu. last year, including 56,400 bu. locally, against 22,800 bu. a year ago. The total shipments were 196,000 bu., and clearances 123,000 bu. According to Bradstreet's figures there was an increase in the available of 232,000 bu., against a decrease in the regular visible of 225,000 bu. In sympathy with other grains this market weakened and at close May was ⅛c off, at 23⅝c bid, and Feb. nominally unchanged at 24½c.

Trade Gossip.

--Latest reports from India indicate further rains have fallen, but there are large areas where no rains have fallen, and the promise of the crop very unsatisfactory. There have been reports around that European houses instead of arranging for wheat shipments from India, were making some arrangements for possibilities of shipments to India. The Corn Trade News, however, thinks if late rains do not fail there will be supplies enough to permit the exportation of 2,000,000 or 1,000,000 bu. wheat. Based on official reports made, it estimates the wheat crop will be in the neighborhood of 95,000,000 bu. short.

--Liverpool wheat receipts of 324,000 bu. for past three days show a material increase over last week, and all was American. Corn receipts were 189,000 bu.

--The San Francisco Chronicle says the acreage seeded to wheat is about the same this year as last. The weather is reported favorable, rains having been opportune and sufficient. The Commercial News of San Francisco says the condition is unchanged, with prospects never so bright, on an increased acreage.

--Last week a steamer was loaded with 6,000 tons of harvest machinery to go to Russia. This indicates that crop conditions are all right in that country so far.

--The latest Beerbohm by mail states that the damage to the winter crop in northern part of France, where the greatest portion of the wheat is raised, is 30 per cent. How any one can tell in mid-winter whether wheat is damaged 20 per cent or 1 or 10 per cent either, is ridiculous. Such estimates are the wildest of guesses.

--All the markets will be closed next Thursday in observance of Washington's Birthday.

--The Board of Directors of the Merchants' Exchange has been petitioned to reinstate the afternoon session of the board. It would be a good move, and probably would be followed by all other markets taking similar action. Grain traders complain they have too much idle time on their hands since "curb" trading was suppressed.

--Broomhall cables: "Mail service from India state that the situation in the Northwest is rather better."

--Wheat receipts at primary points were 481,000 bu., against 863,000 bu. a year ago.

Cash Grain, Flour, Etc.

WHEAT--Cash market--Received, 689 cars and 22 cars local. Easier for samples and not much demand, even at declines, so light milling requirements. Elevator stock held above what buyers will pay. No. 2 hard sold at 72½c free and 72½c afloat. No. 3 red at 69@70c. Better E. side. No. 4 winter at 66@67c. No. 2 hard in store 72c, and heavy south bound. No. 3 do. at 69c. No. 2 spring 69c and 68c for hard. No. 3 do. 67@68c. No. 4 do. 65@66c.

CORN--Cash market received 22 cars and 8 cars through. Fair demand and a strong market, higher prices being paid on trk. No. 2 at 34c. No. 3 at 34½c. No. 2 yellow at 34c. No. 3 do. at 34c. No. 2 white at 34½c. No. 3 do. at 34c, on the cob at 33c.

OATS--Cash market received 42 cars local and 5 cars through. Fair and steady. Demand very dull and not much selling. On trk. No. 2 at 24½c. No. 3 at 24½c. No. 2 Northern at 24½c. No. 2 white at 26½c. No. 3 do. at 26@26½c for some, and 26c for chipped. No. 4 do. at 24@25c.

RYE--Scarce and strong. Grade No. 2 nominal at 59c this and for E. side.

FLOUR--As no export business can be done and comparatively little domestic trade, our market might be quoted with the statement that it is dead enough. Some sellers are quoting prices up, but not realizing and advance, and sales much lower the inside than the outside figures given below.

Quotations on soft winter wheat flour are as follows:

Patents	$ [illegible]
Straights	[illegible]
Clears	[illegible]
Low grades	[illegible]

Hard winter $3.70 to $3.90 for bakers, $3.60 for straights, and $3.40 to $3.50 for patents, all in jute sks.

RYE FLOUR--Selling at $3.10 in sks. and $3.40 in bbls.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR--Easier in tone, at $2.25 and $2.40 for fancy bbl.

