A MODERATE RALLY—SPECULATIVE PRICES UP.

BETTER UNDERTONE TO THE GRAIN SITUATION.

Speculatively, There Was Not Any Improvement to Speak Of, and Trading Was Light.

Office Republic,
Tuesday, Nov. 20, 1900.

The friends of grains did not appear to be so disheartened this morning, there being several developments favorable to their cause, and later on quite a definite and fairly well maintained undertone of firmness, while before the day was over with there was evidence of more aggressive support to the speculative situation. It was not all clear sailing for those friendly to an improvement in conditions and a betterment in values, they having a great many things to contend with before any permanent impression was made on prices or a change for the better inaugurated. The different markets still lack their share of speculative attention, particularly on the part of the outside public, which continues to hold its hands off, being attracted almost solely to Wall street stocks and other things of a speculative nature, to the neglect of grains. There was not much improvement in this respect to-day, and especially where the cheaper grains were concerned, which were not only quiet, but underwent insignificant changes during the day and showed no changes of importance at the close.

Interest, as has been the case for a long time past, was centered chiefly in wheat, which presented more attractive features from a speculative standpoint than anything else in the grain line. This morning's early advices from the other side were not so favorable for the bulls as those of yesterday, the strength noted at Liverpool having given place to quite an undertone of weakness and much lower prices, that market showing a decline of ¾d, a fact which was taken to mean that English markets were taking no stock in the reported damage to the Argentine crop, and yesterday's sharp advance had been caused wholly by the efforts of shorts to cover. Surprising as it may appear, this sharp and unexpected reversal in form abroad had no unfavorable effects upon the markets on this side, and in particular at this point, where quite an undertone of firmness was displayed right from the send-off, and which was continued with little or no interruption to the close, when a good gain in values was to be seen.

Traders found very little wheat for sale when the market opened up for business this morning, an unusual state of affairs, as heretofore there has been very much more than could be very well taken care of. This created some buying support and the market here was ½c better for Dec., at 69⅝c, and in a very short time sold at 70c. May in the meantime was ⅜c lower, at 73⅝c, but soon advanced to 73¾c, but before orders were satisfied that option sold up to 73¾c. Just as soon as the buying support was withdrawn the market commenced to weaken and prices to retrograde, May selling off to 73¼c and Dec. to 69⅝c. Winter wheat receipts still continue to hold up well, but as shipments were again large and spring wheat receipts light they had no influence either way. According to the day's postings the arrivals at primary markets were 556,000 bu., against 1,160,000 bu. one year ago, in which were included 46,700 bu. at this point, against 34,900 bu. a week ago and 19,700 bu. a year ago. Shipments were reported at 429,000 bu.

As usual there was little or nothing that could be construed as encouraging in the late cables. Liverpool had rallied, but still closed ⅝d off for the day, and Berlin was ½c lower, but all other Continental markets were reported unchanged. The clearances in flour and wheat from this side were moderate at 400,000 bu., and local exporters spoke of small acceptances only, all being for hard winter wheat and from the Continent. The only thing at this time that was in the least encouraging was the fact that there had been a resumption of buying and a feeling among traders that there should be a betterment in wheat values. Dec. advanced under these conditions to 70⅛c and May to 73¾c. The final figures were considerably better than those of yesterday, the gains in price being more encouraging than had been expected. Nov. closing ¼c up for the day at 68 nominal, Dec. ⅛c higher at 70⅛c sellers 60 and May 1-16c better at 73⅝@¾c.

The local corn situation was quieter and less responsive to bullish conditions than its sister cereal, and the changes throughout the day were somewhat unimportant, especially in the ranges established in prices. There were both bullish and bearish advices and they were about evenly divided during the morning. One of the former was the weather conditions, too much rain or snow in the corn belt and the extreme cold in the Northwest still holding off. Selling offers were again few and far between, and, a fair demand springing up, the May option opened ⅛c higher at 34⅞c and in a very short time improved still more and sold at 35c, under a rather pressing demand. Dec. was unchanged and sold the same as it closed yesterday, at 34c. The receipts were liberal, and it was stated that corn was offered more freely from Nebraska, while the shipments were moderate. Total primary receipts were 728,000 bu., against 415,000 bu. a year ago, including 84,900 bu. locally, against 64,500 bu. last year. Shipments were 276,000 bu. and export clearances from Atlantic and Gulf ports 619,000 bu. Local exporters stated that the demand from abroad had let up considerably, and their advices from the other side were that foreigners were looking for lower prices from America, especially as the crop movement is so large, and Roumania reported as selling quite largely.

The close to-daw was not so strong as earlier, prices letting down some, but still the close showed a small gain, as compared with the day before, Nov. closing nominally unchanged, at 35c, Dec. ¼c better at 34⅝c bid and May ⅛c up at 35c bid.

