GRAIN QUIETER— BUT UNDERTONE WAS STRONG AND HIGHER.

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CLOSED AT AN ADVANCE.

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OATS WERE NOMINALLY LOWER

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The local grain markets to-day were cast upon their own resources, owing to the fact that the Chicago market was closed on account of the election being held in that city. This served to hamper operations here, our markets being largely dependent upon the actions of that grain center, and traders being generally at sea when the market there happens to be closed. The undertone and sentiment, however were too stirring for this fact to have much weight to-day, though it checked pit operations to some extent and caused a slight let-down in prices right at the opening, but which later was succeeded by stronger markets and higher values. Corn was the big market to-day, particularly after the opening, it exhibiting decidedly more strength and bullishness than wheat, though the latter held up remarkably well, though the bears made several demonstrations, and during the session was a very good second to the cheaper cereal. Like on yesterday, there were no violent changes in prices in either of the two leading grains, a very steady condition of affairs prevailing throughout the day, and final figures were slightly better for wheat, but sharply higher for corn.

Things looked quite blue for the bulls in wheat this morning. In the first place, the Chicago market was shut down on account of the city election being held there. And this had a deterrent effect upon speculation, traders showing a disposition to hold off. Secondly, there was an unusual scarcity of bullish advices and conditions, and even the sentiment did not appear to be as pronounced as yesterday. The fact of the matter was that traders here were afraid to turn round without consulting the Chicago chalk markets, and being entirely without them to-day they were almost wholly at sea, being afraid to support either the bull or the bear side. As a result of this the situation here for some considerable time after the opening hung in the wind and showed no decided tendency to the short of the long side. The special crop report of the Government, which indicated more damage to winter wheat than the trade expected, was about the only thing favorable to the bull side that was apparent this morning early. The advance on this side yesterday was not responded to in the least by Liverpool and London, cables reporting options unchanged, though spots were said to be firm. Then there was a promise of wet weather, which settled the expectations for a spell of dry weather, used so unsuccessfully during yesterday's session, and receipts at nearly all points showed up well—15,000 bu. arriving here and the Northwest reporting 529 cars, against 483 cars a week ago and 596 a year ago. Under ordinary circumstances, the above would have been amply sufficient to bring about a sharp decline in values, but the only impression made was to open July ¼c off and May ⅛c, the former at 67⅛c and the latter at 71c, while buying was fully equal to the selling pressure.

Continental cables were more encouraging than those from the United Kingdom. Those from Antwerp and Paris were firm, the last named reporting 1c advance. Berlin and Buda-Pesth were unchanged, and the movement abroad from this country was fair at 518,000 bushels, most of which was in flour. Closing cables from Liverpool reported no change there, and London was ¼d lower for the day. Other domestic markets also did not show up near as well as our own, New York being practically at a standstill and on the Chicago "curb" May was said to be as low as 67⅝c. These unfavorable conditions, however, did not prevent the bulls here from taking advantage of the lack of sellers, and they soon had the July option up to 67½c, but were unable to get May over 71c. Late advices contained some strengthening influences, notably Bradstreet's report, which showed a world's visible decrease of 1,352,000 bushels, whereas a year ago there was 52,000 bushels increase, and stocks at points outside the official visible decreased 1,861,000 bushels. This, as bullish as it was, did not advance prices any, though July, which had eased off to 67⅝c, recovered to 67½c. But the Ohio crop report, placing the condition at 47, where it was 51 on March 1 and 85 a year ago, gave the bulls an opportunity that they at once took advantage of, and they advanced July to 67⅝c and May to 71¼c, which was ⅛c and ⅛c higher, respectively, for the day, and at which they closed. April was unchanged at 72⅛c nominal.

The start made by corn this morning, to say the least, was not an encouraging one by any means, and caused a nervous feeling in the ranks of the bulls. In fact, right around the opening the market was weak, and a slight let-down followed the Liverpool cable reporting that market unchanged, in spite of the big advance on this side yesterday. Besides, Chicago, the great source of bullish inspiration, was closed, and wheat exhibited symptoms of sell-off. There was a decided lack of sellers, however, and this market, after selling ⅛@¼c lower, at 38⅝c for July, turned stronger and was never headed off again during the balance of the session. Early information was bullish. Receipts promised to be light. Exporters said that their cables were strong, and the Government statement reported the season backward. Encouraged by these favorable conditions, the bulls in a short time succeeded in working up the price to 39¼c and May at 38⅝@38¾c.

