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Price, McCormick & Co.'s Cotton Letter.

New York, April 7.—Price, McCormick & Co. say in their to-day's circular:

"The statistical position in cotton as revealed by the figures of this morning shows extraordinary strength. The stock at the ports is 150,000 bales less than last year. The stock at the interior towns is nearly 200,000 bales less than last year. The stock in Liverpool is 1,070,000 bales less than it was last year; the total stock being but little more than one-third of what it was last year. The receipts at the interior towns for the week promise to be almost nothing comparatively speaking, and the amount of cotton coming in sight for the month of April, as estimated by competent authorities, will not exceed 250,000 bales. The short interest in the New York market is enormous, being estimated at 500,000 bales for Aug. delivery alone, and over 1,000,000 bales of new crops. There is no pressure to sell actual spot cotton from any source; in fact, it is hard to buy, and the inquiries being received from American mills, both North and South, indicate that the extent to which they have supplied themselves has been grossly exaggerated. The visible supply towards the end of the year will probably be smaller than for twenty years, while consumption, unless checked by an advance in prices, will probably be double what it was in 1899. Under the circumstances, those who are fortunate enough to own cotton have only to wait to obtain very full prices for it. There seems to be a natural corner in cotton, which will be further aggravated by the complete crop failure in India and the small supplies available from Egypt. There is no attempt at artificial manipulation, so far as we are able to determine. The normal relation between an enormous demand and the small supply will probably result in extreme prices for the article. The sale of new crop deliveries seems to us a very perilous operation. At most, there is a profit of half a cent a pound in it, and should anything happen to the growing crop, there would be a loss of two or three cents a pound. The world will require a crop of 11,000,000 bales next year in order to prevent an advance in cotton to 9 or 10 cents.

PRICE, MCCORMICK & CO.

Saturday's financial quotations, local and foreign, will be found in Sunday's paper.

GRAIN MARKETS TAKE ANOTHER DROP.

BOTH WHEAT AND CORN CLOSED NEAR BOTTOM.

Trading Was of Small Proportions in All the Grains—Nothing Interesting Developed.

Office Republic,
Saturday, April 7, 1900.

Interest was not near so lively in wheat as it has been, and trading very much lighter. July opened 1-16c better at 67⅛c, but with many more sellers than buyers, the market soon declined to 67⅛@67¼c, May was offered ⅛@⅜c lower at 70½c and no buyers at that.

The brace up that corn took had a strengthening effect upon wheat, which gradually crawled up, but was a rather uninteresting market. There was no news of interest from abroad. Antwerp was quoted unchanged, as were English country markets for week. Clearances in flour and wheat were 359,000 bu. Complaints were more numerous of dry weather and its bad effects upon the plant, but the opinion also expressed that rains inside a week would revive the crop.

On the rally July sold at 67⅛c, and for new 70⅝@70½c was bid, but fell back on the usual last-day-of-the-week selling out by longs, and, with outside markets displaying weakness, July sold off to 67⅛@67¼c, and May was offered at 70½c, but these rates bid at close.

Cash market—Received 1,037 sks. and 18 cars local. Soft winter well sustained in price, though the demand limited. No sales from store, as elevator holders still demand 2c over May for No. 2 red f. o. b., and buyers will not pay that. By sample, on trk.—No. 2 red at 72@73c this, and not above 73c E. side; No. 3 red at 69@69½c, latter E. side; No. 4 winter at 62@63½c. Hard winter dead dull and lower; No. 2 hard at 64@65c; No. 3 do. at 62@63c. Spring dull at 64@64½c for No. 2 and 63c for No. 3 soft.

CORN—July opened 1-16c up at 39⅝c, but soon went off to 39⅛c, and May was offered ⅛c lower at 39⅝c. Receipts at Western markets were 351,000 bu., against 281,000 bu. one year ago, 150,400 bu. arriving at St. Louis, against 46,500 bu. last year. Shipments were 450,000 bu. from Western markets and 574,000 bu. from the seaboard. There was a stiff reaction from the early spell of weakness, and May sold up to 39c, and July to 39⅛c, but weakened off some late on realizing sales and declines elsewhere. At close May was offered at 39⅛c, and July had 39⅛c bid. Cash markets—Received, 32 cars local and 38 cars through. Steady and demand still excellent for shipment. 5,000 No. 2 yellow, 10,000 No. 2 white and 15,000 No. 2 at 39⅝c f. o. b. to 40c; No. 3 at 39½c; No. 4 at 37½c; No. 2 white at 40c.

