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City of St. Louis,
House of Delegates,
March 27, 1900.

The House met at 7 p. m., Mr. Speaker Murrell in the chair.

Present—Messrs. Albright, Bersch, Denny, Faulkner, Gutke, Hannagan, Hartmann, Helms, Hollcamp, Kelly, Madera, Murrell J. K., Parker, Robertson, Schnettler, Sheridan, Sturdevant, Sweeney, Tamblyn, Zachritz and Mr. Speaker Murrell—21.

Absent—Messrs. Burke, Cronin, Decker, Lehmann and Schumacher—5.

The minutes of the meeting of March 27 as printed were approved.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS.

The following message from his Honor the Mayor was read and filed:

Mayor's Office,
St. Louis, March 27, 1900.

To the Honorable House of Delegates, St. Louis, Mo.:

Gentlemen—I have the honor to return to you, with my approval, the following entitled ordinances:

House Bill No. 59, An ordinance to reconstruct Ninth street from Biddle street to Cass avenue.

House Bill No. 161, An ordinance authorizing and providing for the construction of a stable at the Jail.

House Bill No. 201, An ordinance to repeal ordinance number 15998, entitled, "An ordinance to provide for the construction of sewers in Rock Spring Sewer District No. 8," approved December 7, 1899.

House Bill No. 202, An ordinance to lease a portion of the unimproved wharf to the Central Rowing Club for a term of fifteen years from the termination of lease under ordinance No. 12,298.

House Bill No. 222, An ordinance authorizing Joseph Kemper to erect, maintain and operate a dairy. Respectfully,

HEY. ZIEGENHEIN,
Mayor.

The following message from the Council was read and filed:

Council Chamber,
St. Louis, March 23, 1900.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Delegates:

Gentlemen—I have the honor to inform you that the Council, at its meeting held this day, passed

House Bill No. 154, An ordinance creating the position of Clerk to the office of Assistant Prosecuting Attorney of the City of St. Louis, and to provide for compensation for same.

Messrs. Richards, Thurer and Schnell have been appointed as members of said committee on behalf of the Council. Very respectfully,

CHAS. R. GRAVES,
Secretary.

Mr. Helms moved that the request of the Council be granted and a Conference Committee of three be appointed.

Carried.

Mr. Speaker Murrell appointed on committee, as above, Messrs. Bersch, Albright and Robertson as conferees on part of House.

Messrs. Cronin and Decker entered.

The following message from the Council was read and filed:

Council Chamber,
St. Louis, March 22, 1900.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Delegates:

Gentlemen—I have the honor to inform you that the President of the Council has this evening, in the presence of the Council, in open session, affixed his signature to the following entitled bills, viz:

House Bill No. 50, An ordinance authorizing the Missouri Pacific Railway Company to construct, maintain and operate tracks across Old Manchester road, Tower Grove avenue, King's highway, Race Course avenue, and along Tesson street, and across Seventh street, Ivory avenue, Virginia avenue, Michigan avenue, Minnesota avenue, Pennsylvania avenue, and the alleys in City Blocks 4958 and 4964.

House Bill No. 152, An ordinance supplementary to ordinance number nineteen thousand eight hundred and two, making an additional appropriation for the improvement of Union boulevard between Fairmount avenue and Page boulevard.

House Bill No. 153, An ordinance to establish the width of the roadway and sidewalks of McPherson avenue between King's Highway boulevard and Lake avenue.

House Bill No. 282, An ordinance to improve north and south alley in city block number nineteen hundred and twenty-six.

House Bill No. 283, An ordinance to improve east and west alley in city block number nineteen hundred and twenty-six.

House Bill No. 284, An ordinance to improve north and south alley in city block number thirteen hundred and twenty.

House Bill No. 285, An ordinance to improve alley in city block number thirteen hundred and ninety.

House Bill No. 286, An ordinance to improve alley in city block number thirty-seven hundred and forty.

House Bill No. 287, An ordinance to improve alley in city block number twenty-three hundred and thirty-one.

House Bill No. 288, An ordinance to improve alley in city block number forty-five hundred and sixty-nine.

House Bill No. 289, An ordinance to improve north and south alley in city block number fifteen hundred and twelve.

House Bill No. 290, An ordinance to improve Pleasant street between Kossuth avenue and Florissant avenue.

House Bill No. 291, An ordinance to improve alley in city block number nineteen hundred and eighty-eight.

House Bill No. 292, An ordinance to improve southern east and west alley in city block number thirty-seven hundred and sixty-four.

House Bill No. 293, An ordinance to improve north and south alley in city block number thirty-seven hundred and forty-two.