The closing Liverpool was ¼d lower, and May was reported as selling on the Chicago "curb" ¼c off at 39½@39¾c, but these were counteracted by New York, which was strong and higher, and the clearances from the Atlantic and Gulf ports were 424,000 bu. Late in the day news came to hand of a character sufficiently bullish to enable the friends of this grain to advance prices and give the market a strong right at the very top. Bradstreet's statement was bullish, it reporting a decrease of 52,000 bu. in the available supplies of this country, indicating 539,000 bu. decrease in stocks outside of the regular visible. Some of the local elevators reported the country as selling quite freely again, and 250,000 bu. had been bought to arrive here. Good export sales were said to have been made and New York was higher for the day, July closing ⅛@⅜c higher at 39⅝c sellers, and April ⅛c better at 37⅝c nominal.

Unlike wheat and corn, there was nothing encouraging in the Government report on oat seeding, and only for corn that market would have weakened off considerably more than it really did, that grain holding up quite well until the close, when there was a let-down. The May option sold ⅛c higher early at 25⅛c, but later sold and closed at 25c, which was ⅛c off. July was neglected and closed the same as yesterday at 24c buyers.

Trade Gossip.

—The special crop report of the Department of Agriculture is as follows: East of the Mississippi River, except in Southern States, the season has been generally backward and unfavorable for farm work. Excessive rains in portions of Gulf States and heavy snows in portions of lake regions and New England. On the Pacific slope and in Rocky Mountain districts exceptionally favorable conditions prevailed and farming operations progressing rapidly. Unfavorable reports regarding winter wheat continue from Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and portions of Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky and Maryland; elsewhere the crop looks favorable and enters spring in excellent condition. Outside a limited area in Southern California, winter wheat on the Pacific Coast is well advanced and very promising. Some spring wheat has been sown over southern portion of spring wheat region, and also in Montana, where season is unusually advanced. Corn being planted in Southern States, some as far north as North Carolina. In Southern Texas bulk of crop has been planted. Oats are being sown in Kansas, Missouri, Ohio and Kentucky, and are coming up in good stands in Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, Tennessee and Mississippi. Reports of winter-killing of fall crop are received from Virginia and Georgia. Cotton planting has begun over the southern portion of the cotton region. Prospects for fruit very favorable, although peaches sustained some damage in Missouri, Arkansas, Illinois and Ohio. The soil is in good condition and considerable plowing has been done in all except more northerly sections, where frost still remains in the ground, and in portions of New Jersey, Maryland, West Virginia, Virginia, Tennessee and North Carolina, where this work has been delayed by wet weather.

Notice is given that the firm name of S. W. Cobb & Co. has been changed to Cobb & Gardner.

Liverpool receipts were small for last three days, 13,000 bu. wheat—33,000 bu. was American—not half what they were a week ago. Corn receipts were 191,000 bu.

The Chicago Board of Trade was closed today, but all other markets were open. One year ago all leading markets were closed.

Exports from eleven Atlantic and Gulf ports last week, as reported to the exchange, were 232,854 bbls. flour, 1,313,251 bu. wheat, 3,847,963 bu. corn, 127,000 bu. oats, 1,000 bu. rye and 1,000 bu. barley. This report made wheat and flour exports equivalent to 7,218,000 bu., where Bradstreet's total for both coasts during three two weeks was 8,318,000 bu. Bradstreet's corn clearances for that period were 565,000 bu. smaller than the exchange report, too.

Perry Hennisch of Virden, Ill., says that for the second time in the history of his town corn is being shipped in for feeding.

The Missouri crop report is highly favorable on wheat, stating that in most sections the plant comes through the winter in excellent condition, its general condition fully up to an average, and in many counties the best in many years. Only damage in a few eastern counties, in some of those quite badly.

The unexpectedness of Liverpool to American advance in wheat is stated by Broomhall to be due to increased arrivals of cargoes off coast, and expectations that they will continue large. Realizing sales broke corn, but this was partly recovered, owing to light offerings from America and a steady cash demand.

Cash Grain, Flour, Etc.

WHEAT—Cash market: Received 25 cars and 20 cars local mill for milling grades of soft winter, little of which offered for sample, but hard winter easily by lower and weak. The demand was good for sales from elevator for No. 2 red, No. 2 red sold E. side at 72c, and worth that this side. No. 3 red at 69@69½c E. side and fancy this side, 70c. No. 4 winter at 62@68c; No. 2 hard at 70½c. No. 3 do at 67@69½c; No. 2 hard spring, 68@70½c; No. 3 do, 67@68c.

CORN—Cash market: Received 93 cars local and 44 cars through. Sellers firm, but find few buyers at the prices they ask, a few cars No. 2 sold delivered elevator at 38c, and No. 3 yellow and No. 2 white this side switched at 39½c, but No. 2 white offered at 39½c, and not readily salable above 38c.