OATS—Western markets received 320,000 bu., against 242,000 bu. a year ago—38,800 bu. at St. Louis, against 28,400 bu. last year—and shipped 176,000 bu. There were no exports.

No speculative trading at all and the future market entirely neglected most of the time. There were bids of 25¼c for May and 24@24½c for July.

Cash market—Received 47 cars local and 2 cars through. Easier and a quiet market. On track No. 2 at 25¼c; No. 3 at 25½c; No. 2 Northern at 26c; No. 2 white at 28½c, No. 3 do at 27¼@28c; No. 4 do at 27¼@27½c.

RYE—Firm, with No. 2 salable at 56c, No. 3 selling at 54c.

FLOUR—Steady, but very quiet, no export sales being reported, and but few domestic orders. Quotations on soft winter wheat flour as follows: Patents $3.50@3.60, extra fancy $3.20@3.30; straights $3.00@3.40; clear $2.75@3; low and medium $2@2.50; hard winter $2.25@2.75 for bakers; $2.60 to $2.80 for straights and $3 to $3.25 for patents, all in jute sks.

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

CORNMEAL—City meal $2.65@2.70, pearl meal, grits and hominy $2.90.

MILLFEED—Sld. from Prairie, bran worth 72c E. side and bulk 38@39c, with not much obtainable. At mill bran retails at 42@45c, and ships at 65c. Latest sales at mill of bran were at 38c in large and 40c in small lots, the demand taking all offered at these rates.

HAY—Received 408 tons local and 409 tons through; shipped 812 tons. Steady and firm, the medium and better grades selling readily and the latter in small supply. Best clover also in demand and a fair amount of prairie is being taken. Timothy $13 for choice; $11.50@12.50 for No. 1; $9.50@11 for No. 2; $8@9 for No. 3. Prairie, $8 for choice; $6.50@6.75 for No. 1; $5@6 for No. 2. Good to choice clover $10@12.

STRAW—Wheat, on trk., at $4.75.

LEAD—Market is entirely unchanged, with prices steady at $4.35 for soft Missouri and $4.37½ for chemical hard.

SPELTER—Strong and tending upward in price, as offerings small and sellers very stiff. Sales: 18 cars at $4.35, 4 at $4.37½.

GRASS SEEDS—Clover, $2.50 for poor to $7.50 for choice; red top, $6@7; German millet, $1.50; Hungarian, 90@95c; millet, $1.00 for white; timothy, $2@3.50.

FLAXSEED—Nominally $1.68.

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

HEMPSEED—$3 per 100 lbs.

STOCK PEASE—Whippoorwill, $1.20@1.25 per bu.

Prices on Change.

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

	Friday.	Range.	Saturday.	Closed. Saturday.
Wheat—April	72⅛ b		72⅛ b	72⅛ b
May	70⅝@70½ b		70⅝ b	70½ b
July	67⅛@67¼ b	67⅛@67¼	67⅛@67¼	67⅛@67¼ b
Corn—April	39⅝ b		39⅝ b	39⅝ b
May	39⅝ b	39⅝@39⅛	39⅛@39⅝	39⅝ b
July	39⅝@39⅝	39⅝@39⅛	39⅛@39⅝	39⅝ b
Oats—April	25⅛ b		25⅛ b	25⅛ b
May	25⅛ b	25⅛@25	25@25⅛	25⅛ b
July	25⅛ b		25⅛ b	25⅛ b

Cash wheat, corn and oats closed:

	Last Year.	Friday.	Saturday.
Wheat—No. 2 red	67@67½	72	72@73
No. 3 red	65@65½	69	69@69½
No. 4 winter	62@62½	62	62@63½
No. 2 hard	65@65½	65	64@65
No. 3 hard	63@63½	63	62@63
Corn—No. 2	38	39	39@39½
No. 3	37½@37¾	38	38@38½
No. 2 white	39@39½	39½@40	40
No. 3 white	38@38½	39½	39@39½
Oats—No. 2	24@24½	25	25@25½
No. 3	23@23½	24½	24@24½
No. 2 Northern	25@25½	26	26@26½
No. 2 white	27@27½	28½	28½
No. 3 white	26@26½	27½@28	27½@28
No. 4 white	25@25½	27½	27@27½

Movement of Grain.