House Bill No. 294, An ordinance to improve alley in city block number twenty-four hundred and seventy-seven.

House Bill No. 295, An ordinance to improve alleys in city block number fifteen hundred and sixteen.

House Bill No. 296, An ordinance to improve alley in city block number fourteen hundred and thirty-five.

House Bill No. 297, An ordinance to improve alley in city block number two thousand and eighty-eight.

House Bill No. 298, An ordinance to grade alley in city block number forty-nine hundred and eighteen.

House Bill No. 299, An ordinance to improve alley in city block number thirteen hundred and fifty-six.

House Bill No. 302, An ordinance to improve alleys in city block number eighteen hundred and seventy.

House Bill No. 304, An ordinance to improve alley in city block number twenty-one hundred and fifty-seven south.

House Bill No. 305, An ordinance to improve alley in city block number twenty-four hundred and seventy-six.

House Bill No. 306, An ordinance to improve alley in city block number twenty-four hundred and seventy-seven.

House Bill No. 307, An ordinance to improve alley in city block number thirty-six hundred and forty-four A.

House Bill No. 308, An ordinance to improve alley in city block number thirty-six hundred and sixty-two.

House Bill No. 309, An ordinance to improve alley in city block number thirty-six hundred and sixty-five.

House Bill No. 310, An ordinance to improve alley in city block number thirty-six hundred and sixty-six.

House Bill No. 311, An ordinance to improve alleys in city block number thirty-six hundred and sixty-eight.

House Bill No. 312, An ordinance to improve east and west alley in city block number thirty-seven hundred and one.

House Bill No. 313, An ordinance to improve alley in city block number eighteen hundred and twenty-three.

House Bill No. 314, An ordinance to improve alley in city block number eighteen hundred and forty-nine.

House Bill No. 315, An ordinance to improve alley in city block number twenty-two hundred and sixty east.

House Bill No. 316, An ordinance to improve alley in city block number thirty-six hundred and fifty-one A.

House Bill No. 317, An ordinance to improve north and south alley in city block number thirty-seven hundred and two.

House Bill No. 318, An ordinance to improve east and west alley in city block number thirty-seven hundred and two.

House Bill No. 319, An ordinance to improve north and south alley in city block number thirty-seven hundred and three.

House Bill No. 320, An ordinance to improve north and south alley in city block number thirty-seven hundred and five.

House Bill No. 321, An ordinance to improve alley in city block number forty-eight hundred and forty-one.

House Bill No. 322, An ordinance to improve alley in city block number forty-eight hundred and forty-four.

Very Respectfully,

CHAS. R. GRAVES,
Secretary.

The following message from the Council was read and filed.

Council Chamber,
St. Louis, March 27, 1900.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Delegates:

Gentlemen—I have the honor to inform you that the President of the Council has this evening, in the presence of the Council in open session, affixed his signature to the following entitled bills, viz:

House Bill No. 2, An ordinance to establish the grades of streets, avenues and alleys in the City of St. Louis, and to repeal parts of ordinances numbered respectively 15,000 and 15,001, and thirty-three thousand nine hundred and sixty-four, ten thousand nine hundred and eighty-seven thousand three hundred and twenty-five thousand three hundred and twenty-six, seventeen thousand two hundred and seventy-five and eighteen thousand six hundred and twenty-five.

House Bill No. 23, An ordinance to reconstruct Franklin avenue from Chouteau avenue to Grand avenue.

House Bill No. 28, An ordinance to reconstruct Eighteenth street from Chestnut street to Pine street.

House Bill No. 32, An ordinance to establish North Tenth-ave Street Sewer District Number Fourteen.

House Bill No. 33, An ordinance to accept and adopt certain sewers as part of the sewer system of the City of St. Louis.

Very respectfully,

CHAS. R. GRAVES,
Secretary.

The following message from the Council was read and filed.

Council Chamber,
St. Louis, March 27, 1900.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Delegates:

Gentlemen—I have the honor to inform you that the Council, at its meeting held this day, passed the following concurrent resolutions:

"Be it resolved by the House of Delegates, the Council concurring therein, That the report of the Commissioners appointed by the Circuit Court for the Eighth Judicial Circuit, in the matter of the opening of Taylor avenue, as established by ordinance No. 1981, approved January 2, 1899, reported to the Municipal Assembly February 26, 1900, is hereby approved."

"Be it resolved by the House of Delegates, the Council concurring therein, That the report of the Commissioners appointed by the Circuit Court for the Eighth Judicial Circuit, in the matter of the opening of Alley in city block 3778, as established by ordinance No. 1975, approved February 2, 1899, reported to the Municipal Assembly February 26, 1900, is hereby approved."