The receipts of oats were moderate, and shipments were small, but the clearances of 308,000 bu. were the largest for some time. Bradstreet's reported 365,000 bu. increase in the available, where the regular visible fell off 10,000 bu. last week. The future market was easier, May selling ⅛c lower, at 24⅝c, and that asked at close. Nov. was bid 23c and Dec. 22¾c.

ON THE CURB—Wheat firm, Dec. sold at 70⅛c, and that bid; puts 69⅝c to 69¾c; calls 70⅛c to 70⅛@⅛c. May sold at 73¾c; puts 73¼c to 73⅜c; calls 74c to 74⅛@⅜c.

Traders' Gossip.

—A rather interesting comparison of the leading crops of the world the past year shows that of wheat and rye the aggregate was 4,000,000,000 bu., against 4,252,000,000 bu. the preceding year, 4,325,000,000 bu. two years ago and 3,600,000,000 bu. four years ago. The world's feed crops, corn, barley and oats, for the year are estimated at 5,835,000,000 bu., against 6,104,000,000 bu. the preceding year.

—In the eight years ending with 1899 the wheat crop of Argentine has ranged from 28,000,000 bu. up to 104,000,000 bu. year before last and the exports have ranged from 4,000,000 bu. up to the present total of 70,000,000 bu. In the years mentioned the gold premium has fluctuated between 250 premium and 120 premium.

—The annual report on the grain crop of Russia, harvest of 1900, shows that of the winter grains the rye crop is a little above and the wheat crop below the average. This winter wheat suffered from excessive humidity in the Southwest and "New Russia" spring grain is said to be near the average.

—The hay crop of 1.28 tons per acre will be only 50,666,000 tons, against 56,655,000 tons last year, 66,376,000 tons the preceding year, and with the exception of the small crop, 47,024,000 tons in 1895, the present crop is the smallest for eleven years.

—A cable from New South Wales states that the area sown for wheat this season will be about 16,000,000 bu. from 1,653,000 acres. A recent downfall of rain greatly improved the crop's prospects.

—Broomhall estimates the season's requirements of the United Kingdom at 226,000,000 bu. of which 187,000,000 bu. will have to be imported.

—A leading grain house here says their milling correspondents report large stocks of both wheat and flour on hand.

—A St. Louis exporter cabled last night some low-priced offers to sell hard winter wheat and only 24,000 bu. were accepted. This was by a continental market.

—A grain dealer who makes a specialty of selling wheat to outside mills, says that some low-priced offers to sell hard winter wheat and last night to a large number of his customers resulted in the sale of two cars. His last night's offers were 71½c for No. 2 red, 70½c for No. 2 red and 68c for No. 2 hard.

—F. Lenders and Company of London write J. H. Teasdale and Company that even the most skeptical concede considerable damage to the Argentine crop. Even the Times' correspondent has at length admitted serious damage, especially in Santa Fe, the largest producing province. A notable fact is this, that chartering in spite of comparatively low freights has been most meager and mainly for linseed. The English market, however, are still suffering from weight of present supplies, and are slow in recovering from the flood of American winter, which had been pouring into the principal ports.

—Broomhall cables: "The Argentine Ministry of Agriculture estimates the area of the current wheat crop at 3,346,000 acres. Even with as low an average yield per acre as 10 bu. this would mean a crop of over 33,000,000 bu. Last year's crop was reported as 80,000,000 bu.

—A leading miller of the Northwest writes the Hoskins Mill Company of Indianapolis that the wheat crop of the Dakotas and Minnesota will prove to be 130,000,000 bu.

—Omaha wires: "Movement of new corn general at all points in Nebraska, and will keep up with good weather."

—Primary oat receipts, 265,000 bu., against 461,000 bu. a year ago, 39,600 bu. at St. Louis, as against 34,900 bu., and primary shipments, 141,000 bu.

—Primary corn receipts, 728,000 bu., against 415,000 bu. a year ago, including 84,900 bu. at St. Louis, against 64,500 bu. last year, and their shipments, 276,000 bu.

—Primary receipts, 556,000 bu., against 600,000 bu. a week ago, 1,160,000 bu. a year ago, 1,596,000 bu. two years ago. At St. Louis, 46,700 bu., against 34,900 bu. a week ago, 19,700 a year ago. Primary shipments, 429,000 bu.

Cash Grain, Flour, Etc.

WHEAT—Cash Market—Received 2,276 sks. and 59 cars local and 2 cars through. Lower and a quiet and limited business done, both on local and outside milling account. A scarcity of cars said to restrict shipment sales, but offers to sell sent out based on yesterday's low price of futures met with little acceptance. By sample, switched: No. 2 red sold at 71½c this, 72½c per 12 sks; No. 3 red at 70@70½c and 70½@71c; No. 4 at 69@69c. Hard winter dull; No. 2 at 68½@69c, and No. 3 at 67@67½c. From elevator, 24,000 bu. No. 2 hard taken for export.

