A GOOD REACTION AND GENERAL ADVANCE.

WHEAT AND CORN SHOWED SIGNS OF STRENGTH.

The Cheaper Cereal Exhibited the Greatest Strength and Gained Most in Price.

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There was not much that was encouraging from a bull standpoint this morning, but later they were rewarded for their faith in the outcome, the speculative markets all showing evidence of strength and gaining considerably in price. There was not much change of any kind in the position of the different markets during the earlier hours, but such as there was indicated by their actions the feeling shown and the tendency of prices that there was a much better feeling underlying the situation. Aside from this there was little that could be construed as bright or encouraging in the outlook. Dealings were small, traders showing a disposition to await further developments, in consequence of which the dullness so conspicuous yesterday was once again a feature that could not be overlooked. This state of affairs continued with hardly any interruption until well after meridian, when the strength underlying the situation came boldly to the surface and more animation was witnessed in pit operations.

Owing to the weakness at the other leading markets, the mild, sunshiny and spring-like weather, and the fact that there was little that could be considered as bullish in the earlier advices, wheat traders here were a little doubtful about the future course of prices, and were inclined to await later developments. Before the opening of trade this morning there were some who feared a decline, but it was but a very short time after the regular opening that bullish traders were greatly encouraged by the undertone of strength existing in spite of the unfavorable conditions prevailing, and the courage and confidence of the wavering ones was restored. About the only information that was in any way bullish came from the other side, and was to the effect that the chief markets there were unchanged, though, so far as cash was concerned, they were dull. The crop situation on this side showed no change, the Middle West and Texas alone making complaints, while the prospects in the Southwest were said to be absolutely perfect. Receipts continue to show up well, and especially in the Northwest, where they were 364 cars, or nearly double those of last year. Locally the arrivals were 8,800 bushels, as against 12,000 bushels a year ago.

There was but little disposition shown to sell early, and this fact emboldened the bulls and caused so much uneasiness among the shorts that a good, firm start was made. The May option was particularly strong, and opened 5c better at 68⅝c, and it was long before it sold at 70c, which was at 5c premium, while July, which was about even with Chicago, sold at 66⅝c to 66⅞c. As on yesterday, there was no encouragement to be obtained from Continental markets—Berlin being off ⅛c and Buda-Pesth ⅛c, and a private cable said that Antwerp had declined 1¼c on heavy Argentine offerings. As for the export clearances from America, they were insignificant at 128,000 bu. Bradstreet's report was only moderately bullish, it showing 968,000 bu. decrease in the stock of the world, as compared with increase last year of 3,772,000 bu., which would indicate an increase outside of the visible of 509,000 bu.

The markets of this country held up remarkably well, in the face of the lack of speculative activity and some unfavorable news, July selling as high as 66⅝@⅔c. The market commenced to ease off after this, and May went back to 68⅝c and to 68c for July. It was the self-same old story as regards the general cash situation; that is to say, it was dull and unsatisfactory, with nothing satisfactory about it. Nevertheless, the markets of the country rallied and showed firmness late, and here the July option sold up to 66⅞c and closed for better for the day at 66⅞c buyers. May closing ⅛@⅛c higher at 68⅞@⅞c bid and April nominally ⅛c better at 68⅝c.

The claims made by certain traders last week that there would soon show a material falling off in the receipts of corn the present week appears to be about verified, especially if the arrivals at different markets this morning are to be considered in proof. Of course, this meant only one thing, and that was a resumption of the strength, which a short time ago was so conspicuous. There were other bullish influences to be considered, however, this morning, one of the most influential being the Liverpool cables, which reported an advance there of 1d, next to which were reports that the weather was not just exactly the right thing for planting. The receipts to-day at Western points were 338,000 bu., against 354,000 bu. last year, including 41,300 bu. locally, against 38,200 bu. a year ago. The shipments were 1,479,000 bu., but from the seaboard but 37,000 bu. According to Bradstreet's figures, the available supply decreased 15,000 bu., against 2,762,000 bu. one year ago, which is an increase of 26,000 bu. at points outside of the regular visible.

The opening here was ¼@¼c better for May at 37⅝c and ⅛c higher for July at 36c. This, however, proved only to be a starter, the upward movement continuing until May touched 38c and July 36⅝c and for the former there were buyers at 38⅛c. The full strength in May was not sustained, that option relapsing to 37¾c sellers, but the market as a whole moved toward a higher level later and 38⅛c was finally bid for May, though that was asked at the close, and which was 5@7½c higher for the day. The closing dealings in July were at ⅛c up for the day at 36⅝c, and April closed nominally ⅛c better at 38⅛c.

