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A VERY STRONG START, FOLLOWED BY A WEAK SPOT.

WHEAT STARTED OFF LIKE A WINNER, BUT SHORTLY AFTER EASED UP—CLOSE HIGHER.

SPECULATIVE TRADING QUIET.

THERE WAS THE USUAL STRONG OPENING IN CORN, BUT THE EASE-UP A LITTLE LATER.

OATS ABOUT UNCHANGED.

Office Republic,
Saturday, March 17, 1900.

WHEAT—The Chicago "curb" for July reported up to 67⅝@⅞c. But somehow or another the local crowd did not enthuse over the bullish evidence. Buyers were scarce and sellers in excess, so that the improvement in price was not over ¼c at the best. May sold at 71¼c, and July, after opening 1-16c up, at 67⅝@¾c, sold at 67¼c.

Outside Ohio and portions of Indiana, Michigan and more Eastern States not a chirp of damage was heard, and not even a prophecy that this most recent cold snap would injure the plant. But the reports from the damaged district were certainly bad and had an unnerving effect upon the bear. Spring wheat receipts continued liberal—545 cars, against 358 a year ago—and winter wheat small. At St. Louis 11,250 bu. arrived, against 4,708 last year. The spot market in Liverpool was strong, with spring and Argentine wheat ½d higher, which had an influence, also, but ¼@¾c decline in Paris did not. Following the disappointing opening May went off to 71¼c, but then the whole market rallied, until May sold at 71⅝c, and for July 67⅛c bid, then easing back to 71⅛@¼c sellers, and 67¼c. The day's clearances were very moderate, in flour and wheat only 247,000 bu. Export sales of 23 loads reported at the seaboard and 400,000 bu. each said to have been worked at Chicago impressed the market rather bullishly. Berlin was up ¼c and Buda-Pesth ⅜c. The market did not get up as high as on the earlier advance, May not selling above 71¼c, and the best for July 67⅝@67½c. During balance of the session the market dragged, May went back to 71¼c and closed at that, July selling down to 67c and the latest 67⅛@67⅜c bid. Cash market—Received 787 sks. and 6 cars local. Stronger for choice samples, though the demand very moderate and no sales from elevator, where No. 2 red held at 2c over May, loaded out. By sample on trk.—No. 2 red this side at 73c for bulk and s&d., 73½c del., and East Side at 73½c; No. 2 red at 71@72c; No. 4 winter at 65c for winter to 70c for choice; No. 2 hard at 66½@67½c; No. 3 do at 64@65½c; poor No. 4 do at 60c. No. 2 soft spring at 65@65½c, and No. 3 at 63@64c; No. 2 hard at 66½c, and No. 3 at 64½c.

CORN—The Liverpool cable was firm and ⅜c higher, but local exporters had no acceptances and spoke unfavorably of the prospects for business. There was the usual strong start in this market, with sales made at ¼c advance. May opened at 36⅝c and sold up to 36¾c, while July sold at 36⅜c, but trading light. Then prices eased back. Receipts were moderate, the total at Western markets 471,000 bu., against 446,000 bu. a year ago, including 14,400 bu. at St. Louis, against 26,000 bu. last year. Shipments from these markets were 446,000 bu., but exports from the Atlantic and Gulf ports only 290,000 bu.

On the decline that followed the early strength May sold at 35⅝@36c, and July at 36⅛@36⅛c. Subsequently the market was very quiet, with little rally to prices, and at close 36@36¼c was bid for May and 36½c for July. May No. 2 white sold at 36⅝c to 37½c and offered at 36¾c, but late 36½c asked.

Cash market—Received, 26 cars local and 42 cars through. Small supply on sale and held firmly, but demand very light. On trk.—No. 2 at 36¼@37c; No. 3 at 36c; No. 2 yellow at 37½c; No. 2 white at 37c. Elevator No. 2 quotable at ¼c to ⅝c under May.

