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GRAIN SOMEWHAT STRONGER AT CLOSE.

THERE WAS A NATURAL REACTION IN WHEAT.

Corn Showed Some Strength Early, but Weakened Off Later, Closing but Little Changed.

Office Republic,
Saturday, May 12, 1900.

WHEAT—Weather that was simply superb in this section and the winter wheat belt generally awakened old-time St. Louis bearishness, especially as the crop news came as fine as silk from that growing in the fields. Nothing bullish from Europe increased this bearish sentiment. Paris was reported ½c higher, but Berlin off ¼c and Buda-Pesth ⅛c, and exporters were unable to do business abroad, they said. There was a decline, until July offered at 69⅝@69⅞c, though no sales below 69⅞c, and Sept. sold at 69⅝c and was offered at 69¾c; May held up well, having 69½c bid. There was a natural reaction from this decline, in part due to buying by shorts, who didn't care to play so over Sunday. No particularly bullish news was heard—the clearances were 477,000 bu., but nothing encouraging on cash; but the selling fever had subsided and the buying was sufficient to put July up to 69⅞c, closing at 69⅝@69⅞c bid. Sept. then had 69½c bid; May sellers still scarce and the only sale at 69½c. Cash market—Received, 1,093 cars, and 20 cars local; lower and not much of a demand, though little for sale, too. By sample, No. 2 red sold at 70c for skd. to 71c for choice car lots this side; No. 3 red at 67@70c; No. 4 winter at 62½@68c; No. 3 do. at 62@63c; No. 2 soft spring at 64c; No. 3 do. at 61@63c.

CORN—After a little show of strength to start in with, which show consisted of a bid of 57c for July, the market lost its grip and began falling, and it wasn't long before the price was below the previous lowest level since it left 40c. It was a resumption of the liquidation that has been going on now for nearly two weeks, and only goes to show what a tremendous long interest had been formed in this cereal. Fine weather for planting and to bring forward the crop already in the ground, has discouraged many holders of late, and they have gradually been throwing over their lines. The naturally strong legitimate position of corn is lost sight of in the face of tumbling markets and will not assert itself until this selling craze is over. There was so much selling pressure on this forenoon that July sold down to 55⅞c. May lost its strength of yesterday, selling 1⅝c lower, at 56⅛c, and later offered at 56c. There was about 65,000 bu. delivered on May contracts that knocked the tightness out of that option, and it was offered as low as 55⅞c, but at close nominally 55½c. July went to 55⅛c, but then rallied on "evening up" purchases by shorts and at close 55⅝c was bid. Cash market—Received 34 cars local. Lower and the demand nothing extra at the decline. On trk.—No. 2 at 55½c early to 57½c later; No. 3 at 55c to 57½c; No. 2 white at 58½c to 58c; St. Charles early at 58½c, but 58c the best bid late, as it was for No. 2 yellow.

OATS—Western markets received 265,000 bu., against 581,000 bu. one year ago—32,000 bu. at St. Louis, against 79,000 bu.—and shipped 316,000 bu. Exports were 151,000 bu. There was a further decline in futures, sympathetically with corn, but the fine weather having its effect also. Deliveries of 40,000 bu. on May contracts caused that option to sell at 37½c. July opened at 32c and finally was offered at 31⅝c, but at close 31⅝c bid. Cash market—Received, 26 cars local and 1 car through. Lower and a very dull and heavy market, the demand light and most offerings carried over. On trk. No. 2 at 34c; No. 3 at 33½c; No. 2 Northern at 34½c; No. 2 white at 37c; No. 3 do. at 35@36½c; No. 4 do. at 34½@35c.

RYE—Grade No. 2 is not salable above 56c E. trk.

FLOUR—The market does not show the slightest change. Prices are too high for the average buyer, and but little business is passing. The late decline in soft winter wheat has enabled sellers to shade prices somewhat, but not enough to stimulate buying. Quotations on soft winter wheat flour as follows: Patents $3.85@3.95; straights $3.60@3.70; extra fancy $3.10@3.20; clear $2.70@3; low and medium $2@2.40. Hard winter, $2.20@2.60 for bakers; $2.80@2.90 for straights, and $2.80@3.20 for patents, all in jute lots.

RYE FLOUR—Jobbing at $2.50 in jute and $2.65 in bbls.

CORNMEAL—City meal $2, peal meal, grits and hominy $2.20.

HAY—Received 426 tons local and 150 tons through; shipped, 177 tons. A moderate business at unchanged prices; the demand best for feeding grades of timothy and prairie. Timothy, $8@13.50 for choice; $12@13 for No. 1; $10@11.50 for No. 2; $9.50@10.50 for No. 3; prairie, $8 for choice; $6@7.50 for No. 1; $5@6 for No. 2. Good to choice clover $9@11.