OATS—Cash market: Received 29 cars local and 2 cars through. Steady, but quieter. An elevator man bought No. 2 and No. 3 and local dealers took better grades. On trk. No. 2 at 25½@25¾c and No. 3 25c, switched to elevator; No. 4 at 24½c; No. 2 Northern at 26c; No. 2 white weight 26½c; No. 3 do, at 25½@25c; No. 4 do, at 24@24½c.

RYE—Not much for sale, and that held firmly, No. 2 at 56c, with 55c the best bid.

FLOUR—Firm and offerings small, especially of country make, little of which available. Domestic demand very dull, far, and acceptances by the Continent reported, but none by the United Kingdom. Quotations on soft winter wheat flour as followed: Patents $3.50@3.65; extra fancy $3.25@3.30; straights $3.10@3.15; clear $2.75@3; low and medium $2@2.50. Hard winter $3.60@3.80 for bakers', $2.60 to $2.80 for straights and $2.50 to $2.10 for patents, all in jute sks.

RYE FLOUR—Jobbing at $2.85 in sks. and $3.25 in bbls.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—Eastern jobbing at $2.25 and Western at $5 per bbl.

CORNMEAL—City meal $3@2.95; pearl meal, granulated and hominy $2.85.

MILLSTUFFS—Market firm, bidding 71½c for bran in large sks., basis E. trk., but getting none, so little for sale. Bulk quotable at 69@69½c. At mill bran 70@72c, and ships 75c. Screenings selling on E. trk., 60c per 100 lbs.

HAY—Received 225 tons local and 350 tons through, shipped 608 tons. A steady local and shipping demand for timothy, the market for which a good one. Such grades as wanted, medium to fine timothy selling readily at firm prices. Clover light stock for good choice, but prairie quiet, though steady.

Timothy $13 for choice; $11.50@12.50 for No. 1; $10.50@11 for No. 2; $9@10 for No. 3. Prairie, $8@9 for choice; $6@8.50 for No. 1; $7@7.50 for No. 2. Good to choice clover, $10@12.

STRAW—Wheat on trk. at $4.75.

LEAD—Very quiet at $4.75 for common or soft Missouri, and $4.75½ for chemical hard.

SPELTER—Nominally $4@4.10.

GRASS SEEDS—Clover $4 for poor to $7.25 choice, red top, 50@87½; German millet, $1.15@1.25 for prime, Hungarian, 80@90c; millet, 70@$1.40; timothy, $2@2.50.

ETHANOL—Nominally, $1.62.

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

HEMPSEED—$3 per 100 lbs.

STOCK FEASE—Whippoorwill, $1.35 per bu.

Prices on Change.

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

	Opened Monday.	Range To-day.	Closed To-day.
Wheat—April	72⅛	....@....	72⅛ n
May	71⅛ a	71 @71¼	71⅛ b
July	67⅝ a	67⅛@67⅝	67⅝
Corn—April	38½ n	....@....	37⅞ n
May	38⅝	38 @38⅝	38⅝ a
July	38⅝@38¾	38⅝@39⅛	39⅛ a
Oats—April	25 n	....@....	24½ n
May	25¼ a	25¼@25	25 b
July	24⅛ b	....@....	24 b

Cash wheat, corn and oats ranged:

	Last Year.		Monday.		To-day.	
Wheat—No. 2 red	75	@75½	72½	@73	73	@....
No. 3 red	72	@74	70	@71½	69½	@71½
No. 4 winter	69	@72	63	@69	62	@69
No. 2 hard	75	@77	67½	@68½	68	@69½
No. 3 hard	74½	@75	65	@66	61	@63½
Corn—No. 2	34½	@34½	38½	@38¾	38⅝	@....
No. 3	33½	@34	38	@38	38	@....
No. 2 white	35⅝	@36	39	@....	39	@39½
No. 3 white	35½	@35⅝	38½	@....	38½	@....
Oats—No. 2	29	@29½	25½	@25¾	25½	@25¾
No. 3	28½	@....	25	@25½	25	@....
No. 2 Northern	28½	@....	26	@26½	26	@....
No. 3 white	28½	@....	25½	@....	25½	@....
No. 2 white	29½	@29¾	27½	@....	27½	@....
No. 3 white	29½	@29¾	26½	@27¼	27	@27¼

Movement of Grain.