"Be it resolved by the House of Delegates, the Council concurring therein, That the report of the Commissioners appointed by the Circuit Court for the Eighth Judicial Circuit, in the matter of the widening of Bader avenue, as established by ordinance No. 1985, approved March 26, 1897, reported to the Municipal Assembly February 26, 1900, is hereby approved."

"Be it resolved by the House of Delegates, the Council concurring therein, That the report of the Commissioners appointed by the Circuit Court for the Eighth Judicial Circuit, in the matter of the widening of Broadway from Traffic avenue to Carrie avenue, as established by ordinance No. 1747, approved July 31, 1894, reported to the Municipal Assembly February 26, 1900, is hereby approved."

Very respectfully,

CHAS. R. GRAVES,
Secretary.

The following message from the Council was read and filed:

Council Chamber,
St. Louis, March 27, 1900.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Delegates:

Gentlemen—I have the honor to inform you that the President of the Council has this evening, in the presence of the Council, in open session, affixed his signature to the following entitled bills, viz:

House Bill No. 167, An ordinance authorizing the Street Commissioner to employ such labor, teams, sprinkling wagons and machines as are necessary to scrape, scrub and wash the brick, asphaltum, granite and wood pavements of the City of St. Louis.

Bills as above were each read second time and referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Council Bill No. 81, An ordinance for the relief of William Luke.

Bill as above was read second time and referred to Committee on Claims.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Hartmann from the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted the following report:

House of Delegates,
St. Louis, March 27, 1900.

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred

Council Bill No. 87, An ordinance supplementary to ordinance number nineteen thousand and four, entitled "An ordinance authorizing and directing the Board of Public Improvements to revet the river bank of the city property at the Chain of Rocks, and appropriating money to pay the costs thereof," approved June seventeenth, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven,

Respectfully report that they have considered the same, and recommend its passage.

EMIL HARTMANN,
Chairman.

Council Bill No. 87, as above, was read third time and passed by the following Vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Albright, Bersch, Cronin, Decker, Denny, Faulkner, Gutke, Hannagan, Hartmann, Helms, Hollcamp, Kelly, Madera, Murrell J. K., Parker, Robertson, Schnettler, Sheridan, Sturdevant, Sweeney, Tamblyn, Zachritz and Mr. Speaker Murrell—27.

Nays—0.

Absent—Messrs. Burke, Lehmann and Schumacher—3.

Mr. Tamblyn, from the Committee on Public Improvements, submitted the following report:

House of Delegates,
St. Louis, March 27, 1900.

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Public Improvements, to whom was referred

House Bill No. 1, An ordinance to authorize Edward Butler to make excavations at the northeast corner of Market and Eighteenth streets, in City Block No. 89;

House Bill No. 23, An ordinance to reconstruct Chouteau avenue from Laclede avenue to Olive street.

House Bill No. 26, An ordinance to reconstruct Chouteau avenue from Olive street to Franklin avenue.

Respectfully report that they have considered the same, and recommend its passage.

WM. M. TAMBLYN,
Chairman.

House Bill Nos. 1, 23 and 26, as above, were each ordered to engrossment.

Mr. Bersch, from the Committee on Engrossed and Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report.

House of Delegates,
St. Louis, March 27, 1900.

To the Speaker of the House of Delegates:

Sir—The committee on Engrossed and Enrolled Bills report the following as truly engrossed and enrolled, viz:

House Bill No. 1, An ordinance to authorize Edward Butler to make excavations at the northeast corner of Market and Eighteenth streets, in City Block No. 89.

House Bill No. 23, An ordinance to reconstruct Chouteau avenue from Laclede avenue to Olive street.

House Bill No. 26, An ordinance to reconstruct Chouteau avenue from Olive street to Franklin avenue.

EDMUND BERSCH,
Chairman.

House Bill No. 1, as above, was read third time and passed by the following Vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Albright, Bersch, Cronin, Decker, Denny, Faulkner, Gutke, Hannagan, Hartmann, Helms, Hollcamp, Kelly, Madera, Murrell J. K., Parker, Robertson, Schnettler, Sheridan, Sturdevant, Sweeney, Tamblyn, Zachritz and Mr. Speaker Murrell—27.

Nays—0.

Absent—Messrs. Burke, Lehmann and Schumacher—3.

House Bill No. 23, as above, was read third time and passed by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Albright, Bersch, Cronin, Decker, Denny, Faulkner, Gutke, Hannagan, Hartmann, Helms, Hollcamp, Kelly, Madera, Murrell J. K., Parker, Robertson, Schnettler, Sheridan, Sturdevant, Sweeney, Tamblyn, Zachritz and Mr. Speaker Murrell—27.