CORNMEAL--Coarse meal is quoted at $3.60@3.65 per bbl, and fine meal at $3.65@3.70 per bbl.

MILLFEED--There is no change to note. Not much doing. Bran is wanted. Brings outside in the east $8 sked, and quoted bulk $7 east and south at $8 sked, and quoted bulk $7 east and south at $8@8½c, and shipped at $7.

HAY--Received 101 cars local and 25 cars through. Market for timothy is firm. Supply for timothy is not large, and there is a good demand for the best grades in local feeding channels and prices taken in shipment with no grades also sale. Receipts dull and easy for prairie. No. 1 clover easy and fair demand. Receipts in fair volume. Quotations on shipment are for timothy $10.50 for choice, $10 for fancy, $9.50 for No. 1, $9 for No. 2, and $7@7.50 for clover.

HEMP--Quiet. Quotations unchanged at $5 for fancy, $4.50 for choice, $4 for No. 1, $3.50 for No. 2, and $3 for common.

FLAXSEED--Nominally $1.[illegible].

CASTOR BEANS--Nominal at $1.12 per bu. for prime, in jute sks.

BROOMCORN--Lower and quiet at 3½@4c for hurl, 3@3½c for short, and 2½c for crooked.

LEAD--Dull, with buyers at $3.37½. Jobbers took a little more than the regular quotation, and asked more for better grades. Common held about those rates.

SPELTER--Held at $5.[illegible].

Prices on Change.

The following tables show the range of prices in future and cash grain:

	Closed Market Yesterday	Range Yesterday	Closed Yesterday
Wheat--Feb.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
May	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
July	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Corn--Feb.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
May	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
July	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oats--Feb.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
May	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Cash wheat, corn and oats quoted:

	Last Year	Monday	Tuesday
Wheat--No. 2 red	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
No. 3 red	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
No. 4 winter	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
No. 2 hard	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
No. 3 hard	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Corn--No. 2	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
No. 3	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
No. 2 white	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
No. 3 white	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oats--No. 2	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
No. 3	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
No. 2 white	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
No. 3 white	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
No. 2 Northern	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
No. 3 Northern	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
No. 2 rye	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
No. 3 rye	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Movement of Grain.

Cities	Receipts Wheat	Receipts Corn	Shipments Wheat	Shipments 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]
Duluth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
New York	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Baltimore	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Boston	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
New Orleans	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Galveston	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Newport News	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Stocks of Grain in Store.

	Tuesday	Yesterday	Last Year
Wheat	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Corn	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oats	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rye	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Barley	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Contract grades			
No. 2 wheat	561,855	564,855	175,185
No. 3 hard	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
No. 2 corn	46,853	46,853	2,000
No. 2 white corn	264,000	264,000	[illegible]
No. 2 oats	38,278	37,578	33,164
No. 2 white	[illegible]	[illegible]	24,959
No. 2 rye	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Shipments of Flour.

St. Louis 9,702 bbls, Chicago 12,700 bbls, Toledo 400 bbls, Milwaukee 10,000 bbls, Minneapolis 51,210 bbls, New York 20,000 bbls and [illegible] sks, Baltimore 4,000 bbls, Boston 1,000 bbls and 2,151 sks, Newport News 11,729 sks.

ON THE PRODUCE EXCHANGE.

Local Egg, Poultry, Butter and Produce Markets.

There was a better feeling generally in the produce markets yesterday, as the warm weather permitted a heavier movement, and the demand was fairly active for good stock. Receipts were light, but advices from shipping points are to the effect that this will be heavier in a few days.

Potatoes were in good demand, especially for all kinds of choice to fancy eating varieties. Fancy Triumphs were also wanted and high, but other seed varieties were somewhat slow of sale. Stocks of good potatoes are growing light, and receipts continue light. The market on farm and fairly active on fancy stock, but inferior offerings are hard to dispose of.

Onions were in good demand yesterday, on account of the lateness of the season, holders are anxious to dispose of their stock as quickly as possible, before they become spoiled. Fancy kinds are still salable in a limited way, but poor stock is of no account. Inferior stock is hard to dispose of at any price.

Cabbage was in somewhat better demand yesterday, as sound, old stock is becoming scarce, and the shipments of late cabbage from Southern points has been materially reduced. There is plenty of frosted and off stock on the market, but it is slow of sale.