Cities.	Receipts. Wheat.	Corn.	Shipments. Wheat.	Corn.
St. Louis	15,966	120,906	78,000	145,000
Toledo	9,000	124,000	200,000	43,000
Detroit	3,231	4,124	2,605	11,730
Minneapolis	198,100	4,900	20,240	2,700
Duluth	111,231	21,900	.....	.....
New York	64,300	200,000	42,500	34,300
Baltimore	5,000	28,000	.....	234,000
Philadelphia	38,945	121,000	.....	91,732
Boston	19,606	38,311	.....	50
New Orleans	12,000	99,000	.....	668
Galveston	44,000	98,000	.....	.....

Stocks of Grain in Store.

	To-day.	Yes'day.	Last y'r.
Wheat	643,925	651,937	696,111
Corn	4,121,321	4,121,281	921,999
Oats	173,878	183,555	75,333
Rye	8,000	8,000	2,000
Barley	4,061	4,877	8,108

Contract Grades—

No. 2 white	393,291	410,485	93,456
No. 2 hard	250,081	252,081	183,222
No. 2 red	620,958	621,958	812,659
No. 2 white corn	243,299	234,946	83,788
No. 2 oats	119,044	113,335	28,821
No. 2 barley	4,481	4,481	38

Shipments of Flour.

St. Louis 4,785 bbls.; Detroit 600 bbls.; Minneapolis 19,800 bbls.; New York 1,400 bbls and 8,800 sks.; Baltimore 47,258 bbls.; Boston 2,103 bbls. and 6,315 sks.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

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

The produce markets were generally weak and lower yesterday, as receipts are becoming heavier and dealers are anxious to dispose of their old stocks.

New vegetables are beginning to come in more freely, but the demand is not pressing, and the market is rather slow.

Potatoes were again weak and lower yesterday, as stocks are rapidly accumulating and receivers are willing to make liberal concessions in order to dispose of their holdings. There is practically no market for seed potatoes, and eating varieties move slowly. Mixed or rough stock is selling at any price obtainable.

Cabbage moved slowly yesterday and the feeling was easier. A large proportion of the receipts of Texas cabbage was in bad condition and had to be sold at a sacrifice. Prospects are good for liberal receipts from now on and buyers are inclined to hold off as long as possible.

Onions were scarce and higher. Choice globes are in good demand, but few are offered. Most of the offerings are soft or sprouted and sell at any price obtainable.

Tomatoes continue quiet and unchanged. Receipts are about equal to the demand and all offerings are readily taken.

Celery and cauliflower continue scarce and firm. Green onions were quiet and steady. Cucumbers and kale were less plentiful and in better demand. Lettuce and radishes were steady and in fair demand, and nearly all kinds of early vegetables were scarce and firm.

Apples continue quiet and steady. Stocks are almost exhausted, offerings are light and the demand fair for good to choice fruit. Cooking stock is not wanted at any price.

Oranges continue in good demand, and as offerings were light the market was firmer.

Lemons are steady and unchanged, the demand continues active and offerings are light.

Strawberries were in good demand, but only choice ripe, sound stock is wanted. Receipts of choice berries were hardly equal to the demand, but there was some soft, green and inferior stock offered, which was hard to dispose of at any price.

Live poultry continues in fair demand and prices were unchanged. Chickens were in the best demand, as shippers were in the market, but turkeys and ducks were quiet and steady, and geese were dull and unchanged.

Dressed poultry was dull and unchanged, as the season is practically over and both receipts and demand were light.

Game continues quiet and steady, as most of the receipts are arriving in bad condition, and only sweet stock is salable.

Venison is firm and in better demand. Receipts were light and all offerings were readily taken.

Furs continue quiet and unchanged. Nearly all of the receipts are of inferior quality and will not bring quotations, but good skins meet with ready sale at fair prices.

Wool was again dull and nominal. The feeling is weak, but prices not quotably lower.

Hides were steady and in fair demand.

Eggs.

The market was firm and higher yesterday, as the demand showed some improvement, and all offerings were readily taken. Choice fresh eggs sold at 8c a doz., loss off, and that was bid for Western.

Duck eggs were quiet and steady at 12½c, and goose eggs at 35c a doz.

Receipts at St. Louis yesterday were 7,123 cases, and shipments were 3,775 cases.

Dairy Products.

Butter—Everything in the way of butter was slow and unchanged yesterday. Offerings were liberal and the demand light. Creamery—Extra 22 @23c; firsts 20@21c; seconds 18@19c. Dairy—Extra 18@19c; firsts 16@17c; grease 6@8c. Process 9@c. Ladle-packed—Extra 15@c; firsts 12½@13c. Country—Near-by roll 15c, inferior roll 12@14c, packed 13 @14c.