Nays—0.

Absent—Messrs. Burke, Lehmann and Schumacher—3.

House Bill No. 26, as above, was read third time and passed by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Albright, Bersch, Cronin, Decker, Denny, Faulkner, Gutke, Hannagan, Hartmann, Helms, Hollcamp, Kelly, Madera, Murrell J. K., Parker, Robertson, Schnettler, Sheridan, Sturdevant, Sweeney, Tamblyn, Zachritz and Mr. Speaker Murrell—27.

Nays—0.

Absent—Messrs. Burke, Lehmann and Schumacher—3.

Mr. Bersch moved that when the House adjourns it adjourn to meet Tuesday, April 3, 1900, at 7 p. m.

Carried.

On motion of Mr. Hannagan, all absentees were excused for nonattendance this evening.

Mr. Madera moved that the House do now adjourn.

The motion prevailed.

The House adjourned to meet Tuesday, April 3, 1900, at 7 p. m.

W. H. JUDY,
Clerk.

THE COTTON MARKETS.

Locally Unchanged—Liverpool Higher for Spots and Futures Quiet.

St. Louis, Wednesday, March 28, 1900.

There was no change of any kind in the local cotton market, the situation being very quiet, with no sales. Liverpool on the other hand was better for spots, but the future market was better, while New York closed lower for options and unchanged for spots.

Local market quotations:

Ordinary	5¾
Good ordinary	5¾
Middling	5¾
Low middling	5¾
Good middling	6 1-16
Middling fair	6 1-16

Tinges and stains ½c below white.

Ranging, per yard—3¾ lb. 6¾c; 2 lb. 7¾c; 2¼ lb. 7¾c. Iron cotton ties 8¼c. Hemp twine 9c per lb.

Warehouse statement to-day:

	1899-1900.	1898-99.
Net receipts to-day	40	250
Net receipts since Sept. 1	189,699	156,027
Gross receipts to-day	1,647	1,250
Gross receipts since Sept. 1	202,222	158,000
Gross shipments to-day	1,574	2,000
Gross shipments since Sept. 1	172,602	158,569
Stock on hand	66,625	28,574

Liverpool market

Spot demand limited; prices 1-32d higher; uplands 3¾d; sales 7,000 bales.

Futures closed quiet. March 5 3-64d s., March-April 5 27-64d s., April-May 5 29-64d s., May-June 5 17-64d b., June-July 5 15-64d s., July-Aug. 5 13-64d s., Aug.-Sept. 5 9-64d s., Sept.-Oct. 4 63-64d s., Oct.-Nov. 4 59-64d s.

New York Spot quiet and unchanged; middling 5¾c; futures closed quiet.

	Close Yesterday.	High Today.	Low Today.	Close Today.
March	5 41	5 41	5 34	5 34
April	5 43	5 43	5 34	5 34
May	5 44	5 46	5 36	5 36
June	5 45	5 46	5 38	5 38
July	5 45	5 48	5 37	5 37
August	5 45	5 48	5 37	5 37
September	5 42	5 47	5 40	5 40
October	5 42	5 47	5 40	5 40

Liverpool—Spot in limited demand and prices 1-32d higher; uplands ⅝d; sales 7,000 bales. Futures closed quiet. March 5 27-64d s., March and April 5 27-64d s., April and May 5 28-64d s., May and June 5 29-64d s., June and July 5 16-64d s., July and Aug. 5 14-64d s., Aug. and Sept. 5 9-64d s., Sept. and Oct. 4 63-64d s., Oct. and Nov. 4 59-64d s., Nov. and Dec. 4 57-64d s., Dec. and Jan. 4 55-64d.

Sugar.

New York, March 28.—Sugar—Raw firm; fair refining 3 5-32c, centrifugal 96 test 4 15-32c; molasses 3 27-32c; refined firm.

New Orleans, La., March 28.—Sugar quiet; open kettle 3¾@4 3-16c; open kettle centrifugal 4¼@4½c; centrifugal yellow 3¾@4¼c; seconds 2⅞@4¼c; seconds 2¾@4¼c. Molasses quiet; centrifugal 19@36c.

Hides and Leather.

New York, March 28.—Hides firm. Leather firm.

Treasury Statement.

Washington, March 28.—To-day's statement of the Treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the $150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption shows: Available cash balance, $183,205,622; gold, $98,351,622.

A TURN FOR BETTER—
ALL MARKETS HIGHER
WITH WHEAT IN LEAD.

WHEAT STARTED OFF HIGHER AND DEVELOPED STRENGTH AND BULLISHNESS.