Turnips were more plentiful yesterday, and the offerings were heavy. The demand was fair, and the market was dull and weak.

Celery, vegetables were generally scarce and firm, and the demand for sound fresh stock was fairly active. Frosted stock, however, was not wanted at any price.

Apples continue in good demand, and prices for leading varieties of stock are firm, and holders are not willing to shade their marks.

Oranges were quiet and steady, with offerings fully equal to the demand.

Strawberries were dull and easier, as the demand was limited, and offerings liberal.

Poultry was in fair demand yesterday, but receipts of live stock were in excess of the demand, and the market was easier. Live turkeys were slow of sale, as receipts were mostly heavy and old toms, while some plump young toms sold. Chickens were plentiful and dull, and sales were confined principally to the local trade. Dressed poultry was in better demand than live. Young ducks were in good demand, and fair receipts were in good demand. Geese were in good demand, but receipts were light, and sales were fair. Pigeons were in good demand, and fair receipts were in good demand. Rabbits were in good demand, and receipts were light. Squirrels were in good demand, and receipts were light.

Game--Market steady, with a fair demand. Receipts were light. Quotations: Quail, $1.25 per doz. Prairie chickens, $3.50@4 per doz. Pheasants, $2.50@3 per doz. Wild turkey, 10@12c per lb. Venison, 8@10c per lb. Rabbits, $1 per doz. Squirrels, $1@1.25 per doz. Wild ducks, $1@1.50 per doz. Teal ducks, $1@1.50 per doz. Plover, $1@1.50 per doz. Snipe, $1@1.50 per doz. Mallards, $2@2.50 per doz. Canvasbacks, $3@3.50 per doz. Redheads, $2@2.50 per doz. Spoonbills, $1@1.50 per doz. Brant, $1@1.50 per doz. Honkers, $1@1.50 per doz. Geese, $2@2.50 per doz. Jacksnipe, $1@1.50 per doz. Coots, 50@75c per doz. Plover, 10@12c per lb. Pigeons, $1@1.25 per doz. Squirrels, $1@1.25 per doz.

VEAL--Choice to fancy at 7@7½c per lb, for dressed, and 7@7½c for live. Receipts were fair, and the demand was good. Calves were quotable at 6@7c, for good to choice veals, and 5@6c for veaning calves, and 4@5c per lb. for thin and poor.

Fruits and Vegetables.

APPLES--In good demand and unchanged. Ben Davis sold yesterday and Monday at $2@2.25 per bbl, for fancy, and $1.75@2 for No. 1, and at $1.50@1.75 for fancy, common and poor Western. Ben Davis, and other varieties of Kansas and Missouri stock, and Western and Michigan stock, are quoted at $1@1.50 per bbl.

ORANGES--In nothing way from store. Messina or Florida are lower at $3@3.25 per box. Florida seedlings are $2@2.50 per box, and Messina at $3@3.25 per box. California navels are $3@3.50 per box, and Mediterranean sweets are $2.50@3 per box for choice, $2.50 for fancy, and at $2@2.25 for medium.

LEMONS--New Messina at $3 per box, for choice, $2.50@2.75 for fancy, California at $2.75@3 per box.

GRAPES--Tokay at $3@3.50 per box, and Malagas at $2@2.50 per box.

MALAGA GRAPES--Fine at $7@8 per bbl, for choice to $6@7 for fair.

CALIFORNIA GRAPES--Fair and steady. Rules at $1.50@2 for fancy and choice, $1 for fair, per bbl, and $1@1.50 per box.

DRIED FRUIT--The market is quiet. Apples--Evaporated fancy dried, for year to arrive, 6@6½c, and 5½c for choice evaporated quarters. Prunes--Evaporated quarters at 4@4½c for darks, 5@5½c for prime and 5½@6c for choice, pulings and prime taken in shipment with no grades also sale. Apricots--Dried and evaporated, 6@7c for choice, 5@5½c for fair, and 7@8c for extra fancy. Peaches--Peeled 19@22c, unpeeled 7@9½c.

Poultry, Game and Veals.