Cheese—Quote: Twins at 12½c; singles 12½c; Y. A. 13c. Illinois—Twins 9@10c; singles at 9@10c; Y. A. 9½@10c; N. Y. full cream 12½c; Limburger 11½ @12c; Swiss 15@16c; brick 11½@12c. Foregoing are jobbing prices from store.

Provisions.

Pork—Market firm, f. o. b. sold E. side at $12.50; this side at $13. Lard firm; E. side prime steam 6.27½c; choice 6.32½c.

Green Hams—Car lots f. o. b. E. side: Hams—10-lb. av. 10c; 12s 9¾c; 14s 9¾c; 16s, 18s and 20s 9¾c. Skinned hams—22@24-lb. av. 10c; 18@20s 10¼c; 16s 10¼c. California 6¾@6½c, as in average. New York shoulders 6¾@6½c. From the block, del.: Hams 9@9½c, as in average; bellies 9½c to 8½c. New York shoulders 6c.

D. S. Meats—Bid, bids in a jobbing way: Extra shorts 6½c; ribs 6¾c; clear ribs 7c; bellies 7½@7¾c. Dealers charge higher on small orders.

Bacon—Bid, s. c. meats in a jobbing way: Heavy to fancy light breakfast bacon at 8¾@8½c to 9¼@9½c. California at 7¼@7½c, as in average. New York shoulders at 7½c. Bid, plain smoked—Hams in a small way at 11½c; extra shorts 7½c; ribs 7¾c; short clear sides 7½c; bellies 7½c. Dealers charge higher on orders.

Country Lard—5½c to 5¾c, according to quality and package.

Country Bacon—Fair average prices uniformly cut and well smoked; shoulders at 5½@6c; sides at 6¼@6½c; hams at 8c to 8c. Most of the lots irregularly cut and poorly handled—these sell on a lower scale.

Tallow—Country, No. 1 5½c; No. 2 4¾@4½c; packers' choice 6c; cake 5½c.

Grease—Quiet. Brown 3c, yellow 3½c; white 3½c; packers' choice white 3½@3¾c; yellow 3½c 4½c; brown 3½@3½c.

Beef—On orders: Hind, Mess $9.50; Fulton market $10.50; tongues at $6 per doz.; dried at $11.50 to $13.

Hides.

When sold round: Green-salted—Missouri and Illinois Nat. Arkansas and Southern 8c. Dry-flint—Choice Texas 17½c; average Texas 17c; native Arkansas and Tennessee 17½c. Mississippi and Alabama 17½c; dry fallen 10½@12c; dry-salted 14c. When sold on selection: Green-salted—No. 1 steers and cows 8½c; No. 2 do, at 7½c; No. 2 bulls 6c. Glue—Wet 4c. Dry flint—No. 1 lbs. and up 17½c; calls and kips 19c; dry-salted—No. 1 16½c; No. 2 15½c. Green uncured is per lb. less than cured, and part cured is less than fully cured. Tallow—Prime 5@5½c; badly grubby 4c. Wool—Unwashed 30@32c.

Wool.

Market wholly nominal; nothing doing.

Missouri & Illinois—		Coarse & low	15@16
Med. combing	22@23	Fine medium	16@18
Med. clothing	22@23	Light fine	15@18
Braid and line	18@22	Heavy fine	13@14
Burry and clear		So. hard burry	12
mixed	19@20	Dakota & Western—	
Burry	16@17	Bright med.	20@21
Hard burry	13@14	Dark med.	16@18
Light fine	17@18	Fine medium	16@18
Heavy fine	15@16	Light fine	16@17
Wisconsin & Iowa—		Heavy fine	13@14
Bright med.	21@22	Arkansas—	
Dark med.	18@19	Med. clothing	22@24
Fine medium	18@19	Med. clothing	19@20
Fine	14@17	Burry	14@16
Kansas & Nebraska—		Hard burry	12@13
Bright med.	21@23	Fall lip	19@20
Dark medium	17@18	Tubwashed—	
Fine medium	17@18	No. 1	32@
Light fine	16@17	No. 2	27@
Heavy fine	12@14	No. 3	23@
Territory—		Burry	23@
Average fine	17@19	Fine, from 12 to	24
Texas L. T. & South—		per lb. less than above	
Medium	20@21	prices.	
Do fall clip	16@18		

Furs.

Market unchanged and demand light; season nearly over.