Cities	Receipts Wheat.	Receipts Corn.	Shipments Wheat.	Shipments Corn.
St. Louis	16,878	126,400	14,000	23,000
Chicago	103,000	351,000	76,000	450,000
Toledo	14,000	32,400	3,000	5,000
Detroit	1,844	2,000		
Kansas City	82,000	25,000	21,000	17,000
Milwaukee	2,000	12,000	20,000	1,000
Minneapolis	194,000	14,000	209,000	000
Duluth	106,000	40,000	47,000	
New York	60,000	40,000		51,000
Baltimore	62,000	216,000		12,000
Philadelphia	2,000	12,000	4,000	105,000
Boston	2,000	46,000	2,000	46,000
New Orleans	7,000	26,000	4,000	81,000
Galveston	3,000	600	143,000	

Stocks of Grain in Store.

	To-day.	Yes'day.	Last yr.
Wheat	852,121	864,042	496,000
Corn	1,206,542	1,190,417	834,000
Oats	147,842	148,000	149,000
Rye	3,541	3,541	1,000
Barley	2,012	2,012	12,000
Contract Grades—			
No. 2 white	377,000	377,000	51,000
No. 2 hard	39,882	39,881	90,000
No. 2 red	79,000	604,281	74,000
No. 2 white corn	39,000	39,000	11,000
No. 2 oats	149,000	149,000	26,000
No. 2 barley	2,000	2,000	1,000

Shipments of Flour.

St. Louis, 7,000 bbls; Chicago, 41,000 bbls; Detroit, 500 bbls; Milwaukee, 12,000 bbls; Minneapolis, 62,000 bbls; New York, 4,000 bbls and 2,000 sks.; Baltimore, 16,000 bbls; New Orleans, 1,000 sks.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

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

The produce markets were generally dull and unchanged yesterday, as the local demand was very light and shipping demand limited. Receipts were fairly heavy and buyers seemed unwilling to take hold, except to supply their immediate requirements.

Potatoes were again dull and weak, as offerings of common and mixed stocks were heavy and the demand slow. Choice stock, however, is less plentiful and offerings are light. Receipts are lighter and the market is gradually getting in better shape.

Cabbage continues steady and unchanged. A large part of the receipts is heated or damaged stock, which is slow of sale and tends to depress prices.

Onions continue unchanged. Choice stock is in good demand, but most of the offerings are soft or sprouted and are slow of sale.

Tomatoes were active and firm yesterday. Receipts were light and the demand fairly active. Cucumbers and asparagus were active and firm. Spinach and kale were plentiful and lower. Cucumbers were weak, but potatoes were steady.

All kinds of early vegetables were active and firm.

Apples were in fair demand and very firm.

Stocks are nearly exhausted and offerings are very light. Choice fruit is wanted both by the local trade and for local account, but of stock is hard to sell.

Oranges continue in good demand and the market is firm.

Lemons were also firm.

Strawberries were weak and lower, as the receipts were the heaviest of the season and the demand only fair. Most of the arrivals were the berries and in good condition, but retail dealers have kept prices up so high that the consumption is restricted. Heavy receipts are expected from this time forward.

Other fruits were quiet and steady.

Live poultry was not in such active demand yesterday, as the local trade felt quite heavily. Receipts were light and shippers bought enough to prevent prices from declining.

Chickens were quiet, but turkeys were in fair demand and firm.

Ducks and geese were quiet and unchanged.

Dressed poultry was dull and weak, as the weather is unfavorable and buyers prefer live stock.

Choice smooth young undrawn stock, with head and legs on, is salable, but nothing else is wanted.