LIVE POULTRY--Turkeys, 8@9c per lb. Geese, $4@5 per pair. Ducks, 8@9c per lb. Chickens, 6@7c per lb. Broilers, 20@25c per lb. Spring ducks, 12@13c per lb. Pigeons, $1@1.25 per doz. Squirrels, $1@1.25 per doz.

DRESSED POULTRY--We quote as follows: Dressed and undrawn, with heads and feet on: Turkeys, 8@9c; geese, 8@9c; ducks, 8@9c; chickens, 6@7c; broilers, 20@25c per lb. Dressed and drawn: Turkeys, 9@10c; geese, 9@10c; ducks, 9@10c; chickens, 7@8c; broilers, 25@30c per lb.

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Miscellaneous Markets.

BROOMCORN--Selling on basis of $[illegible] for hurl, $[illegible] for short, and $[illegible] for crooked.

SCRAP IRON AND METALS--Iron: Wrought, $[illegible] per ton; heavy cast, $[illegible]; steel and rails, $[illegible]; stove plate, $[illegible]; turned, $[illegible]. Brass: Heavy, $[illegible]; light, $[illegible]. Copper, $[illegible]. Lead, $[illegible]. Pewter, $[illegible].

EMPTY BARRELS--Coal oil, turpentine and gasoline, $1.20; linseed, $[illegible]; vinegar or whisky, $[illegible]; whisky, $[illegible]; half bbl, $[illegible]; white lead, $[illegible]; pickle, $[illegible]; molasses, $[illegible]; syrup, $[illegible] per bbl.

OILS--Linseed--Per gal: Raw, 36c; boiled, 38c; in lots of 10 gal less than 5 gal, 2c more. Castor oil, No. 1, [illegible]. Turpentine, [illegible]. Coal oil, [illegible]. Lard oil, No. 1, [illegible]. Neatsfoot, [illegible]. Sperm, [illegible]. Winter strained, [illegible]. Petroleum--Refined, [illegible] per gal.

BIRD SEED--Per lb: Hemp, 4c; German millet, 5c; German mixed, 4c; Canary, 4c.

BAGS--Per 100: Gunny, [illegible].

BAGGING--Per yd: 2 pounds, [illegible]; 2½ pounds, [illegible]; 3 pounds, [illegible]; 4 pounds, [illegible].

ROPE--Per lb: Manila, [illegible]; sisal, [illegible].

Miscellaneous Markets.

HIDES--Dry salted, No. 1 16c; No. 2 15c. Dry flint, 16c per lb, less than butcher, green and salted 1c per lb less than cured and part cured. Calf: Veal calls and kip, [illegible]. Sheep pelts, [illegible] each less than No. 2.

Wool.

Quiet. Offerings from first hands light and of small lots only.

Missouri & Illinois		Choice and low	19@20
Med. clothing	26	Fine medium	19@21
Med. clothing	27	Fine medium	19@21
Hard and low	24	Heavy fine	15@16
Dirty and clear		No hard burry	14
washed	27@31	Dakota & Western	
Burry	20@24	Dakota medium	18
Hard burry	15@18	Dark medium	20@21
Light fine	23@27	Fine medium	19@21
Heavy fine	18@20	Light fine	19@20
Wisconsin & Iowa		Heavy fine	15@17
Fine medium	23@27	Territorial	
Coarse	21@23	Med. clothing	25
Fine medium	23@27	Med. clothing	26@27
Fine	18@20	Burry	19@20
Nebraska & Northwestern		Hard burry	19@20
Fine medium	23@27	Fall clip	22@27
Coarse	21@23	Tub washed	
Burry	18@20	No. 1	31
Hard burry	15@18	No. 2	27
Light fine	23@27	No. 3	22
Heavy fine	15@18	Burry	24@27
Average grade	25@27	Black burry	16@20
Coarse	21@23	Low, light, short	
Mohairs	30@35	wools	

Furs.

Market active and firm on all prime skins and choice offerings.