CORN—Cash Market—Received, 2,252 sks. and 85 cars local and 11 cars through. Lower. Elevator buyers were after mixed and took all offered at their bids, but the demand for white limited. By sample, switched: No. 2 sold at 35½c E. and 36c this side; No. 3 at 34½@35¼c this and 35½c E. side; No. 2 white at 36c; No. 3 white at 36½@36½c. In elevator—tough and wet at 35c. Closed dull at 35c.

OATS—Cash Market—Received, 29 cars local and 4 cars through. Dull, with mixed easier and white showing less strength. Sample sales on track: No. 2 at 24½@24¾c; choice No. 2 at 24c; No. 2 Northern at 24c; No. 2 white at 26c; No. 3 white at 23½@24c; No. 4 white at 24@24½c.

RYE—Steady at the recent decline. Grade No. 2 sold delivered E. side at 56c and that bid.

FLOUR—More cables in and some business done on the decline in wheat, which enabled the acceptance of cable bids. Domestic trade fair, with increasing orders from the South. Prices steady and sellers have to figure close, even at unchanged rates. Quotations on soft winter wheat flour are as follows: Patents $3.50@3.60; straights $3.20@3.40; extra fancy $2.15@2.25; clear $2.75@3; low and medium $2.25@2.50. Hard winter in jute sks. $2.25@2.60 for bakers; $2.80@3 for straights and $3.20@3.40 for patents.

RYE FLOUR—Jobbing at $3 in sks. and $2.25 in bbls.

CORNMEAL—$2; pearl meal, grits and hominy $2.20.

MILLFEED—Unchanged, with a light demand from shippers and small offerings. Sales, basis 5 trk., at 64c for bran (choice worth 65c), 66c for mixed feed, 68c for No. 1 midds; all in large sks. Bran in small sks. quotable at 65@66c and bulk at 61@62c.

HAY—Received 869 tons local and 280 tons through, shipped 250 tons. Steady, with a good, firm market for desirable feeding grades of timothy and the best prairie and clover. Low grades are dull. Prices on trk. range: Timothy, $13.50@14 for choice, $12.50@13 for No. 1, $11.50@12.50 for No. 2, $10@11 for No. 3; prairie, $10@10.50 for No. 1, $8.50@9.50 for No. 2, $7@8 for No. 3. Clover $9@12.

STRAW—When on trk., $4.25; rye $6.

GRASS SEEDS—Clover $14@22. Timothy $3.75@4.50; red top, 50c for chaff to $5.50 for fancy; millet, 60@90c. Hungarian, 60@90c.

CASTOR BEANS—Bid $1.75 per bu. for prime in car lots.

HEMP SEED—$2.60 per 100 lbs., pure basis.

FLAXSEED—Buyers refused to name a price and no market can be given.

LEAD—Steady and firm at $4.25 for soft Missouri and chemical hard and $4.32½ for desilverized.

SPELTER—Strong and in demand. Buyers now at $4.17½ and $4.20 asked.

Prices on Change.

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

	Monday.	Range To-day.	Closed To-day.
Wheat—Nov.	69¼ n	—@—	70 n
Dec.	69⅝ b	69⅝@70⅛	70⅛ b
May	73¾@74 b	73¼@73⅝	73⅝@73¾
Corn—Nov.	35 n	35 n	35 n
Dec.	34	34 @—	34⅛ b
May	34⅝	34⅛@34	35 b
Oats—Nov.	23 b	23 @—	23 b
Dec.	22⅞ b	22⅞@—	22⅞ b ..
May	24⅞ b	24⅝@—	24⅝

Cash wheat, corn and oats ranged:

	Monday.	To-day.
Wheat—No. 2 red	71⅛@—	72 @73¼
No. 3 red	68½@70	70 @71
No. 4 winter	62 @67	64 @68½
No. 2 hard	68½@69	68½@69
No. 3 hard	65 @65¼	65 @67½
Corn—No. 2	34⅝@—	35 @36⅛
No. 3	34 @—	35¼@35⅝
No. 2 white	35 @—	36 @—
No. 3 white	34 @—	35¼@36
Oats—No. 2	24 @—	24 @—
No. 3	23½@24¼	23 @—
No. 2 Northern	24½@24¾	24 @24½
No. 3 white	24 @—	24 @—
No. 3 white	24½@24¾	24 @24⅝
No. 4 white	24 @24½	24 @25	24 @24½

Movement of Grain.