LEAD—A decline of $0 per ton in one week, due to the trust cutting the price of desilverized from $4.65 to $4.20 per 100, has created a state of complete demoralization and confusion. Neither buyers nor sellers know where they are at, but nothing can be bought below $4.10, though no buyers at that.

SPELTER—Holds its own at about $4.50.

GRASS SEEDS—Per bu. lbs.: Millet 70c to $1.40—latter for pure bright German; clover at $2 to $6.25; timothy at $2 to $7.20; Hungarian at 65c; redtop at 90c to $3. Orders higher.

FLAXSEED—Nominally $1.77.

Prices on Change.

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

	Closed Friday.	Range Saturday.	Closed Saturday.
Wheat—May	69⅞ b	69⅝@70	69⅞ b
July	69⅝@⅞ b	69⅛@70	69⅝@⅞ b
Aug.	69⅞ b	.....	69⅞ b
Sept.	69⅝ b	69⅝@70	69⅝@⅞ b
Corn—May	55⅞@⅞ b	55⅛@57	55⅝ b
July	55⅛@⅜ b	55@55⅞	55⅛@⅜ b
Aug.	55⅛ b	55@55⅛	55⅛ b
Oats—May	31 b	31@31⅛	31⅛ b
July	32 b	31⅞@32	31⅞@32 b
Sept.	31⅛ b	31⅛@31¼	31⅛ b
Cash wheat, corn and oats sold:			

	Last Year.	Friday.	Saturday.
Wheat—No. 1 red	77@78	71	69@70
No. 2 red	76	69⅞	69
No. 4 winter	68	62	60@68
No. 2 hard	68	69	70
No. 3 hard	66	67	68
Corn—No. 2	34 b	55	55⅛@⅜
No. 3	34	55	55⅛@⅜
No. 2 white	34 b	58½	58½@⅝
No. 3 white	34	58	58@58½
Oats—No. 2	28	31⅛	31⅛
No. 3	27½	31	31
No. 2 Northern	30½	34½	34½
No. 3 white	28	35@36½	35@36½
No. 2 white	30	37½	37½
No. 3 white	28	35@36	35@36
No. 4 white	28	35	35@36

Movement of Grain.

Cities.	Receipts. Wheat.	Corn.	Shipments. Wheat.	Corn.
St. Louis	17,477	27,300	19,000	1,000
Chicago	120,000	81,000	2,000	22,000
Toledo	11,100	14,900	1,000	2,000
Detroit	1,000	3,000	3,000	2,000
Kansas City	22,000	20,000	22,000	1,000
Milwaukee	1,000	23,000	1,000	1,000
Minneapolis	275,000	.....	1,000	.....
Duluth	119,317	2,116	15,000	.....
New York	24,000	21,000	.....	118
Baltimore	6,000	53,000	.....	.....
Peoria	2,000	14,000	21,000	20,000
Philadelphia	20,000	114,000	15,000	20,000
Boston	9,000	28,000	12,000	2,000
New Orleans	5,000	21,000	.....	.....

Stocks of Grain in Store.

	Today. Wheat.	Yesday. Wheat.	Last yr. Wheat.
Wheat	2,241,000	2,241,000	2,436,000
Corn	2,000,000	1,900,000	60,000
Oats	99,000	99,000	66,000
Rye	4,000	4,000	1,000
Contract grades—			
Wheat	174,000	174,000	22,000
No. 2 hard	10,000	10,000	900
No. 3 hard	1,000	1,000	900
No. 2 white corn	172,000	170,000	3,000
No. 2 oats	99,000	99,000	65,000
No. 2 white oats	2,000	2,000	2,000
No. 2 rye	2,000	2,000	2,000

Shipments of Flour.

St. Louis, 5,455 bbls.; Chicago, 4,658 bbls.; Detroit, 400 bbls.; Milwaukee, 1,000 bbls.; Minneapolis, 33,820 bbls.; New York, 600 bbls. and 5,000 sks.; Baltimore, 12,333 bbls.; Philadelphia, 8 tons; Boston, 13,021 sks.; New Orleans, 23 sks.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

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

St. Louis, Saturday, May 12, 1900.

The produce markets were generally dull today, as it was a regular holiday market. Many lines were weak and lower, and when prices were sustained it was more on account of light receipts than from any urgency in the demand.