OATS—Western markets received 479,000 bu., against 349,000 bu. a year ago—18,000 bu. at St. Louis, against 38,000 last year—and shipped 435,000 bu. Exports were 11,000 bu. No speculative trading, but the undertone firm. Bids were 24⅝@24¾c for May and 22¼c for July. Cash market—Received 13 cars local and 2 cars through; fair, but quiet; the demand small, as well as offerings. On trk.—No. 2 at 25½c; No. 3 at 25¼c; No. 2 Northern at 25¾@26c; No. 2 white at 27½c; No. 3 do. at 26¼@27c, and clipped at 27½c; No. 4 do. at 26c.

RYE—Buyers will not pay over 55½c for grade No. 2, but offerings still small.

FLOUR—A very moderate domestic trade, coming mainly from the South, and some small export orders filled. Quotations on soft winter wheat flour as follows: Patents $3.50@3.60; extra fancy $3.15@3.25, straights $3.25@3.40; clear $2.75@3; low and medium $2@2.50. Hard winter $2.60@2.40 for bakers', $2.50 to $2.60 for straights, and $3 to $3.20 for patents, all in jute sks.

RYE FLOUR—Jobbing at $2.85 in sks. and $3.20 in bbls.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—Eastern jobbing at $4.25 and Western at $3 per bbl.

CORNMEAL—City meal f. o. b. $1.55@2, and pearl meal, grits and hominy $2.90 per bbl.

MILLFEED—Eastern shippers will not pay over 68c for bran in large or 70c in small sks.—bulk at 65c—but sales to interior points at 68c and most mills selling on direct orders. At mill bran jobs at 66@67c and ships at 70c.

HAY—Received 215 tons local and 150 tons through; shipped 354 tons. While quiet, the market was steady and even firm. Not much business, as it was a Saturday.

Timothy $12.50 for choice, and $13 for fancy; $11@12 for No. 1; $10@10.50 for No. 2; $8.50@9.50 for No. 3. Prairie $9 for choice; $8@8.50 for No. 1; $7@7.50 for No. 2. Good to choice clover $9@11.

STRAW—Wheat on trk. at $4.75.

GRASS SEED—Clover $3.50 for poor to $7.95 for choice; red top $3@3.50 in chaff and $6@6.50 for choice to $8@7 for fancy. German millet, $1.15@1.25 for prime. Hungarian 65@75c; millet 75@90c; timothy $2@2.25.

FLAXSEED—Nominally higher at $1.60.

CASTOR BEANS—Nominal at $1.12 per bu. for car lots prime on trk.

HEMPSEED—Latest sale at $3 per 100 lbs.

LEAD—Steadily salable at $4.37½, but no sales reported.

SPELTER—Firm at $4.40 bid and held higher.

Prices on 'Change.

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

	Closed Friday.	Ranged This Week.	Closed Saturday.
Wheat—March	72 b	—@—	72¼
May	71 b	71¼@71⅝	71¼
July	67¼ a	67⅛@67½	67¼@⅜ b
Corn—March	36⅝ b	36@36⅝	36⅝ b
May	36 a	35⅞@36¾	36⅝@¾ b
July	36½ a	36⅛@¼	36⅜ b
Oats—March	25 b	—@—	25 b
May	24⅝@¾ b	24⅝@¾	24⅝@24¾
July	22¼	—@—	22¼ b

Cash wheat, corn and oats ranged:

	Last Year.	Friday.	Saturday.
Wheat—No. 2 red	72@72½	72	72@72½
No. 3 red	70@70½	71	71
No. 4 winter	61 @65	65	65
No. 2 hard	62½@67½	66	66@67½
No. 3 hard	61 @62	62½@64¼	64
Corn—No. 2	34½@	36½@36¾	36½@37
No. 3	34 @	36@36½	36 @36½
No. 2 white	35 @	37 @37½	37 @
No. 3 white	34 @	36½@	36½@
Oats—No. 2	25 @	25 @	25 @
No. 3	24½@	24½@	24 @24½
No. 2 Northern	26½@	26 @	26 @26½
No. 2 white	26 @26½	27½@27¾	26 @26½
No. 3 white	25½@26	26½@26¾	25 @25½
No. 4 white	24½@25	24½@25	24½@25

Movement of Grain.