Western market receipts of oats this morning were reported at 221,000 bu., against 405,000 bu. a year ago, 27,000 bu. arrived locally, a like amount last year. The shipments were 405,000 bu. and exports 14,000 bu. Bradstreet's reported a decrease of 1,074,000 bu. in the available, where the regular visible decreased 242,000 bu.

The speculative market for oats was firm, but there was no trading, the attention of operators being centered in corn and wheat. There was no changes of importance in values, and April closed nominally at 24⅝c, May bid 24⅛c and July ⅛c better at 23c bid.

Trade Gossip.

—Receipts of wheat at Liverpool for last three days were 397,000 bu., of which only 23,000 bu. was American. Corn receipts were 171,000 bu.

—Some of the corn owing to D. R. Francis & Bro. on May contract has already been delivered them, and to-day they began loading 100,000 bu. onto the barges for export to Europe.

—Advices now and then something comes from the stricken State of Ohio to indicate that all is not woe with its wheat crop. One farmer in Southern Ohio says the wheat that is left is growing nicely and does not show the effect of ice. "More time, he states, "will be required to determine the situation closely."

—Broomhall: The pressure of Argentine wheat on the market and lower c. i. f. offers of grain from America were the causes of the declines of ¼d this morning. Later prices steadied slightly on some little covering. Corn also showed a decline during the morning, but prices advanced strongly on the small arrivals of corn in Liverpool.

—A summary of the winter wheat crop conditions is made by C. A. King & Co., covering Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri and Michigan. Ohio and Indiana promise badly, less than half a crop, not enough for bread and seed. One-third of the area will be abandoned. Kansas reports are declared grand. Illinois promises a good crop, Missouri a full crop and Michigan about half a crop.

—The pressure has risen in the West, and where yesterday the barometer registered as low as 29.6, this morning the lowest was 29.8. Clearing skies in the Southwest also go to show more settled conditions, and though it will grow cooler, the temperature will not fall where it will be a menace to vegetation. In the meantime, the principal winter wheat States have received a good soaking, the rains extending as far north as South Dakota, but North Dakota, Northern Minnesota and Manitoba have had little or no rain, and need it.

Cash Grain, Flour, Etc.

WHEAT—Cash market—Received 179 cars and 11 cars local. Trading very light, as little good wheat offered and demand small. Most local millers appeared to be out. On trk. No. 2 red sold this place at 71½c std. and 72c per car lots switched; No. 3 red, 68@70½c; No. 4 winter 69@70c; No. 2 hard 64@64½c; No. 3 do. 62@63½c. No. 2 soft spring 68@69c. No. 3 do. 61@62½c.

CORN—Cash market—Received 24 cars and 22 cars local and 29 cars through. Better in tone and demand. On trk. 39@39½c. No. 2 yellow at 39½c; No. 2 high color and No. 2 yellow at 39½c; No. 2 white at 39c this side; 41 cars at 38⅝c in bins, 39½c b. shipt; No. 3 and No. 3 white 38½@39c.

OATS—Cash market—Received 21 cars local and 2 cars through. Heavy, with little demand and some pressure to sell. On trk. No. 2 local 23½c bid; No. 3 do. 23c; No. 2 North at 24½c, and fancy at 24c; No. 2 white at 24½@25c; No. 3 do. at 24@24½c; No. 4 do. at 23@23½c; for fancy.

RYE—Little offered and market firm at 52c for No. 2 E. side.

FLOUR—Rather more inquiry on domestic account, but business still light, as foreigners the still holding off for lower prices than sellers care to accept.

Quotations of soft winter wheat flour as follows:

Patents	$3.[illegible]
Extra fancy	[illegible]
Straights	[illegible]
Clear	[illegible]
Low and medium	[illegible]

Hard winter: $3.20@3.40 for clear, $3.60@3.80 for straights, and $3.90@4.20 for patents, all in jute sacks.

RYE FLOUR—Jobbing at $2.90 in 5bs. and $3.05 in 10bs.

CORNMEAL—City meal $2.60@2.80; pearl meal, 4-lbs and bonnie $2.40.

MILLFEED—The fact that the Lake and rail rate would go into effect in May with a 5c rate has made a stiffening effect. Sellers now are holding off for less 15 trk. and a rate in 100-lb. sks. at 75c. At mill from 72½c.

