GRAIN MARKETS MAKE GOOD ADVANCES.

WHEAT ADVANCED ON STRONG FOREIGN NEWS.

Corn Exhibited an Undertone of Weakness Early, but Closed With a Slight Gain.

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There was little or no signs of weakness in grain at the opening this morning, the different markets starting off encouragingly for the bulls and developing considerable strength during the first hour, their actions indicating that there was still sufficient bullishness underlying the general situation to justify a reaction, especially as the conditions in most cases favored such a course. The bullish feeling was in the ascendant throughout the day and it was comparatively an easy matter to elevate prices, the bulls showing more aggressiveness and meeting with little opposition from the bears or the character of the news and conditions. The high-priced rock the lead today in point of strength, encountering but slight opposition to its upward movement, but the cheaper grains were less bullishly inclined. The success of the bulls naturally put more life into pit operations and things were pretty lively at times during the day, and the volume larger than on yesterday. The different markets held up well, and especially wheat, which closed with a good net gain for the day, while corn improved slightly, but oats practically the same as yesterday.

The belief with many traders on Change this morning that the regular monthly Government report to be issued after the session would prove bearish, could not check bullish enthusiasm, or prevent this market from scoring a good net gain. The wet weather last night and this morning tempted a few venturesome spirits to sell right at the outset, in the belief that the drought had been broken, but it was soon discovered that the rains were only local, none being reported east of here. What changed the views of traders, however, were advices from the other side of the water, their tone indicating very plainly that foreigners were feeling uneasy over crop conditions. Liverpool and London were reported but 1d off notwithstanding our weak close yesterday, and Paris was ½@¾c higher. The opening here for July was at ⅛c decline at 67⅝c, but this was followed by a quick recovery to 67¾c. May opening at 70½c and having 70⅝c bid. The declining tendency of corn and the fact that receipts at primary markets hold up remarkably well considering the season of the year, 68,000 bu. arriving at winter wheat points, against 40,000 bu. last year, including 26,000 bu. locally, against 6,000 bu. a year ago, while the Northwest received 359 cars, against 185 last year. These two facts had a bright weakening tendency, although July did not go below 67⅝c and May had sellers at 70⅝@70¾. The bears did not maintain their advantage long, however, as the advices from abroad on Continental crops came in so bullish that there was an immediate rally in the markets of America. Bradstreet's reported an advance there equal to 2½c. Liverpool showed no change from its early loss, but Antwerp lost its ⅝c improvement of yesterday and Berlin was ⅝c lower. The day's export clearances were small at 44,000 bu. Still, in spite of these unfavorable factors, the feeling here was strong, and, while the buying was by no means heavy, owing to the fears that the Government report would prove bearish, the tendency of the market was upward, and before noon July sold at 67⅞c and for May 70⅝@¾c was bid.

Some little doubt was cast upon Bradstreet's report, and it was given very little attention. According to the figures, there was a decrease of 477,000 bu. in the world's visible, against 320,000 bu. decrease a year ago, and indicating a decrease outside the regular visible of 2,758,000 bu., and about 2,000,000 bu. increase in European supplies. Our wheat sagged off some, July selling at 67⅝c, but this was owing to a lack of buying, so that later, when it revived, that option went to 68c, and May sold at 71c. Near the close the market dropped back to 67⅝c for July, at which it closed, the same as yesterday. May, on the other hand, closed ⅛c higher for the day, at the sellers, and April was nominally ½c better, at 71⅛c.

The Government report on winter wheat, issued late to-day, estimates the average condition for April as 82.1. This is a decline of 15 points since Dec. 1, 14½ lower than April last year, and which is estimated to indicate a yield of 431,000,000 bu., as compared with a yield of 229,654,000 bu. last year.