Game was more plentiful and the market weak.

Veals were dull and weak, as receipts were fairly heavy and the demand slow.

Furs continue dull and weak. Offerings are mostly inferior quality, and the demand is slow.

Wool continues dull and nominal. Dealers are looking for lower prices, but the season has hardly opened.

Hides were in fair demand and the market steady and unchanged.

Eggs.

The market was firm at unchanged prices. Offerings were light and the demand good. Choice fresh stock sold at 9 cents a dozen, loss off. Duck eggs were steady at 12½ cents, and goose eggs at 35 cents.

Receipts at St. Louis yesterday were 7,343 cases; shipments 4,615 cases.

Dairy Products.

Butter—The market was dull and weak on all grades of butter yesterday, as offerings were liberal and the demand slow. Quotations: Creamery Extra 20c; first 18@19c; seconds 16@17c; Dairy Extra 16@17c; first 14@15c; seconds 12@13c; Ladle packed Extra 15c; firsts 12@13c; seconds 10@11c; Country Store packed Extra 12@13c; firsts 10@11c; seconds 8@9c.

Cheese—Quiet and easy at 12½c singles, 12½c Y. A. cheddars, Twins sells at 9@9½c, N. Y. A. Stilton N. Y. full cream 12½c, Limburger 11@12c, Swiss Native, block 16@18c. Foreging are jobbing prices from store.

Provisions.

Pork—Market steady and unchanged; f. o. b. sold at $10 for clear and at $9.50 for mess; Jobbing at $10.50 for clear and $10 for mess. Cut meats—Market steady and unchanged; jobbing prices from store: Smoked hams, 12@12½c; smoked shoulders, 8@8½c; smoked bacon, 12@12½c; California hams, 8@8½c; boiled hams, 20@21c; boiled shoulders, 11@12c; picnic boiled hams, 9@9½c; dry salt clear sides, 8@8½c; dry salt shoulders, 7½@8c; Lard—Market steady and unchanged; jobbing prices from store: Refined, in tierces, 7½c; compound, in tierces, 6½c; kettle, in tierces, 8c; pure, in tierces, 8½c; kettle, in 50-lb. tins, 9c; pure, in 50-lb. tins, 9½c.

Hides.

Market steady and unchanged. Quotations: Green Hides, No. 1, 6 lbs. and over, 7½c; No. 2, 6 lbs. and over, 6½c; No. 1, 60 lbs. and under, 7½c; No. 2, 60 lbs. and under, 6½c; Green Salted Hides, 50 lbs. and over, 7½c; Green Salted Hides, 50 lbs. and under, 8c; Bulls, 6c; Stags, 5c; Dry Flint Hides, 12c; Dry Salted Hides, 8c; Dry Salted Bulls, 6c; Dry Salted Stags, 5c; Dry Flint Bulls, 8c; Dry Flint Stags, 6c; Dry Flint Deacons, 6c; Dry Flint Cows, 10c; Dry Flint Calf, 12c; Dry Salted Calf, 14c; Dry Salted Kip, 12c; Dry Flint Kip, 12c; Green Salted Kip, 8c; Green Salted Calf, 8c; Shearlings, 10@15c; Tallow, Prime, 4c; Tallow, No. 2, 3c; Grease, 2c.

Wool.

Market unchanged and demand light; season nearly over.

Bagging—No. 1 large ... 24; No. 1 medium ... 25; Medium ... 26; Small & seconds ... 28; No. 1 ... 29; No. 2 ... 31; Burlap—Market dull and nominally unchanged; jobbing prices from store: Burlap, 1 yard wide, 4c; 1¼ yards wide, 5c; 2 yards wide, 10c; 2½ yards wide, 12½c; 3 yards wide, 15c; 4 yards wide, 20c; 6 yards wide, 30c; 8 yards wide, 40c; Tow Sacks, 2 pounds, 20c; Cotton Sacks, 2 pounds, 22c; Wool Sacks, 2 pounds, 40c.

Poultry, Game and Veals.