Mink		No. 2	[illegible]
No. 1 large	$1.[illegible]	No. 3	[illegible]
No. 1 medium	[illegible]	Muskrats, fall	[illegible]
No. 1 small	[illegible]	Winter	[illegible]
Small & medium	[illegible]	Red Fox, No. 1	[illegible]
Cub	[illegible]	No. 2	[illegible]
Skunk, No. 1	[illegible]	No. 3	[illegible]
No. 2	[illegible]	Gray Fox, No. 1	[illegible]
No. 3	[illegible]	No. 2	[illegible]
Badger, No. 1	[illegible]	No. 3	[illegible]
No. 2	[illegible]	Lynx, No. 1	[illegible]
No. 3	[illegible]	No. 2	[illegible]
Otter, No. 1	[illegible]	No. 3	[illegible]
No. 2	[illegible]	Wildcat, No. 1	[illegible]
No. 3	[illegible]	No. 2	[illegible]
Fisher, No. 1	[illegible]	No. 3	[illegible]
No. 2	[illegible]	Beaver, No. 1	[illegible]
No. 3	[illegible]	No. 2	[illegible]
Raccoon, No. 1	[illegible]	No. 3	[illegible]
No. 2	[illegible]	Bear, No. 1	[illegible]
No. 3	[illegible]	No. 2	[illegible]
Opossum, No. 1	[illegible]	No. 3	[illegible]
No. 2	[illegible]	Coyote	[illegible]
No. 3	[illegible]	Wolf, prairie	[illegible]
Muskrat, fall	[illegible]	Timber	[illegible]
Winter	[illegible]	Kits	[illegible]

NOTE--Raw furs quoted at auction prices less commission, freight and charges.

Poultry, Game and Veals.

LIVE POULTRY--Turkeys, 8@9c per lb. Geese, $4@5 per pair. Ducks, 8@9c per lb. Chickens, 6@7c per lb. Broilers, 20@25c per lb. Spring ducks, 12@13c per lb. Pigeons, $1@1.25 per doz. Squirrels, $1@1.25 per doz.

DRESSED POULTRY--We quote as follows: Dressed and undrawn, with heads and feet on: Turkeys, 8@9c; geese, 8@9c; ducks, 8@9c; chickens, 6@7c; broilers, 20@25c per lb. Dressed and drawn: Turkeys, 9@10c; geese, 9@10c; ducks, 9@10c; chickens, 7@8c; broilers, 25@30c per lb.

GAME--Market steady, with a fair demand. Receipts were light. Quotations: Quail, $1.25 per doz. Prairie chickens, $3.50@4 per doz. Pheasants, $2.50@3 per doz. Wild turkey, 10@12c per lb. Venison, 8@10c per lb. Rabbits, $1 per doz. Squirrels, $1@1.25 per doz. Wild ducks, $1@1.50 per doz. Teal ducks, $1@1.50 per doz. Plover, $1@1.50 per doz. Snipe, $1@1.50 per doz. Mallards, $2@2.50 per doz. Canvasbacks, $3@3.50 per doz. Redheads, $2@2.50 per doz. Spoonbills, $1@1.50 per doz. Brant, $1@1.50 per doz. Honkers, $1@1.50 per doz. Geese, $2@2.50 per doz. Jacksnipe, $1@1.50 per doz. Coots, 50@75c per doz. Plover, 10@12c per lb. Pigeons, $1@1.25 per doz. Squirrels, $1@1.25 per doz.

VEALS--Choice to fancy at 6@7c per lb. for dressed, and 7@7½c for live. Receipts were fair, and the demand was good. Calves were quotable at 6@7c, for good to choice veals, and 5@6c for veaning calves, and 4@5c per lb. for thin and poor.

The Visible

New York, Feb. 20.--Special telegraphic and cable communications to Bradstreet's show the following changes in available supplies since the last report: Wheat, decrease 758,000 bu. in the Atlantic, east of the Rockies, decrease 85,000 bu. (Liverpool Corn Trade News: offset for and in Europe, increase 500,000 bu.); total supply, decrease 258,000 bu. afloat, United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, increase 493,000 bu. Corn--United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, increase 232,000 bu. Among the more important increases reported, not given in the official visible supply statement, are those of 87,000 bu. at Rochester, 36,000 bu. at Lincoln, 82,000 bu. at Newport News and 60,000 bu. at Galveston. The principal decreases are those of 50,000 bu. at Northwestern interior elevators and 125,000 bu. at Manitoba storage points. The aggregate stocks of wheat held at Portland, Ore., and Tacoma and Seattle, Wash., increased 111,000 bu. last statement, are those of

Dried Fruits.