CLOSING OVER A CENT HIGHER

CORN WAS SLOW TO RESPOND TO THE STRENGTH PREVAILING, BUT LATER ADVANCED SHARPLY.

OATS CLOSED HIGHER ALSO.

Office Republic,
Wednesday, March 28, 1900.

The bulls on the local exchange bolstered and particularly those in wheat, encouraged by their success on yesterday, were disposed to press still further the advantage that they gained over their opponents and succeeded in bettering their position to a very considerable extent, every one of the markets showing gains of more or less magnitude, and closing near or at the top prices of the day. Sentiment was decidedly more cheerful and hopeful this morning the upturn of yesterday having to a great extent restored the confidence of the bulls, and the advance movement, being largely helped by the conditions prevailing, was continued with little or no interruption throughout the day. As a result of the strong tone, there was more interest shown on the part of traders, and as a result, the pit dealings were more active and on a larger scale than they have been the past day or two. Most of the trading and the improvement undergone by values was in wheat, which grain clinched its claim to the position as leader of the speculative situation here and at other grain centers, and led all other markets in point of strength and activity. Corn, on the other hand, was inclined to hang fire and for some considerable time after that market remained around the opening figures. The feeling was still bullish, however, and it was not long before it fell into line, being unable to resist the strong advances in wheat, and before the close was in full cry after that cereal, the close showing a good bulge in prices. Oats were also very much better and gained sharply in price during the day.

Wheat was the whole thing on 'change to-day, having deposed corn from its position as leader of the speculative grain situation yesterday and made its claim as the chief factor in this country good by forging rapidly to the front and bulging sharply in price. A more cheerful and confident feeling existed from the outset, and throughout the day there was active and an almost uninterrupted advance in values and a close that was over a cent higher for the day all along the line. It was a weather market early, the conditions prevailing and the prospects as indicated by the weather map on 'change, having more to do with the strong undertone existing than all other influences combined, not excepting cables, which were slightly better. According to the indications, a cold spell was in prospect, though it was claimed that it would last for a short time only. The weather throughout the West was unsettled, with rain, snow and sleet in different sections, and the indications right here were for rains, followed by colder weather. Cables were not particularly bullish, though they noted a slight advance of ½d at Liverpool and ½d at London, and also that there was no stock of winter, spring or California wheat at the former. The arrivals of wheat at primary markets for the season of the year were very good. The receipts here were reported at 29,200 bu., against 12,100 bu. last year, while 677 cars arrived at Northwestern points, against 527 cars a year ago. It was the weather prospects that gave the market its good send-off, and the strong tone established was further intensified by a cable, which stated that the French crop would be 20 per cent short, though Paris cables only reported an advance of ½c.

The first sales in the July option were at 5c advance over yesterday's closing, at 69½c, but that month was soon up to 70c, 1c higher. May opened 5c better at 70c. Before the brokers were set and the upward movement checked the July option touched 69¾c, May selling at 70¾c, and was bid 70⅞@71c. The market did not weaken off much however, but remained stationary for some little time, as there was nothing in the late cables to keep up the bull enthusiasm. Liverpool gained slightly over the opening prices, and closed ¼d higher for the day for May, and ½d for July, and Antwerp and Berlin were unchanged, with India Peth off ⅛c. Bradstreet's from the country were only 328,000 bu. July sold off to 69c, and May was offered at 70¼c. As the session drew toward a close a decided spurt occurred, which was due to Chicago reporting heavy buying for short account, and a rumor that war was in sight between Russia and Turkey. This caused the bears to hurry to cover shorts boldly, and in their efforts to cover the July option was rushed up to 69¾c, with 69⅞@70c bid, from which there was a let-down to 69½c sellers at the close, being an advance for the day of 1c. May, in the meantime, sold at 70⅞@71c, and closed 1½c better for the day, with 71c bid and 71¼c asked at the close was nominally 1½c up, at 71⅝c.

Corn hesitated a good deal this morning, and during the first hour or two displayed none of the strength that characterized the higher-priced grain, in the first place there was none of the strong bull feeling shown, and, secondly, the early advices were more unfavorable than favorable to the bulls. Liquidation was on in wheat. Information from the other side was hardly of a bullish character, the first cables from Liverpool showing a decline there of ¼@½d, though later that market improved somewhat on shorts covering, and light offerings from this side. Receipts showed up remarkably well, considering that it was thought that the country would only sell sparingly. The arrivals at Western markets, according to the figures posted on 'change, amounted to 1,019,000 bu., against 280,000 bu. a year ago, including 30,000 bu. held, against 28,000 bu. last year, which did not look like a crop were both big and large. The shipments were 256,000 bu. and clearances from the seaboard 206,000 bu. The opening here for July was at ½c advance, at 37½c, and for May 36⅞c was bid, which was ⅛c better. But little interest was taken in this grain after this, the attention of traders being centered in wheat, and the market eased off to 36¾c sales May and to 37½c for July. The war rumors later in the session, together with the great strength shown by wheat, rallied this market a little and May sold up to 37c and July was bid 37⅝@37¾c, at which they closed, being ⅛@¼c higher, respectively, for the day. March closed nominally ⅛c better, at 36½c.