Cities.	Receipts. Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Shipments. Wheat.	Corn.
St. Louis	72,321	54,499	24,110	121,420	
Chicago	34,000	265,000	29,000	158,000	
Toledo	12,200	30,767	7,000	20,000	
Detroit	1,400	1,100		2,362	
Kansas City	46,000	12,200	27,000	5,700	
Milwaukee	16,000	14,000	24,000	16,000	
Minneapolis	235,000	11,000	46,000	4,000	
Duluth	222,000	22,000	2,000		
New York	112,000	178,000	25,000	46,000	
Baltimore	900	96,000		4,000	
Philadelphia	100	17,000	100	2,000	
Boston	1,067	24,176		1,000	
New Orleans	1,200	118,000		38,120	
Galveston	2,000	6,000	30,000	116,000	

Stocks of Grain in Store.

	To-day.	Yes'day.	Last yr.
Wheat	725,068	765,434	907,544
Corn	1,977,345	1,916,134	1,990,105
Oats	175,405	194,305	106,174
Rye	8,965	8,965	2,000
Barley	9,945	9,945	14,016
Contract grades:			
No. 2 white	65,797	67,539	139,757
No. 3 white	54,151	54,251	105,995
No. 2 corn	562,051	593,256	934,109
No. 3 white corn	255,029	264,922	36,755
No. 2 oats	102,265	101,157	20,923
No. 3 white			17,628
No. 2 barley	4,494	4,494	76

Shipments of Flour.

St. Louis, 6,854 bbls.; Chicago, 29,472 bbls.; Detroit, 200 bbls.; Milwaukee, 19,200 bbls.; Minneapolis, 67,000 bbls.; New York, 8,076 bbls. and 29,926 sks.; Baltimore, 9,884 bbls.; Boston, 270 bbls. and 2,260 sks.; New Orleans, 3,251 sks.

ON THE PRODUCE EXCHANGE.

Local Egg, Poultry, Butter and Produce Markets.

The produce market was generally dull and easier as the usual Saturday slowness prevailed. Receipts were light, but the demand was lighter, and buyers appeared to be waiting until Monday. Stocks are generally light, but the lateness of the season makes holders anxious to sell.

Potatoes showed some improvement, as there was a better inquiry from both the local and outside trade for eating and seed varieties. Receipts were light, but buyers hesitated to take hold on Saturday. Choice, smooth rurals and other good eating potatoes were in fair demand and red cut rose, early Ohios and other fancy seed varieties were also wanted. Common or inferior kinds were slow of sale.

Cabbage was dull and the market decidedly weak. Receipts of new cabbage are growing heavier and the demand for old cabbage is light. Stocks of old cabbage are almost exhausted, but the offerings are ample for the demand.

Onions are selling at a wide range of prices. Choice globes are becoming very scarce and are strong in price, but there is considerable sprouted and soft stock offered, which is slow o. sale.

Tomatoes were quiet and steady, as the favorable weather has improved the demand. Choice 7x7 fancy meets with ready sale. Over ripe, green or small stock, however, is not wanted at any price.

Celery is firm and in good demand, with offerings comparatively light.

Nearly all kinds of early vegetables are scarce and choice fresh stock is in good demand.

Poultry was dull and easier Saturday. Live chickens were offered freely, as receipts were rather heavy, but shippers were in the market to offset the lack of local demand. Light turkeys and ducks were steady, but heavy gobblers and geese were dull at unchanged prices.

Dressed poultry was dull and the feeling was weak. Chickens were offered freely and receipts of turkeys were fairly heavy, but, on account of the mild weather, buyers prefer live poultry. Young chickens and smooth young hen turkeys are wanted. On the rest, prices were unchanged, but heavy or rough stock was hard to dispose of. Ducks and geese were dull and slow.