HAY—Received 205 tons local and 420 tons through, shipped 324 tons. Steady on good to choice timothy, but shippers buying freely of a lower grade. Demand light for choice timothy of the medium grades. Timothy, $12 for choice, $11.50@12 for No. 1, $10@11 for No. 2, $8@9 for No. 3 prairie, $11 for choice, $10@10.50 for No. 1, $9@9.50 for No. 2. Clover, choice clover $10@11.50.

STRAW—Wheat $5.50.

GRASS SEED—Clover $7.50 for prime to $7.75 for choice; recleaned $8 to $8.25; Kentucky blue grass $1.40; Hungarian 70@75c; millet $1@1.20 for mixed timothy $[illegible].

FLAXSEED—Nominally $1.20.

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

HONEYSEED—$[illegible] per bu.

STOCK PEASE—Whippoorwill, $1.50@1.75 per bu.

LEAD—No change to note, buyers offering to pay $4.[illegible] and sellers asking more.

SPELTER—Market still tending downward and now not quotable above $4.[illegible]. The closing sales were offered and sellers wanted, which was a large amount of spelter, is the depressing cause.

Prices on Change.

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

	Range Monday.		Closed To-day.	
Wheat—April	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] b
May	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] b
July	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Corn—April	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
May	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
July	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oats—April	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
May	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] b
July	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Cash wheat, corn and oats ranged:

	Last Year.		Monday.	
Wheat—No. 2 red	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
No. 3 red	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
No. 4 winter	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
No. 2 hard	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
No. 3 hard	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Corn—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]
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 Northern	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
No. 3 white	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
No. 4 white	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Movement of Grain.

Cities	Receipts Wheat.	Corn.	Shipments Wheat.	Corn.
St. Louis	8,846	41,[illegible]	21,000	163,[illegible]
Chicago	36,[illegible]	256,000	87,000	374,000
Toledo	2,[illegible]	42,000	12,000	16,000
Detroit	[illegible]	[illegible]	2,000	[illegible]
Kansas City	36,[illegible]	29,[illegible]	2,[illegible]	2,[illegible]
Milwaukee	21,[illegible]	2,[illegible]	7,000	10,000
Minneapolis	163,[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Duluth	49,[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
New York	[illegible]	49,[illegible]	[illegible]	4,000
Baltimore	[illegible]	184,000	[illegible]	[illegible]
Philadelphia	2,[illegible]	16,000	[illegible]	[illegible]
Boston	3,128	46,[illegible]	2,[illegible]	[illegible]
New Orleans	[illegible]	[illegible]	2,000	11,[illegible]
Galveston	39,000	5,000	72,000	[illegible]

Stocks of Grain in Store.

	To-day.	Yesterday.	Last yr.
Wheat	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Corn	1,[illegible]	1,[illegible]	[illegible]
Oats	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rye	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Barley	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Contract Grades—			
No. 2 red	594,[illegible]	594,[illegible]	[illegible]
No. 2 hard	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
No. 2 corn	1,[illegible]	1,[illegible]	[illegible]
No. 2 white corn	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
No. 2 oats	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
No. 2 rye	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
No. 2 barley	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Shipments of Flour.

St. Louis, 9,731 bbls.; Chicago, 18,247 bbls.; Detroit, No bbls.; Milwaukee, 12,115 bbls.; Minneapolis, 27,835 bbls.; New York, 3,200 bbls. and 3,336 sks.; Boston, 2,685 bbls. and 7,[illegible] sks.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

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

The produce markets were generally in good condition yesterday, as receipts were light and there was a fair demand for all kinds of choice stock. The heavy floods in the South have shut off shipments from a large area of the country, and supplies are comparatively light.

Potatoes were active and firm. There was a good demand for all kinds of varieties, but common and inferior stock was slow to sale. Receipts continue light, and the market is almost bare of choice stock.

New Beans are coming in freely, but the demand is fully equal to the supply, and prices are unchanged.

Onions ran somewhat fearier yesterday, and the market was firm. There is a good demand for good, sound stock, and receipts are light.

Cucumbers continue in fair demand, but only choice stock is wanted, and offerings are mostly spotted and inferior. New onions are quiet and weak, the supplies of home-grown still in excess of the demand. Shipments not wanted.

Tomatoes were steady and in fair demand. Receipts are light, and barely sufficient for the requirements.