Oats were, as usual, quiet, attracting little attention, on account of the excitement in wheat. The market was much stronger, however, and the May option sold at ¼c advance, at 24⅝c early, though later it was for sale at 24⅝@¾c, with that bid at the close, which was ⅛@¼c higher for the day. July closed ¼c better, at 23½c, and March was nominally ¼c higher, at 23½c. Receipts at Western markets were 686,000 bu., against 476,000 bu. last year. Local arrivals were 31,900 bu., against 14,000 bu. a year ago. The total shipments amounted to 325,000 bu. and the seaboard clearances to 12,000 bu.

Trade Gossip.

—Since March 24 the stock of contract wheat in public elevators of this market has not changed by a bushel. It is still 187,132 bu. as it was on the morning of the 21st. And during this period the total public stock has only decreased 2,367 bu. The explanation of this is not hard to find, and it is simply that mills are taking all they can get, they require them home sources and city mills finding enough coming in direct from the country. The receipts at this market since March 24 have been 141,341 bu., which is 72,000 bu. larger during same period last year, when the stock in store decreased 168,000 bu.

—A small decrease in the wheat visible appears probable at this, the middle of the week, though clearances for the week will be again very moderate.

—New York stated that a cable had been received there, stating the French wheat crop would be 20 per cent smaller than last year. The Paris wheat crop of France was one of the largest that country ever raised, but it is really cut down 20 per cent from that year the yield this year will be below 300,000,000 bu., or considerably below the average.

—Dan Manoa, la., writes: "Continuous rain and sleet last twenty-four hours; no indications of clearing up. This settled it that no grain moves from farmers until after corn planting. Cattle feeders frantic for corn and bidding any price to get it."

—Chicago is sending, as contract, so much more of the corn arriving there than since the season opened that she could almost imagine that market behoved the beginning of the end of the Bull campaign was at hand.

Cash Grain, Flour, Etc.

WHEAT—Cash Market Received, 95 cars local and 2 cars local, smaller sample offerings and soft winter in higher under local buying demand, but hard winter and spring were dull, while prices really more favorable. By sample No. 2 red sold at average, thirty cents and cents above, No. 3 red at average, No. 4 cents above, No. 2 hard 68¢ average, No. 3 hard 67¢ average, No. 4 hard 65¢ average, No. 2 hard 68¢ average, No. 3 hard 67¢ average, No. 4 hard 65¢ average, No. 2 red 68¢ average, No. 3 red 67¢ average, No. 4 red 65¢ average, No. 2 red 68¢ average, No. 3 red 67¢ average, No. 4 red 65¢ average, the advance in future prices caused the filling of some orders for order.

CORN—Cash Market Received, 16 cars local and 2 cars through. Slower in early but soon in demand, and considerable delivered on contract that received had contemplated delivery on the 15th. No. 2 at 37¾@38c, No. 2 yellow at 37¾c, No. 2 white at 38c, and sold to arrive at 38c. No. 3 nominally at 37¾c and No. 3 white at 37¾c.

OATS—Cash Market Received, 27 cars local and 2 cars through. Stronger in early but not quite so much better prices, offerings steadily and receipts exceeded the demand, so bids for the cash were only slightly improved. No. 2 at 24¾c, No. 2 white at 25c, No. 3 at 24¾c, No. 3 white at 25c, No. 4 at 24¾c, No. 4 white at 25c, No. 2 mixed at 24¾c and No. 3 mixed at 24¾c.

RYE—Cash No. 2 in demand and sold at 57c for the river.

FLOUR—The Republic report no increase in trade either domestic or foreign and the factory is about behind in the latter trade. Quotations are still nominal, and there may be a little better price at a trifle more than they could have been.

Quotations are still nominal, about flour as follows: Patents $3.60@3.75, extra fancy $3.40@3.50, straights $3.20@3.30, clear $3.00@3.10, winter wheat patents $3.60@3.75, winter wheat straights $3.20@3.30, winter wheat clears $3.00@3.10, spring wheat patents $3.60@3.75, spring wheat straights $3.20@3.30, spring wheat clears $3.00@3.10, red dog $1.50@1.60, rye flour $3.00@3.10.