LIVE POULTRY—Market unchanged. Turkeys, 8@9c; geese, 60@70c per head; young Chickens, 16@18c; old Roosters, 9c; broilers, 22@25c; ducks, 8@9c. Live pigeons, 60@75c per doz.; Dressed Chickens, 12@14c; Turkeys, 10@12c; young Turkeys, 12@14c; Ducks, 12@14c; Geese, 8@9c; Pigeons, 75c per doz.; Squirrels, $1.25@1.50 per doz.; Rabbits, 75c per doz.; Venison, 10@12c per lb.; Veals, 7@8½c per lb.

DRESSED POULTRY—Market quiet and easy. Weights of dressed stock, old and young, with heads and feet on: Turkeys, fine heavy, nominally 10c; ordinary, 8@9c; Chickens, fine heavy, 12@13c; ordinary, 10@11c; Ducks, 12@13c; Geese, 8@9c.

GAME—Prairie chickens, $3.50 per doz.; Quail, $1.50 per doz.; Squirrels, 75c per doz.; Rabbits, 75c per doz.; Venison, 10@12c per lb.

VEALS—Choice to fancy, 8@8½c per lb.; fair to good, 7@7½c; inferior to common, 6@7c; Saddles, 10@12c; Fancy Calves, 8@8½c per lb.

Fruits and Vegetables.

APPLES—Eastern Baldwins at $2.75 for No. 2 to $3.00 for fancy; mixed varieties at $2.50 for No. 2 to $3.00 for fancy; mixed varieties at $2.75 for No. 2 to $3.00@3.25 for No. 1; fancy willowtwig at $3.50; Western Ben Davis at $2.50@2.75; Jonathan at $3.25@3.50; Grandmother Bliss, sporting at $3.50@3.60 for No. 2 to $3.75 for fancy.

STRAWBERRIES—Choice Florida quotable at 15@20c per quart in refrigerator cars.

ORANGES—In a jobbing way from store, navel oranges: Medium to Fancy size box, at $2.50 per box; California navels, bulk sizes, at $2.50 per box; Mediterranean sweets, bulk sizes, at $2@2.25 per box; Tangerines and blood oranges at $2.50 per half box. On trk. in car lots: California navels at $1.50@1.75 for ordinary to $2 for choice; $2.25 for standard; $2.50 for extra fancy; $2.75 for fancy; $3 for extra fancy and choice.

LEMONS—Fair new Messina at $4 per box; choice to $4.50@5 for fancy; California at $2.75 per box.

CALIFORNIA TOTS—Quotable at $2 per box; in a small way at $2.25 per box.

MALAGA GRAPES—Firm at $10 per bbl. for fancy.

DRIED FRUIT—Quiet. Quotations as follows: Evaporated apples, fancy, 9@9½c; Evaporated apples, choice, 8@8½c; Evaporated apples, prime, 7@7½c; Evaporated apples, fair, 6@6½c; Sun-dried apples, 5@5½c; Prunes, 6@7½c; Apricots, 8@9c; Peaches, 5@6c; Nectarines, 7@8c; Pears, 5@6c; Plums, 5@6c; Blackberries, 4@5c; Cherries, 7@8c; Raspberries, 12@13c; Pitted Cherries, 12@13c; Pitted Plums, 7@8c; Pitted Prunes, 7@8c; Pitted Prunes, 5@6c; Pitted Prunes, 3@4c; Pitted Prunes, 2@3c; Peaches, 3@4c; Peaches, 2@3c; Peaches, 1@2c; Apples, 2@3c; Apples, 1@2c; Nectarines, 3@4c; Nectarines, 2@3c; Nectarines, 1@2c; Blackberries, 2@3c; Blackberries, 1@2c; Raspberries, 3@4c; Raspberries, 2@3c; Raspberries, 1@2c; Cherries, 3@4c; Cherries, 2@3c; Cherries, 1@2c; Plums, 3@4c; Plums, 2@3c; Plums, 1@2c; Peaches, 3@4c; Peaches, 2@3c; Peaches, 1@2c; Apples, 3@4c; Apples, 2@3c; Apples, 1@2c; Nectarines, 3@4c; Nectarines, 2@3c; Nectarines, 1@2c; Blackberries, 3@4