Cucumbers were scarce and higher, and celery was also scarce, but lettuce and spinach were dull and plentiful.

Apples of all kinds of vegetables were plentiful at unchanged prices.

Apples continue quiet and steady. There is a limited demand for choice fruit, but all stock is offered for sale. Receipts and offerings were light.

Oranges were in fair demand and the market continues firm. Offerings were moderate.

Lemons continue firm and in good demand.

Strawberries were in good demand and firm, offerings of choice fruit were small, as receipts are light, but there was considerable soft and leaky and rotten and sandy stock offered, which was hard to sell at any price. Prices on choice fruit were somewhat higher.

Other fruits were quiet and steady.

Live poultry was in better demand yesterday and the market was firm. Chickens were wanted both by shippers and the local trade. Receipts were light and all offerings were readily taken. Spring chickens were also in active demand with light offerings, and only small stock weighing less than one pound, which was not wanted. Ducks and geese were also in fair demand.

Dressed poultry was quiet, but on account of the scarcity of live, choice, undrawn, fed chickens, some 1400 head and less on, were in fair demand.

Game was quiet and steady. Receipts were light and the demand moderate.

Eggs were steady, with the demand fairly active. Receipts were light.

Furs were dull and unchanged, as receipts were light and mostly of inferior quality and the demand slow.

Wool is in good demand, but receipts are light and mostly oily wools, which do not command top prices. Prices unchanged.

Hides were steady and unchanged, with demand fair.

Eggs.

The market was strong and higher yesterday, as offerings were light and the demand good. Choice fresh, near-by eggs sold at 11½c, and shipped in from 10½c to 10¾c a doz.

Duck eggs were quiet at the same prices as hen eggs, and goose eggs dull at 25c.

Receipts at St. Louis yesterday were 3,112 cases, and shipments 2,776 cases.

Dairy Products.

Butter—The market was in better condition yesterday, as offerings were light and all taken at quotations. Prices were unchanged. Quotations: Creamery—Extra 19@19½c; firsts 17@18c; seconds 15@16c. Dairy—Extra 16c; firsts 15c; grease 4@5c. Process 16c. Ladle-packed—Extra 15c; firsts 14c. Country—Near-by roll 13c; inferior roll 11@12c; packed 10@12c.

Cheese—Quote: Twins at 11½c; single 11¾c; Y. A. 12c; Illinois Twins 9c; singles 9½c; A. 9½c; N. Y. full cream 12½c; Limburger 11½@12c; Swiss 15@16c; brick 11½@12c. Foregoing are jobbing prices from store.

Provisions.

Pork—Market steady and unchanged; f. o. b. sold E. side at $13; this side at $13 to $13.50. Lard lower; E. side prime steam 6.82½ to 6.85; refined 6.[illegible].

Green Hams, Etc.—Firmly held in car lots f. o. b. E. side: Hams—10-lb. at 9½c; 12s at 9½@9¾c; 14s at 10½c; 16s and 18s and 20s at 10c. Skinned hams—10@12s at 10½@10¾c; 14@16s at 10½@10¾c; 18s at 11¼@11½c; California at 8¼@8½c. New York shoulders at 6½c. From the block: Hams at 9c and bellies at 7¾c to 9¼c, as to average; shoulders at 6¾c.

D. S. Meats—Bid loose in a jobbing way. Extra shorts, 7¾c; ribs 7¾c; clear ribs 7½c; bellies 7¾@8c. Dealers charge higher on small orders.

Bacon—Bid, s. c. meats in a jobbing way. Breakfast bacon 9½c for heavy to 11½@9¾c for fancy light; hams 11½c to 11¾@12c; Californias 8½c; New York shoulders 7½c. Plain smoked beef, meats, jobbing: extra shorts, 7¾c; ribs 7½c; clear sides 8c; bellies 8¼@8½c, as to average; plates 7c. Dealers charge higher on orders.

Country Lard—5½c to 6c, according to quality and package.

Country Bacon—Fair average pieces, uniformly cut and well smoked: Shoulders at 6c to 6½c; sides 8½c to 9c; hams at 8c to 9½c. Most of the lots irregularly cut and poorly handled—these sell on their merits.

Tallow—Country—No. 1 5½c; No. 2 5@5½c; packers' choice 6c; cake 5½c.

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

Beef—On orders: Bbld.—Mess $9.50; Fulton Market $10.50; tongues at $6 per doz.; dried at $11.50 to $15.