New York, Feb. 20.--The market for evaporated apples ruled quiet and steady at unchanged prices. Light receipts were offset by unfavorable news from the country. California dried fruits quiet and firm, but not quotably higher. State evaporated apples--Common 5@6c, prime 6½@7c, choice 7@7½c, fancy 8@8½c. California dried prunes 2½@7c for 20@40s, as to size and quality. Apricots--Royal 13@15c, Moorpark 15@18c. Peaches--Peeled 19@22c, unpeeled 7½@9c.

SPECULATIVE MARKETS SUFFERED SLIGHTLY IN CHICAGO PIT

BEARISHNESS ATTRIBUTED TO AFTER EFFECTS OF TOO MUCH HILARITY ON MONDAY.

WHEAT CLOSED SOME LOWER.

MARKET NOT SUSTAINED BY FOREIGN DEMAND; OATS WEAK, WITH DECLINE.

CORN AND PROVISIONS DOWN.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 20.--The Liverpool wheat market was without change to place Paris about ⅛c per bu. lower, and the feeling among speculators here was shown in the decline at Paris taking first place in their affections. The opening figures for May wheat were at equivalent from Monday's closing prices of ¼c to ⅜c, then gave early indications of having climbed a little higher yesterday than warranted by present circumstances, and a reactionary tendency developed soon after the opening, not had a depressing influence on wheat, which lost another ½c inside of the first hour. Domestic receipts were less heavily in comparison with last year's than they were yesterday, but still not small enough to become a bull factor. The possibility of another cold wave spreading over the winter wheat country caused short sellers to act cautiously. There was, however, an undercurrent of belief in the probability of enough wheat escaping its various climatic and other enemies to provide enough for ordinary requirements. Chicago received 76 cars, a year ago 116 were received here, Minneapolis and Duluth got 42 carloads, as compared with 1,067 a week ago and 45 the year before.

The aggregate receipts at Western primary markets amounted to 483,000 bu., against 564,000 bu. last year. The Atlantic port clearances of wheat and flour were equal to 45,000 bu. Reports from Michigan were of a discouraging character regarding the appearance of the wheat crop, but some reports from France on the condition of the crop they minimized the damage previously heard of to an extent that left it doubtful if any injury whatever had been sustained. Bradstreet's report of the world's visible showed 758,000 bu. decrease east of the Rockies, and an increase of leaves to afloat and abroad, or a net decrease of 258,000 bu.

Markets all suffered slightly today from the after effects of too general hilarity the day before. Wheat closed at a decline of ⅝@¾c, corn ½@¾c, and oats ⅛@¼c. Provisions recovered a slight decline that started with and rested at practically the same prices they did yesterday. Wheat needed the sustaining influence of an export demand that it did not get, corn suffered from the sale of some first and those friends endeavoring to make a profit out of fluctuations resulting in a 2½c rise. May wheat opened at from 69⅞c to 69⅞@70c, declined to 67⅝@¾c, rose to 68⅛c and closed at 68c, a decline of ⅝@¾c per bu.

Corn.

After yesterday's sudden advance corn appeared to have a slight reactionary disposition, and prices did differ ⅜@½c in course of the session. A number of good bills on the market had taken profits freely at over 35c for May, and lent the weight of their influence on what "hot air" they could muster to convince their neighbors the price of corn should fall far enough to enable them to replace with profit to themselves the corn they had thrown upon the market. They succeeded to a slight extent. News from the country was generally favorable to holders. Farmers were said to be reluctant sellers; stocks at country stations small and feeling quite strong.

Local receipts were 254 cars, compared with 1,025 a year ago. To-morrow's receipts were estimated at 80 cars. The aggregate at primary Western points was 1,023,000 bu., as against 26,000 bu. a year ago. The Atlantic port clearances were 29,000 bu. Liverpool reported ¼d decline in futures.

Cash demand was slack, 30,000 bu. comprising the business done here. New York reported 25 loadings sold for export. May corn opened at from 35⅛c to 35⅛c, declined to 35 and closed at 35⅛c.

Oats.