The local corn situation to-day, and particularly after the opening, was not near so bullish as it has been of late, and the prices paid were comparatively small. The arrivals here were large, at over 230,000 bu., compared with 47,000 bu. last year. Again cables were not as bullish as they have been, nor were there any reports of the other side accepting our offers as freely as they have been doing. Liverpool was ½d lower, and London reported cargoes off coast easy for American wheat. The total receipts at Western markets amounted to 700,000 bu., against 958,000 bu. a year ago, and shipments were 351,000 bu., while export clearances were 383,000 bu. According to Bradstreet's figures, there was an increase of 1,204,000 bu. in the available supplies last week, whereas the regular visible increase was 1,461,000 bu. All the markets of this country had a very encouraging opening. Our own was firm, with July selling ⅛c higher, at 38⅛c, and May 38⅝c bid. The lower cables and large receipts together with Bradstreet's report, caused a weaker feeling, and May sold off to 38⅛c and July to 38c, which was exactly where they closed yesterday. They were afterwards offered at 38⅛@⅜c and 37⅞@38c, respectively. At the end of the session drew near there was a well-defined change for the better, and for the rest of the day this grain showed some of its old strength, July sold up to 38½c, and at the close was ⅛c higher for the day, at 38⅜c. For May 38⅜@⅜c was bid, but it was offered ⅛c better for the day, at 38⅝c. April closed nominally ⅛c lower, at 38½c.

The receipts at Western markets of oats were 490,000 bu., against 354,000 bu. last year, 61,200 bu. arriving here, against 43,200 bu. a year ago. Total shipments were 259,000 bu. and exports 10,000 bu. Bradstreet's available was decreased 62,000 bu., leaving the regular visible decreased 82,000 bu. Outside of a light speculative inquiry for July, the market was dull and neglected. Late a sale was made in the above at 24c, which was ⅛@¼c up for the day, and at which it closed. May was unchanged at 23c bid, and April nominal at 23½c.

Trade Gossip.

The Montreal Star says 60,000 more acres were prepared for wheat in Manitoba than the year before, and seeding began on April 8, with the land in fine condition. It is estimated that this year's crop will exceed that of 1899 by over 2,500,000 bu., and the oat crop will show an increase of 800,000 bu.

The Michigan State report says fully half the correspondents report damage during March, and it is uncertain how much recovery would be possible with good weather. The condition of the plant on April 1 is estimated at 84, against 92 a year ago and 98 two years ago.

In answer to cable inquiries sent last night by D. R. Francis & Bro., their Liverpool correspondent cabled: "French prospects unfavorable. Indian prospects very bad. Their Paris answer read: "Crop in ground backward, causing anxiety."

Henry Burg's son, who travels through Indiana for the Simmons Hardware Company, writes from La Porte: "The farmers say the wheat crop will be a complete failure in this section."

Liverpool received for three days past 368,000 bu. wheat, including 191,000 bu. American, and 213,000 bu. corn; these very much larger than same period last year.

Pluck, Son & Newman of Gloucester, England, under date of March 30, say they do not look for more than a large average crop in France at best, but reserves very heavy.

Government crop report issued to-day gave the condition of winter wheat and rye, on December 1 last the condition of wheat was 97, and a year ago 77.9.

A letter from Kemper, in Jersey County, Illinois, to Morton & Co., says: "Dry weather is killing the wheat very fast, on hilly land. The winter hurt it badly on the points and hill sides, and it is now dying rapidly."

Paris cable reads: "Weather continues cold. Large area in Northern provinces being plowed up and resown to rye and beets."

Broomhall cables that, notwithstanding reopening of navigation in Southern Russia, the shipments from that country are likely to continue small.

A Monett, Mo., telegram to Brinson-Judd Grain Company says: "Heavy general rain all over Frisco territory—one to two inches. Now colder."

Chicago storage rates on grain are to be changed May 15, and charged at the rate of one-fortieth cent a bu. per day after the first ten days. After January 1 next this rate will be reduced to one-fiftieth cent per day. This is equal to a saving of 1½c on 3,000 bu. from present methods of computing storage in ten-day periods.

Members of the New York Cotton Exchange have decided to close the Exchange on Good Friday and on the Saturday following. The Liverpool Cotton Exchange will be closed on Good Friday, Saturday and Monday.

Cash Grain, Flour, Etc.

WHEAT—Cash market: Receipts, 22,400, and 32 cars local. Little soft winter received, most the wheat is being hard, and small receipts could be called really desirable, but demand light and no premiums obtainable. No sample at late. No 2 red not suitable above for this city or elsewhere. No 3 red sold at 69c for low and 72½c for [illegible]. No 4 red nominally [illegible]. No 2 hard sold on track at 69c, later 69 and 69½c, and No 3 hard sold on track at 68c, later 67 and 67½c. No 4 hard at 65@66c. No 2 spring nominally [illegible]. No 3 spring [illegible].