Hides.

When sold round: Green-salted Missouri and Illinois 8½c; Arkansas and Southern 8c. Dry-flint—Choice Texas 17½c; average Texas 17½c; native Arkansas and Tennessee 17½c; Mississippi and Alabama 17½c; dry fallen 10½@16½c; dry salted 14c. When sold on selection: Green-salted—No. 1 8¾c; No. 2 7¾c; bull 7c. Glue—Wet 4c. Dry flint—No. 1 18c; No. 2 16½c; bull 12c; culls and glue hides 8c. Dry-salted—No. 1 14½c; No. 2 13½c. Green uncured ½c per lb. less than cured, and part cured ½c less, badly grubby deeper back classed as glue.

Wool.

Market dull and nominal. Accurate prices hard to give.

Missouri & Illinois		Coarse & low	14@15
Med. clothing	21@22	Fine medium	15@16
Med. clothing	20@21	Light fine	15@16
Braid & low	18@19	Heavy fine	13@15
Burry and clear		Scoured burry	[illegible]
mixed	17@19	Dakota, Western	
Burry	15@16	Bright med.	19@20
Hard burry	13@15	Dark medium	16@17
Light fine	16@18	Fine medium	16@17
Heavy fine	13@15	Light fine	15@16
Wisconsin & Iowa		Heavy fine	13@15
Bright med.	20@21	Arkansas	
Fine medium	17@18	Med. clothing	20@22
Dark	15@16	Med. clothing	18@19
Fine	15@16	Burry	14@16
Kansas & Nebraska		Burry burry	12@14
Bright med.	19@21	Tidewashed	
Dark medium	16@17	No. 1	[illegible]
Fine medium	16@18	No. 2	[illegible]
Light fine	15@16	No. 3	[illegible]
Heavy fine	13@15	Black, from ½ to ⅓	
Average foot	12@13	per lb. less than above	
Ind., I. T. & South		prices.	
Medium	18@20		

Furs.

Market unchanged; receipts falling off and poor in quality.

Raccoon		No. 1 prairie	60
No. 1 large	75	Opossum	
No. 1 medium	45	No. 1	[illegible]
Small & scrubby	25	No. 2	[illegible]
No. 3	[illegible]	Coon	10
No. 4	10	Red fox	
Mink		No. 1	[illegible]
No. 1 large	90	No. 2	[illegible]
No. 1 medium	70	No. 3	[illegible]
Small & scrubby	30	No. 4	[illegible]
No. 3	[illegible]	Gray fox	
No. 4	[illegible]	No. 1	40
Skunk		No. 2	25
Black	[illegible]	No. 3	10
Short stripe	[illegible]	No. 4	10
Narrow stripe	30	Otter	
Broad stripe	10	No. 1 large	[illegible]
Badger	50	No. 2 medium	[illegible]
Fisher	[illegible]	No. 3	[illegible]
Fisher cubs	[illegible]	No. 4	[illegible]
Muskrat		Beaver	[illegible]
All fall	[illegible]	Beaver	[illegible]
All winter	[illegible]	Beaver	[illegible]
Wild cat	[illegible]	Bear	
Cross cat	[illegible]	Black	[illegible]
Housecat	10	Big cat	[illegible]
Wolf, timber	[illegible]	Bobcat	[illegible]

Poultry, Game and Veals.

LIVE POULTRY—Market steady, chickens firm. Turkeys. Average receipts so heavy. Prices: Chickens—Hens, fours and fives, 9½c; threes and twos, 8½c; spring, 18@22c; fryers, 18@22c; broilers, 18@22c; roosters, 5c. Turkeys—Young toms, 9c; hens and toms, 9c; old toms, 8c; young hens, 9c; old hens, 8c; young gobblers, 9c; old gobblers, 8c. Ducks—Spring, 12@13c; young, 10@11c. Geese—Per lb. 7c. Guineas—Per pair, 45@50c. Pigeons—Per doz. 75@90c. Squabs—Per doz. 2.50@3.00.

DRESSED POULTRY—Market dull. We quote: Iowa fowls, 9@9½c; Iowa chickens, 9@9½c; Iowa turkeys, 9@9½c; Iowa ducks, 9@9½c; Iowa geese, 7@8c; Iowa spring chickens, 18@22c.

GAME—Dull and weak. Jacksnipe $1.75. Plover, $1.75@2.00. Sandpipers, 25c.