Raccoon—		No. 1 prairie	65
No. 1 large	75	Opossum—	
Medium	50	No. 1	25
Small & seconds	25	No. 2	15
No. 3	20	Open	10
No. 4	10	Red fox—	
Mink—		No. 1	2.00
No. 1 large	90	No. 2	1.00
No. 1 medium	70	No. 3	50
Small & seconds	50	No. 4	20
No. 3	25	Gray fox—	
No. 4	10	No. 1	60
Skunk—		No. 2	40
Black	90@1.00	No. 3	20
Short stripe	60@70	No. 4	10
Narrow stripe	40@50	Otter—	
Broad stripe	15@20	No. 1 large	8.00
Texas round	30@40	No. 2 medium	6.00
Territory do	25@30	No. 3	3.00
Bass—		No. 4	2.00
All blue or unprime	5@10	Wildcat—	
Bear—		No. 1	1.00
Wild cat	20@25	Bear	1.00@12.00
Civet cat	20@25	Beaver	1.00@6.00
House cat	10	Muskrat	20@40
Wolf (timber)	50@1.00	Badger	30@50

Poultry, Game and Veals.

LIVE POULTRY—Market unchanged. Turkeys—Average receipts 30; heavy toms 7c. Chickens—Hens 8c; rough and heavy roosters 4c; broilers 12c. Ducks 8c. Geese 7c per doz. Geese shaved. Spring chickens quoted at $2.50@3.50. Plucked goose 3c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Market dull and nominal. We quote as follows: Scalded and undrawn, with heads and feet on: Turkeys—Hens 10c; gobblers 8c. Chickens—Choice fresh 8@9c; roosters 5c. Ducks—Choice 9c. Geese 6@9c.

GAME—Ducks out of season. Jacksnipe $1.40. Prairie hens $3.75 per doz. Sandpipers 25c.

VEALS—Choice to fancy 8c per lb.; fair 5@6½c; heretics rough, and thin 3@5½c. Sheep quotable at 3½@5c; thin ewes and bucks 2½@3c. Choice fat spring lambs 3@3½c per lb.; fall lambs 4½@5½c.

Fruits and Vegetables.

APPLES—Eastern Baldwin at $2.75 for No. 2 to $3.75 for fancy; greenings from $2.75 for No. 2 to $3.50 for choice and $3.50 for fancy-scalded less; russets at from $2.50 for No. 2 to $3.50 for fancy; mixed varieties at $2@2.50 for No. 2 to $3.25 for No. 1; fancy willowtwig at $3.65. Western Ben Davis at $3.75 to $4—latter for fancy repacked in standard bbls.; genuting at $2.50 for No. 2 to $3@3.25 for fancy.

STRAWBERRIES—Choice Florida quotable at 20@25c for soft to 30@35c for choice per quart in refrigerator cases; ventilated 12½@15c per quart.

ORANGES—In a jobbing way from store dealers charge: Mexican in Florida size box at $2.50 per box; California navels—small sizes at $3.25; medium sizes at $3.75; fancy large sizes at $3.50; seedlings at $2.50@2.75 per box. Tangerines and Blood oranges at $2.50 per half box. On trk. in car lots: California navels at $3.10@3.25; fancy, $2.85 for choice; $2.60 for good; $2.50@2.75 for seedlings—usual discount for off sizes.

LEMONS—Quote new Messina at $3 per box choice to $3.25@3.50 for fancy; California at $2.75 per box.

COCOANUTS—Quotable at $25 per 1,000; in a small way at $2 per bu.

CALIFORNIA PEARS—Quiet and steady. Quote at $2.50@3 per bushel box.

CALIFORNIA GRAPES—Firm at $10 per bbl. for Malaga; $4@12 for Tokay.

DRIED FRUIT—Quiet. Sun-dried quarters, apples, at 3@4c. Evaporated—Prime apples nominal from 4c to 5c; fancy dull at 5½c for sun-dried to 6c for bleached; chopps at 1½@2c.

POTATOES—Northern in bulk at 60@65c. Burbank at 52c for common to fair, 55@60c for choice to fancy; rural at 52c for common to fair and 55@60c for choice to fancy; fancy bright smooth Michigan at 60@65c; mixed at 50@55c; according to quality; red and white mixed at 50@52c; early rose at 60c for red and peerless 58@60c; Iowa stock at from 50@55c for sealby and peer to 50c for fair to choice rural. Minnesota and Dakota early rose at 50@52c; Red River worth 42c; triumph 45c bulk. Nebraska stock from 50@52c, according to quality; frozen, common, inferior, scabby and poor stock less.

ONIONS—Sound red globe at 75@80c; fancy 85@90c; yellow at from 60@65c for common to fair and for fancy—top rates dell; soft, sprouted, all rotted, inferior nominally less.

CABBAGE—General market lower. Old Holland 2c per lb. Texas $3@3.25. California $2.50 per crate. Mobile and New Orleans $2.50.