OATS—Cash market received 46 cars local and 5 [illegible]. Fair to good shipping demand for No 2 white, but for local demands very small and buyers commencing for decline on the 15th. No 2 at 26c. No 3 at 25½@25¾c. No 2 Northern at [illegible]. No 3 white sold at 25½c. No 2 yellow at 25½c. No 3 yellow at 25c. No 2 white at 24½c, and No 3 white at 24c. No 2 mixed at [illegible].

RYE—Cash market received 6 cars local and 5 [illegible]. Fair to good shipping demand for No 2 nominally [illegible]. No 3 at 56c, and [illegible] buyers commencing for decline on the 15th. No 2 at 56c. No 3 at 55½c. No 2 Northern at [illegible]. No 2 white sold at 58c. No 2 yellow at 57½c. No 2 oats at 57½c. No 3 at 57c.

HAY—Prices differences small, but as it is the demand are [illegible] order coming in, quotable No 1 timothy at [illegible] and [illegible].

FLAXSEED—Offered in a parcel of supposed [illegible] be equal to seed, and sold at 99c, the demand from crush, and the market was a dull one [illegible].

MILLFEED—Winter wheat bran as follows: Put up in 200-lb sacks, [illegible] per ton; mixed [illegible] and straight [illegible] for delivery, [illegible] for straights, and $1 to $1.25 for purchases, all in [illegible].

FLOUR—Quoted at $2.85 to $3.25, and $3.50 to $4.50.

CORNMEAL—Quoted at $3.60@3.65 per barrel, [illegible] and bulk $3.40.

MILLSTUFFS—Market bids firm at $16 for fine grades, [illegible] for bran, and $18 for mixed. Retail from store at $16.50 and sight at [illegible].

Prices on Change.

The following tables show the range of prices in futures and cash grains:

	Closed Yesterday	Range Monday	Closed Monday
Wheat—April	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
May	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
July	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Corn—April	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
May	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
July	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oats—April	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
May	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
July	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Cash wheat, corn and oats ranged:

	Low Yesterday	High Yesterday	Low Monday	High Monday
Wheat—No 2 red	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
No 3 red	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
No 2 hard	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
No 3 hard	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
No 2 spring	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
No 3 spring	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
No 2 white	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
No 3 white	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Corn—No 2	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
No 3	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
No 2 yellow	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
No 3 yellow	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
No 2 white	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
No 3 white	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oats—No 2	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
No 3	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
No 2 white	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
No 3 white	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
No 2 mixed	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
No 3 mixed	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Movement of Grain.

Cities	Receipts Wheat	Receipts Corn	Shipments Wheat	Shipments Corn
St Louis	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chicago	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Toledo	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Detroit	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kansas City	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Milwaukee	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Minneapolis	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Duluth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
New York	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Baltimore	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Philadelphia	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Peoria	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
New Orleans	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Galveston	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Stocks of Grain in Store.

	To-day	Yesday	Last yr.
Wheat	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Corn	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oats	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rye	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Barley	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Contract grades—			
No 2 red	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
No 2 hard	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
No 2 corn	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
No 2 white oats	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
No 2 rye	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
No 2 barley	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Shipment of Flour.

St. Louis, 11,000 bbls; Chicago, 18,800 bbls; Detroit, 800 bbls; Milwaukee, 2,000 bbls; Minneapolis, 31,200 bbls; New York, 1,964 bbls and 10,931 sks; Baltimore, 3,500 bbls; Boston, 903 bbls, and 30 sks; New Orleans, 500 sks.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

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

The produce markets were generally quiet and unchanged yesterday, as the bad weather kept [illegible] away, and the shipping demand was light. Receipts were generally light, but the demand was also light. Prices were well sustained.

Potatoes continue dull and steady. There is a limited demand for choice smooth straight eating varieties, but common mixed and inferior stock is hard to sell except at very low prices. Receipts were light, but offerings of common stock continue heavy. Good sweet potatoes are dull and sell only to a small extent for table or canning purposes.

Cabbage was not so plentiful yesterday, and choice solid stock was scarce, firm and higher. Receipts were light, but there still is considerable heated and damaged stock offered, which sells very slowly.