Game was dull and easier as the demand is slow and most of the receipts were in that condition.

Veals were dull and unchanged, as there was the usual Saturday lack of demand.

Apples were dull and unchanged as offerings were heavy and the demand exceedingly light. Choice fruit is salable in a limited way, but anything not first class is hard to sell.

Oranges were steady and higher, as the demand is decidedly improving and offerings are comparatively light.

Strawberries were steady and unchanged. Receipts were light, but arrived in good condition and were of excellent quality and size. The demand, however, was only fair on account of it being Saturday.

Cocoanuts, Bahamas, California pears and Malaga grapes were quiet and steady, with offerings about equal to the demand.

Pineapples were steady and unchanged. The season is very nearly over. There is enough cable stock coming in to last about one week. The quality of the receipts are very poor, most of the receipts are fully ripened and of inferior quality. Quotations are for choice only.

Wool was dull at unchanged prices.

Hides were lower and in better demand, but receipts were fairly liberal.

Provisions.

Pork unchanged, lard higher. Pork f. o. b. sold at $9.50 for this and all of April. Lard, prime steam, closed at 6.85c cash, 6.85c May, 6.87½c June, and 6.90c July. Short ribs sides, loose, 6.50@6.62½c. Green Hams, Pickled Hams and Pickled Shoulders unchanged. Smoked Hams and Smoked Shoulders unchanged. Dry Salt Meats, Clear Bellies and Clear Backs unchanged. Smoked Clear Bellies and Smoked Clear Backs unchanged. Smoked Long Clears unchanged. Smoked Short Clears unchanged. Smoked Short Ribs unchanged. Smoked Shoulders unchanged. Smoked Hams unchanged. Lard, refined, unchanged. Refined Lard, Compound, unchanged. Refined Lard, Neutral, unchanged. Refined Lard, Leaf, unchanged. Refined Lard, Kettle, unchanged. Refined Lard, Fairbanks' Special, unchanged. Refined Lard, Fairbanks' Standard, unchanged. Refined Lard, Fairbanks' Superior, unchanged. Refined Lard, Fairbanks' Superior Special, unchanged. Refined Lard, Fairbanks' Superior Extra, unchanged. Refined Lard, Fairbanks' Superior Extra Special, unchanged. Refined Lard, Fairbanks' Superior Extra Special Special, unchanged. Refined Lard, Fairbanks' Superior Extra Special Special Special, unchanged. Refined Lard, Fairbanks' Superior Extra Special Special Special Special, unchanged. Refined Lard, Fairbanks' Superior Extra Special Special Special Special Special, unchanged. Refined Lard, Fairbanks' Superior Extra Special Special Special Special Special Special, unchanged. Refined Lard, Fairbanks' Superior Extra Special Special Special Special Special Special Special, unchanged. Refined Lard, Fairbanks' Superior Extra Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special, unchanged. Refined Lard, Fairbanks' Superior Extra Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special, unchanged. Refined Lard, Fairbanks' Superior Extra Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special, unchanged. Refined Lard, Fairbanks' Superior Extra Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special, unchanged. Refined Lard, Fairbanks' Superior Extra Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special, unchanged. Refined Lard, Fairbanks' Superior Extra Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special, unchanged. Refined Lard, Fairbanks' Superior Extra Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special, unchanged. Refined Lard, Fairbanks' Superior Extra Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special, unchanged. Refined Lard, Fairbanks' Superior Extra Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special, unchanged. Refined Lard, Fairbanks' Superior Extra Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special, unchanged. Refined Lard, Fairbanks' Superior Extra Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special, unchanged. Refined Lard, Fairbanks' Superior Extra Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special Special, unchanged. Refined Lard, Fairbanks' Superior Extra Special, unchanged. Refined Lard, Fairbanks' Superior Extra Special, unchanged. Refined Lard, Fairbanks' Superior Extra Special