SAUERKRAUT—$1.75 per half bbl., $4.50 per bbl., small orders higher.

CELERY—California at from 45c to 75c per lb. and at $4 to $4.50 per crate trimmed. Celery hearts 50c per doz.

CAULIFLOWER—California lower at $2 per crate, home-grown $1 to $2.50 per bu. box.

CUCUMBERS—New Orleans 75@90c; small 25 @30c.

EGG PLANT—Florida at $4.50 per crate.

STOCK PEASE—On a basis of $1.35 per bu. for whippoorwill.

OKRA—Scarce. Cuban at $4@5 per 7-basket crate.

LETTUCE—Home-grown selling on orders at 50@60c per bu.; New Orleans $1@2.50.

SPINACH—New Orleans 25@35c; Arkansas 75c per bu.

RADISHES—New Orleans red 40@45c per doz. bunches; Texas 12½c to 15c.

TURNIPS—Home-grown sell on orders at 75c per bbl.; new Louisiana steady at $1.50@2 per bbl.

CARROTS—New Southern sell at 30c per doz. bunches. Northern 50c per bbl. Orders higher.

GREEN ONIONS—Alabama 15@15c per doz. bunches.

SWEET POTATOES—Scarce. Home-grown sell on orders at $2.25 per bbl. for red and yellow.

PARSNIPS—Texas quotable at $1 per bbl. Home-grown sell on orders at $1.25 per bbl.

RUTABAGAS—Steady; bulk at 45@50c per bu. bd.

HORSERADISH—Quote choice home-grown at $6.50 per bbl. on orders.

MUSHROOMS—Quotable at 40c to 50c per lb.

ASPARAGUS—Home-grown at $1@1.25 per doz. bund. bunches.

BRIERS—PEASE—Florida $3 per bu. hamper.

TOMATOES—Demand quiet; Florida $2.50 to $3 per 5-gal. case; culls and soft $1.25 to $2.

CUCUMBERS—New Orleans $1; small 25@50c.

BEETS—New Orleans 25@30c per doz.

STRING BEANS—Florida $4@4.50 per bu. box.

Miscellaneous Markets.

HIGHWINES—Selling on basis of $1.27.

SCRAP IRON AND METALS—Iron—Wrought 55c per 100 lbs.; heavy cast 50c; steel and malleable 40c. Metals—Copper 17c; heavy copper 15c; light 13c; heavy $12. Copper $12. Lead $4. Zinc $3. Pewter 45c.

COOPERSTUFFS—In car lots on trk.: Staves—Texas white oak 1 in. 25@27c; 7-in. $4; half bbl. $5; beer keg $19@16; hoop $5; pork bbl. $18. Heading, per set—No. 1 flour bbl. 5c; No. 2 do 4c; lard tc 15c; pork bbl. 12c. Shaved heads—Flour bbl. $104.50 for cooper, $3 for Hoosier; half bbl. $2; coiled elm 66 feet $10; oak lard tc, cooper-shaved $60@65; oak bbl. $5.

COOPERAGE—Lard tc, $1.13@1.20; pork bbls. 90c; slack work, round-hoop, flour bbls. 35@35c; flat-hoop do 28@32c; half bbls. 25c; meal bbls. 28c; produce bbls. 25c; apple 22c.

BROOMCORN—Nominally $120 to $160 per ton.

BEESWAX—Firm. Prime 25c per lb.

FEATHERS—Prime large—White 86c in small and 46c in large sks.; gray 36c; white, old 38@40c; X 28@32c; XX 21@25c; XXX 19@16c; XXXX 8@10c. Tare 3 per cent for large to 10 per cent for small sks. Duck—White 30@32c; dark 26@28c. Chicken—Big Turkey—Best tail 20c; wing 17c; wing, tail and pointers 13c; wing and tail 20c; wing and pointers 9c; pointers 5c.

DEERSKINS—Prime 24c per lb.; antelope 15c; fox 60@75c. Kids and lambs—Damaged out, Texas 8c.

ROOTS—Ginseng $3.50@3.80 per lb. for small to large; lady slipper 6c; Seneca 30c; pink 13½c; large golden seal 40@42c; May apple 2@2½c; snake 2½c; black 20@4c; angelica 20@25c; wahoo, bark of root 5c, bark of tree 20@22c; blood 2½c; bluflag 3c; skull cap 3½c.

SHEEP PELTS—Wool pelts at 60@81; lamb 25 @35c; shearling 5c to 15c. Dry shearling at 20@ 30. Tree or fallen pelts 10@12½c per lb.