Cities.	Receipts. Wheat.	Corn.	Shipments. Wheat.	Corn.
St. Louis	46,721	84,935	47,200	54,456
Chicago	129,360	291,200	107,811	140,725
Toledo	11,200	22,000	2,000	165,000
Detroit	9,000	60,000	1,000	63
Kansas City	47,200	15,500	72,800	9,000
Milwaukee	45,600	16,200	3,600	3,000
Minneapolis	166,000	9,810	27,350	3,300
Duluth	108,878	316	169,940	
New York	66,600	200,975	78,814	117,177
Baltimore	2,944	126,000	.....	214,285
Philadelphia	2,968	136,700	800	55,300
Boston	49,140	22,850	.....	9,857
New Orleans	12,000	158,000	50,000	222,857
Galveston	46,700	.....	.....	.....

Stocks of Grain in Store.

	To-Day.	Yesterday.	Last yr.
Wheat	5,606,000	5,529,257	2,901,943
Corn	94,317	74,207	359,774
Oats	48,628	43,396	14,739
Rye	12,822	12,822	9,114
Barley	65,574	65,573	800
Contract Grades—			
No. 2 red	2,247,250	2,233,850	1,755,017
No. 2 corn	50,959	32,065	213,277
No. 2 oats	203,352	201,257	93,493
No. 2 white corn	22,356	22,356	103,357
No. 2 oats	37,911	37,911	.....
No. 2 white oats	.....	.....	.....
No. 2 rye	8,623	7,144	4,771

Shipments of Flour.

St. Louis, 13,750 bbls.; Chicago, 6,818 bbls.; Toledo, 6,000 bbls.; Detroit, 1,400 bbls.; Milwaukee, 15,750 bbls.; Minneapolis, 32,985 bbls.; New York, 18,489 bbls. and 34,740 sks.; Baltimore, 103 bbls.; Boston, 2,600 bbls. and 12,121 sks.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

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

St. Louis, Tuesday, Nov. 20, 1900.

The produce markets were quiet to-day, but prices were well sustained, as receipts, as a rule, were light, and stocks comparatively small. The warm weather had a depressing effect in some lines, but in others prices were firm.

Potatoes were in good demand and the market firm. Receipts of Northern stock were light and there was a good inquiry for choice, smooth bright goods. Sweets were quiet, but firm and scarce. Receipts of home-grown were also light, but there was very little shipping demand, and prices were unchanged.

Sweet potatoes were quiet, steady and unchanged, with offerings fully equal to the demand.

Tomatoes were scarce and firm, as both Florida and home-grown stock was in demand.

Cucumbers were plentiful and lower, as the demand was limited and receipts heavy.

Cabbage was dull and weak, as offerings were liberal, and buyers held off on account of the warm weather. There was a fair demand for choice Holland seed, but other kinds were slow.

String beans were firm and in good demand.

Onions were scarce, in good demand and the market was firmer.

Celery was dull and slow, with offerings in excess of the demand.

Egg plant was slow and unchanged.

Cauliflower was scarce, firm and in good demand.

Rutabagas were firm and in fair demand, with light offerings.

Other vegetables were quiet and unchanged.

Apples were in good demand and the market firm. The movement was mainly in Eastern fruit, as receipts of Western growth were light, but choice apples of any kind met with ready sale.

Pears were scarce and in fair demand, but prices were unchanged.

Grapes were firmer and in better demand, as receipts were light.

Oranges were dull and weak, as offerings were liberal and the demand slow.

Lemons were quiet and steady at unchanged prices.

California fruits were quiet and unchanged.

Cranberries were in good demand and higher, but other fruits were quiet and steady.

Live poultry was dull and slow. Receipts of chickens, both young and old, were heavy, and supplies are accumulating, as the demand was slow. Prices were lower.

Receipts of turkeys were heavy, but there was an improved demand, and prices were unchanged.

Ducks and geese were quiet, but steady at unchanged prices.

Live poultry was dull and nominal, as receipts were light, and the market neglected on account of the warm weather.

Game was dull and slow. Most of the receipts were in bad condition on account of the warm weather, and rabbits were lower, but choice untainted game of other kinds was firm.

Veals were dull and slow. Receipts were moderate, but were in excess of the demand.

Sheep and lambs were dull and unchanged.

Wool was quiet and unchanged. Stocks were heavy and there was very little demand, but holders were firm in their demands.

Hides were firm and in good demand, with offerings light.

Furs were in good demand and firm, but receipts were mostly of inferior quality.

Eggs.

The market was quiet, but firm at unchanged prices. The receipts were light and there were some shipments, but the local demand was only fair. Choice, fresh stock sold at 18½c, loss off, but cold storage stock was dull.

Receipts at St. Louis to-day were 1,084 cases, and shipments were 100 cases.

Dairy Products.