Onions continue scarce and firm. There is a good demand for choice globes, but most of the offerings are smaller grades.

Tomatoes were scarce and firm. The demand continues fairly active, and offerings were light.

Celery and cauliflower were scarce and firm, and spinach, kale and cucumbers were less plentiful and in better demand.

All kinds of early vegetables were scarce, firm and in good demand.

Apples continue scarce and firm. Choice fruit is in good demand, but stocks are light, and most of the offerings are off stock, which is not wanted.

Oranges continue firm and in good demand. Offerings are light and the consumption is steadily increasing.

Lemons were firm at yesterday's advance, as the demand is most and offerings light.

Strawberries were dull and slow yesterday, as the unfavorable weather tended to restrict the demand. Receipts were light, but there was considerable held over stock offered, and the market was weak.

Other fruits were quiet and steady.

Live poultry was in good demand yesterday and the market was firm. Receipts were in the market for all the chickens that were offered, and there was a good demand for spring chickens. Some of the offerings, however, were too small, and only those weighing one pound or more were wanted.

There was a good local demand for turkeys. Ducks were in the same demand, but geese were dull and slow.

Dressed poultry was dull and unchanged. There was a fair demand for choice undrawn stock with head and feet on, on account of the scarcity of live poultry, but old or rough stock was not wanted.

Game was quiet and steady. Demand was confined to choice stock, and most of the receipts were in bad condition.

Wild game was firm in demand and the market steady and unchanged. Receipts were moderate.

Fish were quiet and unchanged. Receipts were light and generally of poor quality, but the demand was also light.

Eggs were firm and steady. Buyers are holding off, but receipts are still very light.

Hides were quiet and steady, with the demand about equal to the offerings.

Eggs.

There was no change in the market yesterday, as the demand was equal to the offerings, and choice fresh eggs were firm at 9½c a doz., loss off.

Dark eggs were in good demand at 12½c, and generally were steady at 12c a doz.

Receipts of eggs for St. Louis yesterday were 38,208 cases, and shipments 8,780 cases.

Dairy Products.

Butter—The market was dull and weak on all kinds of creamery yesterday, as offerings were liberal and the demand slow, but other kinds were steady. Quotations: Creamery—Extra 21c; firsts 20c; seconds 18c. Dairy—Extra 19@19c; firsts 18@17c; grease 14@8c. Process—Extra 19c. Lard—Packed—Extra 9c; firsts 8c. Country—Near-by roll 16c; further roll 15@16c; packed 12c.

Cheese—Quotations: Missouri—Single lipped, Y. A. 12½c; Illinois Twins, twenty-pound, 12½c; Y. A. 12½c; Swiss—Full cream 12½c; Limburger 12½c; Swiss market—Brick 11@12½c. Foreigns are holding prices from store.

Provisions.

Pork—Market steady and unchanged; f. o. b. sold 12½c ask at $13 the slide at 13½ to $13.50, and higher; E. side prime steam $.80; choice $.85.

Green Hams—Car lots f. o. b. E. side: Hams—10c and 20c ask. Skinned hams 22@24½c, as to average. Bacon—Clear bellies 11¾c. California 9¾c, as to average. New York shoulders 6¾c. From the block, delivery March 9@9¾c, as to average; bellies 9¾@9¾c. New York shoulders 6c. Dry salt—Bids 7½c, asked 7¾c, in a jobbing way. Extra shorts 7¾c; ribs 7¾c; clear ribs 7¾c; bellies 8¼@8¾c. Dealers charge higher on small orders.

Boxed Shoulders—Are made in a jobbing way: Breakfast bacon 8½c for heavy, to 10½c to 20½c for fancy light. Hams 12½c to 13½c; California Hams 9c to 9½c. New York shoulders 7½c. Plain smoked boil meats, jobbing: Extra shorts 8½c; ribs 8½c; clear sides 7½c; bellies 8¼@9½c, as to average; plates 7c. Dealers charge higher on orders.

Country Lard—Due to 6c according to quality and package.

Country Bacon—Fair average prices, uniformly cut and well smoked: Shoulders at 6c to 6½c; sides at 6½c to 7c; hams at 9c to 10c. Most of the lots irregularly cut and poorly handled—these sell on their merits.

Tallow—Country, No. 1 5½c; No. 2 4¾@5c; packers' either grade 4½c.