VEAL—Choice to fancy 10c per lb., fair to good 9@9½c, fough and thin 7@8c. Choice stock of good quality and weight sells quickly. Choice to prime lambs $7@7.50 per lb., fall lambs 6@6½c.

Fruits and Vegetables.

APPLES—Ben Davis at $1@1.25, selling at $1.50. Winesap at $1, latter for fancy, especially in standard boxes, selling at $2.50 for No. 2 to $3 for No. 1. Russets at $2 to $2.50.

STRAWBERRIES—Jersey Prince quotable at $8 to $9 per crate; Mississippi 50c.

ORANGES—In a jobbing way from store dealers charge: Messina in Florida-size box at $3.50 and in Indian-size box at $3.25@3.50. Navels, 3-in. selling at $3.50@3.75 per box. Tangerines and blood oranges at $3.50 to $3.75 per half box. On trk. in car lots California navels at $3.50@3.75 for choice, $3.25@3.50 for standard, $2.50@2.75 for seedlings, usual discount for off size.

LEMONS—Quote new Messina at $4.50 per box choice to $5 for fancy, California at $4@4.50 per box.

COCOANUTS—Quotable at $5 per 100, in a small way at $6 per bu.

CALIFORNIA PEARS—Quiet and steady. Quote: Bartlett, $3 per box.

MALAGA GRAPES—Dull at $6 per bbl. for choice to $6@7 for fancy.

DRIED FRUIT—Sun-dried quarters, apples at 3@3½c. Evaporated chops, apples, nominal. Prunes, 4 to 5c, as to size and quality, for unsoaked to 5@6c for bleached. Apricots, 8@9c.

PINEAPPLES—Havana at $3.50 to $3.75 per doz.

BANANAS—Port Limon at $1.75 per bunch for firsts and $1.25@1.50 for seconds.

POTATOES—Northern in bulk on trks. Burbank at from 50@55c for common to fair to 60@65c for choice to fancy; rural at 50@55c for common to fair and 60@65c for fancy; fancy bright smooth Michigan at 60@65c; white mixed 50@55c, according to quality; red and white mixed at 50@55c; Iowa stock at 50@55c; Burbank sweets at $3@3.25 for fair to choice; Nebraska stock at from 50@55c for fair to fancy; common, inferior, scabby and all poor stock sells less than the above.

ONIONS—Red globe at from $1.[illegible] for fair to $1.50 for fancy; yellow at $1 for fair to fancy; soft, spotted, offsize, inferior and damaged less.

CABBAGE—Texas Choice to fancy at $[illegible] in bulk.

CELERY—California, in bundles quotable at $1.[illegible] for fancy. New Orleans 30c to 35c.

EGGPLANT—Florida at $3 to $4 per bushel crate.

CAULIFLOWER—Scarce. Home-grown quotable at $2.50 to $4 per bu. box.

ASPARAGUS—California quotable at $2 to $2.50 per box.

TOMATOES—Florida at from $2.50 for peas to $3 for choice, per 6-bsk. crate; culls and inferior nominally less.

GREEN PEASE—Choice, fresh green Texas at $1.[illegible].

SPINACH—Kentucky at from 50@60c for small and stack box; Arkansas at 60@75c per bu. box.

STRING BEANS—Florida $2.50@3 per bu. box. Texas 60@65c per half bu. box.

MARSHES—Quiet at 50@75c per doz. bunches for white-tipped.

LETTUCE—Choice New Orleans at $1.50@2.50 per bbl. Home-grown selling on orders at 50@60c per bu. box for fancy.

OKRA—Light sales. Quoted at $2 per 7-bushel crate.

GREEN ONIONS—Home-grown supplying the demand, consignments not wanted.

TURNIPS—Home-grown, Yellows, 75c to $1 per dozen—small and culls sold at less.

BEETS—New Louisiana steady at 2[illegible] per doz. bunches. Old Northern at $1.[illegible] per bbl.

CARROTS—New Southern water-soaked and firm at 2[illegible] per doz. bunches. Northern dull at 50c per bbl.

TURNIPS—Home-grown sell on orders at 75c per bbl. Louisiana quotable at 2[illegible] per doz. bunches.

PARSLEY—New Jersey and Arkansas slow sale at 25c per doz. bunches for early plant not wanted.

RADISHES—Northern at $1 per bbl. Home-grown sell on orders at $1.25 per bbl.