Butter—Choice creamery butter was scarce and prices were higher, but the demand was limited. Other choice table grades were also higher as offerings were light. Inferior grades were dull and slow. Quotations: Creamery—Extra 27c; firsts 24@25c; seconds 20@22c. Dairy—Extra 20@21c; firsts 18@19c; grease 5c. Country—Store-packed 11½c for good to 8@10c for poor. Ladle-packed—Extra 16c; firsts 15c. Roll 12c for good to 14c for choice.

Cheese—Quote: Twins 10¾c; singles 11c; Y. A. 11½c; New York 11½c; Limburger 11@11½c; Swiss 14@15c; brick 12½c.

Provisions.

Pork firm; lard firm.

Pork—New standard jobbing f. o. b. $18.

Lard—Choice steam E. side $7.

Green Hams—Held in car lots, f. o. b. E. side: Hams—On basis, 8¼c for 16-lbs. New York shoulders at 5c. From the block, del.: Run-of-house hams at 7¾@8¼c; bellies at 7¾@9c, as in average.

D. S. Meats—Bxd. lots: Short clear 7¾c; clear ribs and clear sides 7¾c; bellies 8¼@8½c, as in average; plates 6½c. Dealers charge higher on small orders.

Bacon—Bxd. s. c. meats in a jobbing way: Breakfast bacon 9½c for heavy to 12c for fancy light; hams 9½@10½c. California 7c, as in average. New York shoulders 6½c. Plain smoked meats: Extra shorts 8¾c; c'ribs and clear sides 8¾c; bellies 8¾@9¾c, as in average; plates 7½c, as in average. Dealers charge higher on small orders.

Country Lard—6@6½c, according to quality and packs.

Oleo-Stearine—At 6¾c.

Tallow—Country No. 1 4¾c; No. 2 4c. Packers' choice 5½c.

Grease—Small irregular lots country: Brown 3c, yellow 3¼c, white 3½c. Packers' stock: Brown 3¼@3½c; yellow 4@4¼c; white 4¼@5c.

Beef—On orders: Ribbd.—Plate $9.75; Fulton Market $11; dried at 13c to 15½c per lb.; tongues at 15½c per lb. or $8 per doz.

Hides.

Dry flint—Average receipts, round 15½c; choice Texas 16c. Dry-salted—Round 13c. Green-salted—Western, round 8½c; Southern 8¼c. Dry flint—Selected No. 1 16½c; selected No. 2 14½c. Dry-salted—No. 1 13½c; No. 2 12½c. Green-salted—No. 1 8¼c; No. 2 7¼c; bull 6½c. Uncured 1c per lb. less; part cured ½c per lb. less, and glue stock half price.

Wool.

Missouri & Illinois—		Heavy fine	11 @12
Med. combing	20 @21	Tex., I. T. & Ok.—	
Med. clothing	18 @20	Medium	18 @18½
Braid and low	18 @19½	Coarse & low	13 @16
Burry & clear		Fine medium	14 @16
mixed	17 @18	Light fine	14 @15
Slightly burry	15 @16½	Heavy fine	11 @12
Hard burry	12½@13	Dakota & Western—	
Light fine	15 @17	Bright med'm	18 @18½
Heavy fine	13 @14	Dark medium	14 @16
Lambs	16 @18	Fine medium	14 @16
Wisconsin & Iowa—		Light fine	14 @15
Med. combing	18½@19	Heavy fine	12 @13
Braid & cloth-		Arkansas & South—	
ing	18 @18½	Med. (fleece)	19 @19½
Scourbright	16 @17½	Med. (dosed)	18 @18½
Dark	15 @16	Fine (fleece)	14 @15
Fine medium	15 @16	Tulowashed—	
Light fine	14 @15	No. 1	28
Heavy fine	11 @13	No. 2	21 @24
Kansas & Nebraska—		Burry	18 @20
Bright med'm	19	Angora goat hair—	
Dark & sandy	14 @16	Clean & clear	18 @20
Fine medium	14 @15½	Burry & clot.	
Light fine	13 @14	Med.	10 @11

Furs.

Raccoon—		Opossum—	
No. 1 large	70	No. 1	20
No. 1 medium	50	No. 2	10
No. 1 small & No. 2	40	Trash worthless.	
No. 2	20	Wolf—Prairie	25@45
No. 3	10	Wolf—Timber	50@$1.50
Mink—		Red fox—	
No. 1 medium	75	No. 1	$1.00
No. 1 small & sm.	60	No. 2	60
No. 1 large	90	No. 3	25
No. 3	25	No. 4	10
No. 4	15	Gray fox—	
Skunk—Prime, as to size	60@85	No. 1	50
Black, large	$1.00	No. 2	25
Black, medium	75	No. 3	10
Short stripe	45	No. 4	10
Narrow do.	40@50	Otter—	
Broad do.	15@20	No. 1 large	8.00
All blue or unprime	10	No. 1 medium	6.50
Wild cat	15@25	No. 2	5.00
Civet cat	10	No. 3	3.00
Badger	5@25	No. 4	1.00
House cat	10	Muskrat	6@10

Extreme Southern skins 15 per cent less and Northern 15 to 25 per cent more.