Hard winter patents $3.60@3.75, hard winter straights $3.20@3.30, hard winter clears $3.00@3.10, soft winter patents $3.60@3.75, soft winter straights $3.20@3.30, soft winter clears $3.00@3.10, red dog $1.50@1.60, rye flour $3.00@3.10.

MILLFEED—Quiet and steady, in sacks and bulk, per ton, East and West bran $15@15.50, East and West mixed $16@16.50, East and West middlings $17@18, East and West short $18@19, East and West screenings $16@17, Kansas and Nebraska bran $15@15.50, Kansas and Nebraska mixed $16@16.50, Kansas and Nebraska middlings $17@18, Kansas and Nebraska short $18@19, Kansas and Nebraska screenings $16@17.

CHAR—Wheat, per sack, $1.15@1.20.

LEAD—Firm, buyers bidding $3.72 for soft Missouri and $3.65 for chemical hard, but are getting none in the open market.

SPELTER—Unchanged, no sales reported at $5.

GRASS SEED—Clover $5.60 for cash, $5.65 for choice for April, $5.80@5.85 in store and $6 for choice to-day for March, $5.70@5.75 for March, $5.75 for April, $5.80@5.85 for May, $5.70 for June, German millet $1.60@1.70, Hungarian 70@80c, Japan millet 90c@$1.10.

FLAXSEED—Nominally $1.05.

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

HEMPSEED—Latest sale at $2 per 100 lbs.

Prices on 'Change.

The following tables show the range of prices in future and cash grains.

	Opened.	Ranged.	Closed. Yesterday.	Closed. Today.
Wheat—March	70¼	70 @70⅞	70¼	70⅞
May	70¼	70 @71⅞	70¼	71⅞
July	69¾	69½@70¾	69½	70¾
Corn—March	38	37¾@38	37¾	38
May	37¾@37⅞	37¾@38	37¾	38
July	37¾	37¾@38	37¾	38
Oats—March	23 b	23 @23¼	23 b	23¼
May	24⅝ a	24⅝@24¾	24⅝ b	24¾ b
July	23½	23½@23¾	23½ b	23¾ b

Cash wheat, corn and oats ranged:

	Last Year.	Yesterday.	To-day.
Wheat—No. 2 red	70	71	72 @72½
No. 3 red	67½	69 @70	70 @70½
No. 4 red	65	67 @68	68 @68½
No. 2 hard	68	69 @70	70 @70½
No. 3 hard	67	68 @69	69 @69½
No. 4 hard	65	66 @67	67 @67½
No. 2 white	69½	70 @70½	70 @70½
No. 3 white	68½	69 @69½	69½@69¾
Corn—No. 2	37¾	37¾@38	37¾@38
No. 3	37½	37¾@38	37¾@38
No. 2 white	38½	38 @38½	38 @38½
No. 3 white	37½	37¾@38	37¾@38
Oats—No. 2	23½	23 @23½	23 @23½
No. 3	23	22¾@23	22¾@23
No. 2 white	25	24¾@25	24¾@25
No. 3 white	24½	24 @24½	24 @24½
No. 2 Northern	25½	25 @25½	25 @25½
No. 3 white	24½	24 @24½	24 @24½
No. 2 white	24	23½@24	23½@24
No. 3 white	23½	23 @23½	23 @23½
No. 4 white	22½	22 @22½	22 @22½

Movement of Grain.

Cities.	Receipts. Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Shipments. Wheat.	Corn.
St. Louis	29,200	37,100	27,200	4,000	5,000
Chicago	100,000	280,000	476,000	256,000	206,000
Toledo	4,000	37,000	500	500	10,000
Detroit	11,000	5,000	.....	12,000	12,000
Kansas City	42,000	18,000	16,000	66,000	16,000
Milwaukee	1,000	4,000	8,000	1,000	.....
Minneapolis	256,000	19,000	45,000	.....	7,000
Duluth	105,000	24,000	17,000	1,000	.....
New York	34,000	106,000	.....	.....	10
Baltimore	37,000	74,000	7,000	52,000	242,000
Philadelphia	25,000	26,000	17,000	17,000	262,000
Boston	42,000	40,000	1,000	1,000	400
New Orleans	25,000	2,000	20,000	.....	.....
Galveston	25,000	2,000	20,000	.....	.....

Stocks of Grain in Store.