SWEET POTATOES—Quiet. Home-grown selling well on orders at $1.25 per bbl. for red and yellow. Consigned lots Illinois Jerseys delivered at $2.[illegible] per bbl. Carolina Jerseys quotable on orders at $2 at per bbl. Nancy Hall $2.50 for yellows, $3 for queen and $3.25 per bbl. for Bermudas.

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

Miscellaneous Markets.

HIGHWINES—Selling on basis of $1.[illegible].

SOFT IRON AND METALS—Iron Wrought 50c per 100 lbs.; heavy cast 90; steel and malleable 60; tin plate 9x9 and 9x12 charcoal 7[illegible] Lead 3[illegible]. Pewter $[illegible].

COOPERSTUFF—In car lots on trks.: Stave, 5x8 white oak flour bbl. in sail, No. 2 $[illegible]; half bbl. $[illegible]; barrel, heads and hoops $2; hoop $[illegible]; barrel, heads and hoops $[illegible]; hoop $[illegible]. Shaved hoops, 25c; hard timber hoop, per bdl. 75c. Shaved hoops, per bdl. $[illegible]; for cooper stock for barrels, half bbl. $2; solid oak staves, per M. $[illegible]; half bbl. $[illegible]; elm staves, per M. $[illegible].

COOPERAGE—Local trade: Stave pork tubs, new, slack work, complete, flour tubs, 2.[illegible]; net; lard tubs, 2.[illegible]; half tubs, 2.[illegible]; net; produce tubs, 2.[illegible]; net.

BROOMCORN—Nominally firm at 4½c per lb. for common to good hurl.

FEATHERS—Firm. Prime 25c per lb. in small lots; 28@30c in large lots. Prime mixed, 20@22c. Prime dark, 20@22c. Prime colored, 20@22c.

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POONE—Ginseng $[illegible] per lb. for small to large lots; 50c per lb. for prime; offers from large dealers at 50@60c per lb. for prime; large lots, 25@30c; small lots, 25c; black 20@25c; angelica 20@25c; wahoo bark of root 50; bark of tree 2[illegible]; blood 2[illegible]; blueing root 2[illegible].

SHEEP PELTS—Wool pelts at 60@[illegible]; semi 25@40c; shearling 5c to 15c; dry or fallen pelts 5@12c per lb.

LIMA BEANS—Quiet. Choice hand-picked lima beans on E. trk. held at $2.15 to $2.20; fair to good $1.50@1.75; jobbing from store at $2.50. Western $1.75 to $1.90.

HONEY—Comb at 10@12c; white. Inferior, dark and broken at 7@8c. Extracted and strained in 60lb. cks. 6@6½c, and in cans ½c per lb. higher.

LINSEED OIL—Per gal.: Raw at 62c; boiled at 64c; in per cent less in car lots. Linseed oil in bbls. per lb. No. 1 12c; No. 2 10c; small lots 1c per lb. more. Cottonseed oil—summer yellow 38c; summer white 40c; winter yellow 46c.

The Visible.

New York, April 24.—Special cable and telegraphic communications to Bradstreet's show the following changes in available supplies from the last accounts of the United States and Canada, compiled by the Bradstreet's Board of Trade, from official Corn Trade News, albeit for and in Europe, increase (corn) total supply, decrease 968,000 bu. Corn—United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, decrease 415,000 bu. Corn—United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, decrease 415,000 bu. Corn—United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, decrease 415,000 bu. Among the more important decreases reported to Bradstreet's not given in the official visible are: Wheat, at Portland, Ore., 1,000 bu.; at Northwestern interior elevators, 242,000 bu.; at Chicago private elevators, 100,000 bu.; at Cleveland, 125,000 bu.; at Portland, Me., 5,000 bu.; at Baltimore, 2,000 bu.; at Boston, 2,000 bu.; at Joliet, Fort Worth and Manitoba elevator points. The principal increase is that of 5,000 bu. at East Dubuque. The aggregate stock of wheat held at Portland, Ore., and Tacoma and Seattle, Wash., decreased 189,000 bu. last week.

Coffee.

New York, April 24.—Coffee—Futures opened steady at unchanged prices to 7 points advance. Lost the improvement, however, and ruled dull, with no outside speculation and the local contingent dissatisfied with cables and the spot situation, but waiting for long stuff to come on the market before increasing their own short lines. Market closed quiet. Prices net unchanged to 5 points lower. Total sales 32,250 bags, including May, 6,750; July, 6,500; Sept., 4,500; Oct., 4,500; Nov., 7c; Dec., 7.[illegible]; Jan., 7.[illegible]. Spot coffee—Rio steady; No. 7 invoice 8c; mild quiet. Cordova 9¼@15½c.