Poultry, Game and Veals.

LIVE POULTRY—Chickens—Straight young 5½c; broilers 6½c; old roosters 5c. Turkeys—Choice dressing stock 6½c; thin and poor less. Ducks 8c. Geese (top-feathered) 8@8½c. Old pigeons and squabs, per doz., 60c to 75c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Quote scalded and undrawn, with heads and legs on: Turkeys at 7@7½c per lb. Chickens 6@6½c. Ducks at 7½@8½c. Geese 6@7c.

GAME—We quote choice select sweet stock only: Quail—Undrawn $2; drawn $1.50. Prairie chickens—Dark $5. Pheasant $6. Wild turkeys per lb., Toms 10c; hens 8c. Ducks, per doz.—Mallards $5@6; redheads $3@4; canvasbacks $5; blue-wing teal $2; green-wing teal $1.75; mixed $1.50. Jacksnipe $1.50. Plover $1.25. Woodcock—Large fat, per carcasses, per lb., 50c. Venison saddles, hides on, 8@9c; hides, per doz., $1.50. Jack rabbits $2. Squirrel 60c. Possum, each, 50@60c.

VEALS—Choice fat at 7c per lb., fair at 6½c; heretics, rough and thin 3@4½c. Sheep dull at 3@4c; thin ewes and bucks at 2@3c per lb. Spring lambs—Ewes at 4c to 4½c per lb. for choice; buck lambs at 2½@3½c.

Fruits and Vegetables.

APPLES—Baldwin at $2@2.50 and greening at $2@2.50; fancy king at $2.50@2.75; mixed cars at from $2 to $2.40 for choice varieties. Bulk Baldwin quoted at $1@1.50 and greenings at $2 per bbl. Missouri—Ben Davis and genuine range from $1 to $2.25; winesap and willow twig at $1.50@2.75; other varieties accordingly; Idaho fancy varieties at $1.50 per 50-lb. box.

GRAPES—Quote: Concords at 17@17½c per 8-lb. basket; Catawbas at 18½c and Niagaras 18@20c for fancy baskets.

PEARS—Quote: Duchess (Eastern) at $2.50 per bbl.; Keifer at $2.75 for No. 1 and $2.50 for No. 1. Home-grown Keifers sell at $1.50@2 per bbl.

CALIFORNIA FRUITS—We quote: Pears—Seckel at $1.25@1.35 per half-bu. box and varieties at $2.50@2.75 per 40-lb. box. Grapes—Verdell, Emperor and Cornichon at $1.50@2 per 20-lb. crate.

ORANGES—Quote car lots on trk.: Florida at $3.25 per box for russets and bright; green nominally less; California seedless Jaffa at $3@3.25; navels at $3.50; Mexican—Sonora at $2.50 and La Barca at $3.25. Imported from store, 25c higher than above prices; Jamaica at $5 per bbl.

LEMONS—Quote: New Messina and California at $3@3.25 per box.

GRAPE FRUIT—Quote Jamaica at $5 to $6.50 per box.

BANANAS—Quote at $1.50@1.75 per bunch on orders.

COCOANUTS—Quotable at $37.50 per 1,000—in a small way at $4 per 100.

PINEAPPLES—Florida held at $3.75@4 per crate containing 24 to 36 pieces.

MALAGA GRAPES—Quotable at $6 to $7.50 per bbl.

CRANBERRIES—Howes selling at $7.50 per bbl. on E. trk. Jobbing from store at from $7 for early black to $7.50@8 for fancy late varieties.

POTATOES—Home-grown receipts light and prices firm at 40@45c; bluff early Ohio sold loose from store at 45@50c per bu., and rural and snowflake at 40@42c.

ONIONS—Quote fancy red globe at 70@75c and yellow at 65@60c del.; soft, small and inferior nominally less.

CABBAGE—Quote domestic at $10 and Holland seed at $12@18 per ton del. Dealers charge $1.50 per crate on small orders.

CELERY—Quote at 75c per doz. for choice to 50c per doz.; small to medium at 15c to 25c; home-grown at 15c to 25c per bunch. Celery roots dull at 35c per doz.

SWEET POTATOES—Florida round green at $2@2.25 per bu. hamper. New Orleans offerings poor and not selling; choice round worth $2 per bu. box.

TOMATOES—Last sales Florida at $2.50@3 per 6-basket crate for choice ripe.