WHITE BEANS—Quiet. Choice hand-picked pea beans on E. trk. held at $2.11; Lima $5.50@6 jobbing from store at $2.30.

HONEY—Comb nat. 16@12½c; white, inferior, dark and broken go for less. Extracted and strained in bbls. 6@8½c and in cans 1c per lb. higher.

LINSEED OIL—Per gal.: Raw at 58c; boiled at 59c; 1c per gal. less in car lots. Castor oil in bbls. per lb.—No. 1 12c; No. 3 10½c; small lots ½@1c per lb. more. Cottonseed oil—Summer yellow 38c; white 40c; winter yellow 40c.

THE COTTON MARKETS.

At Different Points Situation Changed for the Better—Closed Higher.

St. Louis, Tuesday, April 3, 1900.

There was a decided change for the better in the position of cotton to-day, and a general rise in values at all speculative markets. Liverpool opened uncertain and partly lower, but shortly improved, and closed from 1 to 1½ points higher on the old crop options and 1½ to 2 on the new. There was good buying at New York, and that market ruled steady to the close, which was 7 to 8 points better for the day for the near-by options, and 4 to 9 for the old crop options. The cash situation was but little changed.

New York—Liverpool private cables state the market declined on Continental selling, but impression prevails that trade interested abroad liquidated, and that higher prices are expected. Our market will doubtless open at a slight improvement in response to the steadiness of the Liverpool market. There has recently been very heavy liquidation in this market, and the speculative situation is consequently much improved.

Local market—Quiet. No sales.

Ordinary	8 1-16
Good ordinary	8 9-16
Middling	8 15-16
Low middling	8¾
Good middling	9⅛
Middling fair	9⅝

Tinges and stains ½@⅛c below white.

Bagging, per yd.—Eight, 6¾c; 2 lb. 7½c; 2¼ lb. 7½c. Iron cotton ties $1.30. Hemp twine 8c per lb.

Warehouse statement to-day:

	1899-1900.	1898-99.
Net receipts to-day	.....	1,000
Net receipts since Sept. 1	146,137	154,941
Net shipments to-day	386	2,631
Net shipments since Sept. 1	760,566	886,221
Gross receipts to-day	415	1,147
Gross shipments since Sept. 1	762,589	841,348
Stock on hand	67,793	90,081

Liverpool market—Spot in fair demand, and prices 1-32d lower; uplands 5½c; sales 10,000 bales; future opened quiet and steady; April 5 to 6-64d b.; April-May 5 7-64 s.; May-June 5 4-64 b.; June-July 5 2-64d s.; July-Aug. 4 63-64@5 1-64d b.; Aug.-Sept. 4 59-64@5 1-64d s.; Sept.-Oct. 4 29-64@4 31-64d b.; Oct.-Nov. 4 28-64d b.; Nov.-Dec. 4 27-64@4 29-64d b.; Dec.-Jan. 4 26-64d s.; Jan.-Feb. 4 26-64@4 28-64d b.

POULTRY.

Receipts Eleven Cars—Market Firm, Prices Higher.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, April 3.—Live poultry receipts today were 4 cars Western, 5 Southern, and 2 Southwestern. Market ruled steady to firm at an advance, as follows: Fowls—Fancy heavy Indiana files; other Western lbc; Southern and Southwestern 9c; chickens 9c; roosters 5@7c; turkeys, fair to good, 10@11c; ducks, Western prime, pair 75@85c; Southern and Southwestern 60c; geese, Western prime, pair $1.12@1.37; Southern and Southwestern 90c.

Dressed poultry receipts to-day 2,764 pkgs. Buyers operated very close to actual wants, and receivers remained steady in their views, and were not willing to shade prices except on fowls, where they showed heavy pressure to sell when they saw that the bulk of the goods. Invoices to hand show up moderate from all sections, and it is thought that with the Hebrew Passover next week, when considerable live fowls will be wanted, a much better feeling will prevail, so that the market is in a steady position. Prices for both fresh killed and frozen poultry to-day did not vary a fraction from quotations given yesterday.

Chicago Poultry Quotations.

Chicago, April 3.—Dressed poultry firm. Turkeys steady. Other poultry firm.

Butter, Cheese and Eggs.

New York, April 3.—Butter—Receipts 10,524 pkgs. unsettled; Western creamery 9@22c; factory 17@19c. Cheese—Receipts 2,998 pkgs.; market steady; fancy large white 12½@13; fancy large colored 12½c; fancy small white 12½@13c; small colored 12½c. Eggs—Receipts 13,811 pkgs.; market firm; Western at mark 11@12; Southern at mark 10@11½c.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

New York, April 3.—Flour—Receipts 23,130 bbls.; ex