Potatoes were dull and irregular. There was a limited demand for choice smooth white stock, but outside of that the stock was slow of sale, unsalable, and prices were weak. New potatoes were weak and lower, as receipts are constantly increasing, and the demand was rather quiet.

Onions were in fair demand, old onions are slow of sale, and only choice imported stock is wanted, but offerings are moderate. New onions were more plentiful, and there was a moderate demand for choice dry stock, but wet and strong onions were offered freely, with little demand.

Cabbage was in fair demand, and offerings were moderate. Loose or leafy stock is slow of sale.

Tomatoes were in good demand and steady. Offerings were about equal to the demand, and prices were unchanged.

Green peas were more plentiful and lower, and string beans were also lower. Other vegetables were quiet and steady.

Apples continue quiet and steady, as there is only a limited demand from the local trade, and shippers are out of the market. Stocks are almost exhausted.

Oranges were again firm and in good demand, with offerings barely equal to the requirements.

Lemons were also firm and in good demand.

Strawberries were firm and in good demand in the early part of the day, as receipts were lighter, and the warm weather tended to increase consumption. The trade was pretty well supplied when the late rains came in, and prices weakened considerably, as dealers would not risk carrying stocks over Sunday.

Blackberries were unchanged. There was a fair demand, but offerings were mostly out of condition or inferior.

Other fruits were quiet and steady.

Poultry was quiet and dull and generally lower. Offerings of old chickens were heavy, and the market was weak and lower, as the demand was not equal to the receipts, and considerable stock was carried over.

Spring chickens were also weak and lower, as receipts were heavy, and the demand slow.

Turkeys, ducks and geese were slow and easier.

Dressed poultry was dull and nominal, as the season is practically over and dealers prefer live stock.

Frog legs continue dull, with receipts heavy and the demand slight.

Veals were quiet and steady. The demand was light, as is usual on Saturday, but receipts were also light.

Furs continue dull and entirely nominal, as the season is over, and both receipts and demand are light.

Wool continues dull and weak, as receipts were heavier and buyers are inclined to hold off for lower prices.

Hides were quiet and steady at unchanged prices.

Eggs.

The market was steady and unchanged. Receipts were somewhat heavier, but the demand was good, and sales were unchanged. Choice fresh nearby stock sold at 12c a doz., and Southern at 9½c, less off.

Receipts at St. Louis were 6,222 cases and shipments were 1,266 cases.

Dairy Products.

Butter—The market was steady and unchanged on all grades, as demand good and offerings light. Quote: Creamery—Extra 20@22c; firsts 18c; seconds 16c. Dairy—Extra 16c; firsts 15c; seconds 13c. Ladle-packed—Extra 15c; firsts 14c. Country store packed 12@12½c.

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

Provisions.

Pork—Market steady; f. o. b. sold E. side at $12; this side at $12.50. Lard easier; E. side prime steam $6.75; choice $6.80.

Green Hams, Etc.—Held in car lots f. o. b. E. side: Hams—9-9a, at 10½c; 12s at 10c; 14s at 9½c; 16s at 9½c; 18s at 9½c; 20s at 9½c. Cured hams—22@24-av. at 10½c; 16@20s 10¾c. Bacon—California at 6½c; New York shoulders 6½c. From the block del.: Hams smoked, run of house, bellies 7c to 9c, as to average; shoulders 6c.

D. S. Meats—Bxd. late in a jobbing way: Extra shorts 6¾c; c'ribs 6¾c; clear sides 7c; bellies 7¼@7½c; plates at 6½c. Dealers charge higher on orders.

Bacon—Bxd. s. c. meats in a jobbing way: Breakfast bacon 9½c for heavy to 10¼@9½c for fancy light; hams 10½c to 11¼@9½c; Californians 7½c; New York shoulders 7½c; plain smoked meats (bxd.), in a jobbing way: Extra shorts

Tips, Cribs Tips clear sides 7½c; bellies 7¾@8c; plates 6½c. Dealers charge higher on orders.

Country Lard—Steady, according to quality and package.

Country Eggs—Fair average stock, unchanged and well supplied. Shippers at 9c to 9½c, as to quality, delivered at St. Louis. Most of the receipts are out and poorly handled, those left on their merits.

Tallow—Quote: No. 1, 4c; No. 2 4½c; packers' cakes 5½c; other No. 2 4c.

Grease—Quote: Brown 3c; yellow 3½c; white 3½c; packers' choice white 3¾@3½; yellow 4@4½c.

Beeswax—Quote: Dark 20c; light 25c.

Beef Tallow—Quote: Dark 2c; light 3c.

Horse—Quote: Dark 50c; light 75c.

Mutton Tallow—Quote: Dark 3c; light 4c.