Oats were weak and lower, in sympathy with wheat and corn. There was some liberal selling by large houses. Pattee is credited with doing a large share of it. There was some demand for cash, and 50,000 bu. were sold here. The sample market was steady, while the futures were ⅛@¼c lower. Bradstreet's gave an increase of 32,000 bu. in world's visible supply. Contract stocks here are 62,000 bu., an increase of 40,000 bu. last week. Receipts were 288,000 bu., or 61 less than estimated. For to-morrow 180 cars are expected.

Barley.

The barley market held firm at yesterday's prices. Receipts were light and everything cleaned up early. A good demand existed for lots to arrive, and prices of same were a shade higher in some instances. A round lot of 20,000 bu. of choice fall barley sold at 38c f. o. b. Feed barley sold generally at 27@30c. Malting grades ranged from 32c to 40c, the outside price being entirely nominal. Receipts were 16 cars.

Rye.

The rye market was quiet, but steady. May sold sparingly at 57c, and closed with this price asked. No. 2 filled through, sold at 56c. Contract stocks here, 32,000 bu., increased 1,000 bu. during the week. Receipts were 11 cars, 6 of which graded No. 2.

Flaxseed.

May flaxseed was easy and 1c lower, while everything else held steady. May sold at $1.28, closing with buyers here and sellers at $1.30. Northwestern sold at $1.60. Southwestern sold at $1.50 and $1.55. Receipts were 30 cars and shipments 9,816 bu.

Timothy and Clover Seeds.

There was little business doing in the timothy seed market, as buyers reduced their bids 25@50c and holders would not sell. Samples ranged from $1.75 to $2.60 per 100 lbs. Clover was steady, with country lots quoted from $6 to $10 per central.

Range of Futures.

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat--Feb.				68½
May	69⅞@¾	69	67⅝@¾	68
June	69⅞@¾	69	68⅝@¾	68⅞@¾
Corn--Feb.				35
May	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
July	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oats--May	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
July	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pork--May	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
July	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lard--May	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
July	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
S. Ribs--May	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
July	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Receipts and Shipments.

Articles.	Rec.	Ship.
Flour, bbls	[illegible]	[illegible]
Wheat, bu	[illegible]	[illegible]
Corn, bu	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oats, bu	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rye, bu	[illegible]	[illegible]
Barley, bu	[illegible]	[illegible]

Provisions.

Provisions opened rather heavy, and in the absence of offerings ruled steady during the forenoon at a moderate reduction from Monday's closing prices. It did not require much buying to create a slight improvement, and in the end prices of the leading speculative commodities were the same as at the close yesterday. The local run of hogs was 33,000, and at the chief Western packing places 200,000, as against 61,000 a year ago. Liverpool quoted short clear bacon 3d down and hams down 6d. Estimated local run of hogs for to-morrow 26,000 head.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

New York, Feb. 20.--Flour--Receipts 20,600 bbls; exports 19,537 bbls; very quiet and inclined to go lower all around in line with the lower prices of wheat. Minnesota patent $3@3.65; Minnesota bakers $2.50@3; winter patents $3.60@3.85; winter straights $3.40@3.60; winter extras $2.60@2.80; winter low grades $2@2.40. Rye flour--Fair to good $2@3.20; choice to fancy $3.20@3.40. Buckwheat flour--Quiet at $2.40@2.50 per 100 lbs.

Rye--Dull; No. 2 western, 59c f. o. b. afloat. Barley--Malt dull. Wheat--Receipts 27,300 bu.; exports 23,906. Spot weak; No. 2 red 70c elevator; No. 2 red 72c f. o. b. afloat in store. No. 1 Northern Duluth 80c f. o. b. afloat. No. 1 hard Duluth 87c f. o. b. afloat prompt. Options opened easy and were weak most of the day because of a 2c cut in freight rates between lake and the East. Supplementing this was a selling movement more than enough to take care of the trade and prospects for a large supply. Closed weak at 2c net decline. May closed 70⅞c, July closed 69⅞c, Sept. closed 70⅛c, Dec. closed 70⅛c.

Corn--Spot easier; No. 2 at 38c elevator and 38½c afloat. Options opened steady with the rest of the market, but soon became weak under the influence of the weak