	To-day.	Yesterday.	Last yr.
Wheat	187,132	189,499	158,294
Corn	1,107,414	1,109,797	1,016,247
Oats	161,824	161,824	76,541
Rye	4,000	4,000	1,000
Barley	4,877	4,877	7,267

Contract grades—

No. 2 white	37,737	37,737	37,137
No. 2 hard	34,321	34,321	102,829
No. 2 corn	56,409	56,409	109,523
No. 2 white corn	34,404	34,404	73,400
No. 2 oats	107,921	107,921	26,921
No. 2 rye	.....	.....	1,000
No. 2 barley	4,404	4,404	26

Shipments of Flour.

St. Louis, 22,000 bbls.; Chicago, 37,000 bbls.; Detroit, 1,000 bbls.; Milwaukee, 4,000 bbls.; Minneapolis, 42,931 bbls.; New York, 7,000 bbls., and 2,000 sks.; Baltimore, 8,000 bbls.; Philadelphia, 11,000 bbls.; Boston, 18,821 sks.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

Local Fruit, Vegetable, Poultry, Egg and Butter Quotations.

The fine weather again brought out a fair number of local buyers yesterday, but, except for poultry, the shipping demand was exceedingly light, and trade generally quiet, but sufficient for the demand, except in a few things of which the market is nearly bare.

Potatoes were dull and lower, as there are heavy offerings of new cabbage now on the walk, which seriously affects the sale of choice varieties. Fancy tubs are in limited demand, but other seed varieties continue to move very slowly.

Sweet potatoes are equally as dull, and only the best varieties and stock are wanted.

Cabbage continues very scarce and in good demand. Receipts of new cabbage are extremely light, while there is almost none of choice old stock. Sound, solid heads would bring good prices, but most of the receipts are loose, leafy, or in poor condition, but even this kind of stock sold readily.

Onions continue in fair demand, and choice stock is becoming scarce, most of the offerings being soft or sprouted. Prices are steady and unchanged.

Tomatoes are beginning to arrive freely, and the market was dull and lower yesterday, choice, ripe, sound stock sells fairly well, but anything not first class is not wanted.

Celery is scarce and firm, and supplies of cauliflower are light.

Lettuce, spinach and cucumbers are plentiful and slow of sale, but nearly all kinds of early vegetables are scarce and firm.

Quotations on vegetables are for round lots from first hands. In filling orders, dealers use selected stock, and for this reason and on account of the expense of repacking, higher prices are charged.

Apples continue quiet and unchanged. The demand is light, but offerings are also light and stocks are nearly exhausted. There is no seasonal shipping demand for fancy Ben Davis, but other varieties are dull.

Strawberries were quiet and steady, as receipts were light and the demand fair, only choice stock is wanted, however, and soft, green or stale berries are not wanted.

Oranges continue strong and in active demand, offerings are moderate and are hardly sufficient for the requirements.

Lemons were also firm, as offerings were light and the demand good.

Other fruits were quiet and steady.

Live poultry was again in good demand yesterday, as shippers were in the market, and there was also an active demand from local buyers, chickens continue firm, and receipts were quite light, and the demand good, but dealers prefer large, full-feathered stock. Turkeys were also wanted, but ducks and geese were quiet and steady.

Dressed poultry was dull and slow, as the weather is unfavorable and the season practically ended. Choice, unfrozen stock, with head and feet on, suitable for thin or rough stock is not wanted.

Game continues quiet and unchanged. The demand is slow and most of the receipts are in bad condition.

Veals were in fair demand and the market firm.

Furs were quiet and unchanged. Receipts were light and mostly of poor quality, but sell fairly well in demand. The sales, however, are nearly over.

Wool continues dull and nominal. There are a few buyers at work below present quotations, but holders are unwilling to make concessions.

Hides continue steady and in fair demand at unchanged prices.

Eggs.

The market was active and higher yesterday, as offerings were light and the demand good. Choice fresh eggs sold at 9½c a doz., and the close was firm at that price. Dark eggs sold at 12½c a decline of 2½c a doz., and goose eggs were also lower, selling at 22c a doz.

Receipts yesterday were 11,877 cases, and shipments, 1,246 cases.

Dairy Products.

Butter—Everything in the way of good butter was in fair demand yesterday at unchanged prices, except roll butter, which was higher. Creamery—Extra 24c, firsts 22c, seconds 20@21c. Dairy—Extra 18c, firsts 16@17c, grease 12@14c. Provorsi 20c. Ladle-packed—Extra 16@20c, firsts 14@15c, seconds 12@13c. Near-by roll 16c, inferior roll 11@12c, packed firsts.

Cheese—Quotations: Twins at 12½c, singles 12½c, Y. A. 12c, Illinois, Twins 8@9c, singles 9@10c, Y. A. 9@10c; N. Y. full cream 12½c; Limburger 11@12c, Swiss 14@16c, brick 11@12c. Foregoing are jobbing prices from store