Sugar.

New York, April 24.—Sugar—Raw steady. Refined steady.

New Orleans, April 24.—Sugar steady; open kettle 3¾@4 3-16c; open kettle, centrifugal 4¼@4½c; centrifugal yellow 4¼@4 13-16c; seconds 2¾@4¼c. Molasses quiet.

Petroleum.

New York, April 24.—Petroleum weak; refined New York $6.65; Philadelphia and Baltimore $6 do in bulk $6.35.

Turpentine and Rosin.

New York, April 24.—Rosin quiet; strained, common to good $1.65. Turpentine quiet.

Hides and Leather.

New York, April 24.—Hides firm. Leather steady.

MARKETS AT CHICAGO CLOSED WITH A GAIN.

CORN LED IN THE UPWARD MOVEMENT.

Heavy Rains Helped Its Price, but Held Wheat Back—Provisions Did Well.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Chicago, Ill., April 24.—Corn was the most important market to-day, showing considerable strength and experiencing a good business. Cables were strong, and the general news was of a bullish nature. More rains caused further apprehension of delays in planting and of interference with the farmers' deliveries, and was a prominent factor. The best item, however, was the renewal of the export business on recent declines and the good cash sales. Considerable May was liquidated, but the selling was not liberal enough to have any effect on prices. Wheat followed corn reluctantly. Its own news, all of a bearish nature, and there was nothing to warrant a better tone save the influence of corn. Corn reports were again showing bad luck in planting in the face of other news, outs were firm and ½c higher. Business was dull. Provisions were up on good buying by Patten. The individuality of the business done was a feature.

Wheat.

Wheat was quiet at the opening, prices were a shade over yesterday's closing. There was a fair disposition to change May for July, and the transactions of this nature constituted almost the entire business the early part of the session. The feeling remained bearish because of the continued liquidation principally. The spread between May and July had increased 1½c, which fact is considered evidence that the carriers are growing tired of prolonging the disposition of their holdings. At ½c difference yesterday there was more inclination to dispose of May, and at the increased spread to-day the tendency in that direction developed proportionately. Commission-houses were the most conspicuous sellers, while the buying was scattered. St. Louis bought some at the opening.

Foreign markets were easy and a shade lower at the start. Liverpool fell off ½c on the pressure of Argentine wheat and low offers of grain from America. Later there was a steadier feeling on shorts covering, and prices rested ½c better than yesterday.

The market here responded to some extent to the improvement over there, but not very much bearish news was at hand. The weather conditions are almost perfect. Generally higher temperatures are shown and heavy rains have fallen over Southeastern Dakota, Southern Minnesota, Kansas, Missouri and Southern Illinois. In Minnesota and the Dakotas this is especially favorable for wheat, for reports from nearly all districts in those States say the only thing lacking is moisture. The seeding generally has all been done, and average crops are predicted. Further confirmation of the poor prospects in Ohio and Indiana is given in Kinnes's report, in which it is estimated that these States will raise less than half a crop. Michigan, also one of the minority, it is thought, will raise half a crop. Although these conditions are influential, when the trend of the news is the opposite to what it has been, the prospects are so favorable in other States that their weight is not felt, especially after the news has become threadbare.

So far as prices were concerned the range was narrow. As the early disposition to be heavy, and when corn began to show further gains of strength, wheat rallied a trifle. Then there was fairly good buying of July all day, which helped a little. May opened at from 68⅝c to 68⅞@⅞c. It sold to 68⅝c and was stationed in that neighborhood at 11 o'clock. Yesterday's closing price reached during the morning was 69⅛c. Local receipts were 89 cars. The estimate was for 85, and the same number is expected to-morrow. Shipments showed an increase, as 80,000 bu. went out, which makes nearly 300,000 bu. in two days. Minneapolis and Duluth reported 364 cars, as against 201 last week and 195 a year ago. Primary receipts were 2[illegible]000 bu., as against 3[illegible]000 a year ago. Clearances from the seaboard were 37,000 bu., including 1[illegible] bbls. of flour.

Corn.

Corn was firmer and a good business was transacted. Among the influential factors at the opening of the session were the higher cables. Liverpool showed an advance of from ½c to ⅞c. In addition to this heav