Deer—Quote: Dark 20c; light 25c.

Elk—Quote: Dark 20c; light 25c.

Bear—Quote: Dark 20c; light 25c.

Bear Grease—Quote: 2½c.

Beaver—Quote: Dark $3; light $4.

Fox—Quote: Red $1.50@2; gray 50@75c.

Mink—Quote: Dark $1.50@2; light 50@75c.

Muskrat—Quote: Winter 8@10c; fall 5@6c.

Opossum—Quote: Dark 20@25c; light 10@15c.

Raccoon—Quote: Dark 50@75c; light 25@35c.

Skunk—Quote: Dark 50@75c; light 25@35c.

Wolf—Quote: Dark 50@75c; light 25@35c.

Wool.

Market dull and nominal. Accurate prices hard to give.

Missouri & Illinois		Coarse & low	14@16
Med. combing	21@22	Fine medium	15@17
Med. clothing	18@20	Fine fine	15@18
Half & three-fourths	17@19	Heavy fine	12@15
Berry and clothing	15@17	Tub washed	21@31
Second	12@15	Dakota & Western	
Burry	12@15	Coarse and fine	10@13
Hard burry	12@15	Dark medium	10@12
Dark fine	12@15	Dark coarse	10@12
Heavy fine	12@15	Kansas & Nebraska	
Heavy coarse	12@15	Heavy fine	12@14
Fine	15@18	Heavy coarse	12@14
Medium	17@19	Medium	14@16
Coarse	16@18	Fine	14@16
Kansas & Nebraska		Coarse	12@14
Half and half	17@19	Territory	
Dark medium	15@17	Scoured	37@40
Dark coarse	14@16	Fine	27@30
Heavy fine	15@17	Medium	27@30
Heavy coarse	14@16	Coarse	25@27

Hides.

When sold round, unscalped, Marshall and Illinois, 4c; Western and Kansas, 3½c; Texas, 2c; Texas bulls, 1c; Texas cows, 1c; Missouri and Arkansas, 3½c; dry flints, 6c; dry salted, 4c; Dry Texas, 3c; Dry Kansas, 4c; Dry Colorado, 4c; Dry Arizona, 4c; Dry California, 4c; Dry salted, 2c; Dry salted Texas, 2c; Green salted, 3½c; Green salted bulls, 1c; Green salted cows, 1c; Green salted calf, 5c; Dry flint calf, 6c; Dry salted calf, 4c; Deacons, each, 25c.

Tallow—Prime, 4c; No. 2, 3c; Yellow grease, 3c; Brown grease, 2½c.

Sheepskins—Shearlings, 10@15c; Medium, 25@35c; Long wool, 40@50c.

Furs.

Season over. Quotations nominal: Raccoon, 25 to 50c; mink, 50c@$1; muskrat, fall, 5@8c; muskrat, winter, 10@12c; muskrat, kits, 4@5c; otter, $3@5; otter, kits, $1@2; fox, $1@1.50; wildcat, 20@30c; badger, 25@50c; bear, $5@20; beaver, $1@3; fisher, $3@5; fisher, kits, $1@2; lynx, $1@2; lynx, kits, 50c@$1; coon, 10@15c; coon, kits, 5@10c; opossum, 5@8c; opossum, kits, 2@3c; skunk, 25@35c; skunk, kits, 10@15c; skunk, stripe, 10@15c; skunk, broad stripe, 5@10c; skunk, kits, 2@3c; muskrat, winter, 10@12c; muskrat, kits, 4@5c; muskrat, fall, 5@8c; muskrat, kits, 2@3c; wolf, timber, $1@2; wolf, prairie, 50@75c; wolf, kits, 10@15c; wolf, scalps, 10@15c; wolf, dogs, 25@50c; wolf, dogs, kits, 10@15c; wolverine, $3@5; wolverine, kits, $1@2; wildcat, 20@30c; wildcat, kits, 10@15c; beaver, $1@3; beaver, kits, 50c@$1; bear, $5@20; bear, kits, $1@2; badger, 25@50c; badger, kits, 10@15c; deer, per lb., 20@25c; elk, per lb., 20@25c; moose, per lb., 20@25c; bear, per lb., 20@25c; buffalo, per lb., 20@25c; buffalo, per skin, $5@10; buffalo, per head, $5@10; buffalo, per robe, $10@20; buffalo, per tail, 50@75c; buffalo, per hump, 50@75c; buffalo, per hump, kits, 25@50c; buffalo, per head, kits, 25@50c; buffalo, per robe, kits, 25@50c; buffalo, per tail, kits, 25@50