EGG PLANT—Quote choice Florida at $1.50 per ½-bu. box.

PEPPERS—Some choice Florida offering; quotable at $1.50 per 6-basket crate.

CUCUMBERS—Offerings liberal; demand quiet. Quote Florida at $1.50 per bu. box or hamper.

SQUASH—Marrow, New Orleans at 75@90c per bu. box; Florida at $1.25@1.50 per 6-basket crate.

CAULIFLOWER—Choice Long Island held at $6@6 per bbl.

TURNIPS—Home-grown sell loose at from 15c to 20c per bu. Florida in 50-lb. sacks charged 75@91 per bbl. Consignments unsalable.

SPINACH AND KALE—Home-grown selling at 75c per bu. loose.

HABBAGES—New Orleans sold at 50c per doz. bunches.

CARROTS—We quote bulk Northern at 60@70c per 100 lbs. del. On orders dealers charge $1 per bu.

BEETS—Sell at $1 per bbl. on orders.

RUTABAGAS—Sold in bulk at 30c per bu. On orders at $1.25 per bu.

LETTUCE—Choice New Orleans head lettuce quotable at $1 per bbl. Home-grown dull at 15c per lb. loose.

ENDIVES—New Orleans dull at $2 per bbl.

HUBBARD SQUASH—Quotable at $14 per ton.

PUMPKINS—Home-grown sell at 40c per 100 lbs.

SWEET POTATOES — Home-grown Bermudas sell at 35c, yellow Nansemond and queen at 50c and red Nansemond at 40c per bu. Jersey at $1.50 per bbl. for Bermuda and $2@2.25 for Nansemond on orders.

SAUERKRAUT—Quote bbls. at $2.50; half bbls. at $1.75. Kegs and pouches dull and lower.

HORSERADISH—Quote home-grown at $3.50@4 per bbl. on orders.

SPANISH ONIONS—Quotable at $1.40@1.50 per crate.

Miscellaneous Markets.

HIGHWINES—Selling on a basis of $1.27.

FEATHERS—In demand at following (steady) quotations, per lb.: Prime white I. g. in small sks. 46c; in large sks. 44c; gray 35c; old white 35c; fowls, 20@22c; XX geese 50c; XXX geese 75c. Chickens 35c. Turkey—Tall 20c; wing 16c; pointers 4c; wing and tail 13c; wing and tail and pointers 3c; body 2c.

SHEEP PELTS—Full wool pelts at 50c to 30c, according to amount of wool on them; lamb at 25@50c. Southern 25@40c; shearlings at 20@35c. Dry stock, fallen, etc., 8@9c per lb.

BRISTLES—Quote: Best 35c per lb. for prime.

DEERSKINS, ETC.—Prime deerskins 30c per lb.—Texas at 28c; antelope 15c per lb.; goat 25c to 35c each—kids and damaged out.

ROOTS—Quote ginseng $3.50 for small to $4.25 for large; lady slipper at 1c; Seneca at 26c; pink at 14c; golden seal at 46c; Angelica 30c; wahoo—bark of root 8c, bark of tree 2½c; blood root 3c; black cohosh, skullcap leaves 5c; sassafras bark 4c; wild ginger 4c.

COTTONSEED OIL—Summer yellow 27c; white 28c; winter yellow 41c and white 42c.

LINSEED OIL—Quotable per gal.: Raw at 65c; boiled at 66c—in per gal. less in car lots.

CASTOR OIL—In lots of 200 gals. or over at 12c per lb. for No. 1 and 10c for No. 3; smaller quantities 1c per lb. more.

PRIME ALMONDS—Quote: Apples—Evaporated rings at 3½c to 4c; quarters at 3½c; sun-dried chops at 1½@2c; peelings at 1c; sun-dried—quarters at 3c to 3½c; chops and peelings neglected—no demand for unpeelable. Peaches—Fancy evaporated unpeeled halves at 4c; sun-dried 1c to 2½c.

DRIED GREEN PEASE—Jobbing from store at $1.25@1.30; Scotch at $1.20@1.35; split $1.40.

WHITE BEANS—Quote: Hand-picked pea beans in a jobbing way from store at $1.95@2; machine-picked $1.85@1.90 per bu. Western at $1.50—weevily less. Lima beans at 6¼@6½c per lb.

HONEY—Comb at 10c to 12½c—fancy white clover 12@13c; inferior dark and broken less. Extracted and strained in bbls. 7@8c and in cans at 8@9c.