Grease—Quiet. Brown 3c; yellow 3½c; white 3½c; packers' choice white 5@5½c; yellow 4½@4¾c; brown 3½@3½c.

Bed—On orders: Mild—Mess $8.50; Fulton market $9.50; tongues at $8 per doz.; dried at $11.50 to $12.

Poultry, Game and Veals.

LIVE POULTRY—Market unchanged. Turkeys—Average receipts 10c; heavy toms 7c. Chickens—Hens 13c; young; and heavy roosters 8c; broilers 12@13c. Ducks 8c. Live pigeons 75c per doz. Geese 7@8c. Spring chickens quoted at $2.50@3.50. Plucked geese 9c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Market quiet and nominal. We quote as follows: Scalded and undrawn, with heads and feet on: Turkeys—Hens 10c; gobblers 8c. Chickens—Choice fresh 9@9½c; roosters 5c. Ducks—Fed 8c. Geese 6@6½c.

GAME—Ducks out of season. Jacksnipe $1.35. Frog legs $1.75 per doz. Sandpipers 25c.

VEALS—Choice to fancy 8½@8¾c per lb.; fair 8@8c; heavies, rough and thin 7@7½c. Sheep—Quotable at 3½@4½c; thin ewes and bucks 2½@3c; choice fat spring lambs $1 to $1.50 per head, fall lambs 4@5½c.

Wool.

Market dull and lower.

Missouri & Illinois—		Coarse & low	14@15
Med. combing	20@21	Fine medium	16@18
Med. clothing	19	Light fine	15@16
Braid & low	18@19	Heavy fine	12½@17
Burry and clear		Sh. hard burry	11½
mixed	17@18	Dakota & Western—	
Burry	15@16	Bright med.	19
Hard burry	12½@14	Dark medium	16@17
Light fine	15@16	Fine medium	16@17
Heavy fine	13@14	Light fine	15@18
Wisconsin & Iowa—		Heavy fine	12½@17
Bright med.	19	Arkansas—	
Fine medium	17	Med. staples	20
Dark	17@18	Med. clothing	17@18
Fine	17@18	Burry	14@15
Kansas & Nebraska—		Hard burry	12
Bright med.	19	Fall clip	17@18
Dark medium	17@18	Pulaskis—	
Fine medium	17	No 1	22
Light fine	15@16	No 2	20
Heavy fine	13@14	No 3	17@18
Aroura coast	16@20	Black, from 25 to 50 per ct less than above prices.	
Ind., I. T. & South—			
Medium	19		
Fall clip	17@18		

Furs.

Market unchanged and demand light—season drawing near.

Raccoon—		No 1 prime	[illegible]
No 1 large	[illegible]	Opossum—	
No 1 med.	[illegible]	No 1	[illegible]
Small & seconds	[illegible]	No 2	[illegible]
No 2	[illegible]	Coon—	
No 3	[illegible]	No 1	[illegible]
Mink—		No 2	[illegible]
No 1 large	[illegible]	Red fox—	
No 1 medium	[illegible]	No 1	[illegible]
Small & seconds	[illegible]	No 2	[illegible]
No 2	[illegible]	Cross fox—	
No 3	[illegible]	No 1	[illegible]
Skunk—		No 2	[illegible]
Black	[illegible]	Otter—	
Short stripe	[illegible]	No 1 large	[illegible]
Medium stripe	[illegible]	No 1 medium	[illegible]
Broad stripe	[illegible]	No 2	[illegible]
Texas gourd	[illegible]	Fisher—	
Cottontail	[illegible]	No 1	[illegible]
All blue or mixtures	[illegible]	No 2	[illegible]
Wild cat	[illegible]	Bear—	
House cat	[illegible]	Badger	[illegible]
Muskrat—		Muskrat	[illegible]
Winter (fall)	[illegible]	Muskrat	[illegible]

Fruits and Vegetables.

APPLES—Russets at $4 for fancy; fair to choice, $3@3.50; Baldwins, $3@3.50; Greenings, $3@3.50; Ben Davis, $3@3.50; Jonathans, $3@3.50; Spitzenberg, $3@3.50; Northern Spies, $3@3.50; Romanites, $3@3.50; Winesaps, $3@3.50; Stayman's Winesaps, $3@3.50; Gravenstein