COOPERSTUFFS—In car lots on trk.: Staves—Cottonwood floor bbl. $6.25@6.50; No. 2 $40@4.50; half-bbl. $3@3.50; beer keg $12@16; hard tierce $38; pork bbls. $18. Headings, per set—No. 1 floor bbl. 2½c—mill run 17½c-inch stock for apple bbl. at 4½c; No. 2 do. at 3½@4½c; hard tierce 16c; pork bbl. 12½c. Shaved hoops—Flour bbl. $4@4.50; cooper $3 for hoopsies; half-bbl. $2.50; coiled elm 16-foot $7.50; oak hard tierce cooper shaved $6@8; pork bbl. $5.

EMPTY BARRELS—Coal oil, turpentine and gasoline $1; vinegar 60c; black oil 45c; linseed, light oil and varnish, 75c; sugar, 15c; whisky 50c; do. half-bbls. 50c; wine $1; sauerkraut 35c; pickle 45c; molasses 30c; lard tcs. 35c—5c off for each broken head or stave; 2c off for each hoop missing.

MOSS—We quote: Gray and brown mixed 13½@15c; gray and brown and black mixed 2c; black and brown do. 8½c; black 27c. Machine-picked—N. A. at 27½c; XX at 35c; XXX at 45c; XXXX at 55c; inferior picked less.

BROOM CORN—In light offering; readily salable at $50 to $75 per ton.

BONES—Choice bleached at $16 per ton; other kinds from $10 to $15.

TALLOW—Per 100 lbs.: Country rags at 80c. Old rope—No. 1 and Manila $1.25; No. 2 75c. Rubber 38.

SCRAP IRON AND METAL—Per 100 lbs.: Wrought iron 42½c; heavy cast 42½c; malleable 27½c; steel 27½c—breakage 27½c; stove 27½c; burnt 20c. Light brass $7; heavy brass $11.50. Copper $12.50; zinc $2.50; lead $3.50; pewter $12.

COOPERAGE—Quote: Lard tierce at $1.15; pork bbls. 36c; do. half-bbls. 75c; slack-work—round-hoop flour bbls. 35c; flat hoop do. 22c; half-bbls. 24c; meal bbls. 28c produce or apple bbls. 25c.

Dry Goods.

New York, Nov. 20.—There has been a feeling of increased firmness in the dry goods market, due to the higher prices for raw cotton, and with a continued steady market for the raw material there is likely to be in the judgment of authorities a higher level established for piece goods. Some new prices have been made on tickings and prints, the former showing an advance of ¼c. Jobbers are doing a clearing-up business.

WHEAT IMPROVED IN CHICAGO MARKET.

DOMESTIC RECEIPTS FELL OFF.

Corn Bullish, With Fair Advance—Oats Ruled Firm—Hog Products Strong.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 20.—Wheat turned from the depression that had been prevailing at the opening to-day and in the end was ⅝c higher than it closed Monday. A sensational falling off in domestic receipts, as compared with last year, had much to do with the improvement, the day's arrivals being less than half of those of the year previous. The Nov. corn deal ran smoothly for the man that was steering its course. It advanced ¾c and left off ⅝c above the previous day's closing figures. Dec. corn gained ⅜c. Oats were firm, and so also were the hog products.

Wheat.

Wheat was inclined to continue its downward course at the immediate start, and while there was nothing in sight at that time to suggest a reason for it doing otherwise, it turned about and commenced to warily take a few upward steps. It tested its footing carefully as it climbed a few eighths, and, becoming doubtful of their stability, made haste to return again to the ground floor, and it took a step or two in the direction of the cyclone cellar. Liverpool was ¾d lower, leaving that market where it stood at the close of Saturday's business, and the opening decline was due thereto. Local receipts were 189 cars, compared with 103 the corresponding day of last year. Minneapolis and Duluth got 485 cars, against 549 Tuesday preceeding and 1,225 the similar day of the week a year ago. Besides the ¾d decline in futures at Liverpool, No. 2 red and No. 1 Northern on the spot were each ½d lower. Paris was ¼c a bu. up for the current month and without change for more distant deliveries, while Antwerp likewise repeated Monday's quotations.

The primary Western market receipts were comparatively small, and arrested the decline before the price of Dec. got below 70c. It opened at from 70⅛@70¼c and rose to 70⅛@70⅜c before falling back to 70c, and from that it rose again to 70⅜c, when it was seen that primary Western markets had received only 553,000 bu. or say 697,000 bu. less than a year ago. Those were the chief fluctuations of the first two hours. Liverpool reacted at the first hour of closing, leaving the net decline for the day from ½d to ⅝d. Minneapolis reported an active competition among millers for the day's small arrivals, which at that point were only 196 car loads. Seaboard clearances of wheat and flour amounted to 425,000 bu.

Bradstreet's report of changes in the visible showed 1,000,000 bu. increase in this country and 200,000 bu. increase in and afloat for Europe, or a total increase of 1,800,000 bu., against 716,000 bu. increase the cor