ANOTHER SETBACK— ALL GRAIN MARKETS OFF.

NO REDEEMING FEATURES TO THE SITUATION.

Weakness Held Possession All Through the Day and the Close Was Sharply Lower.

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The local grain markets to-day were by far the most discouraging, from a bull standpoint, and less satisfactory and interesting to the trade in general, than any that have gone before for some considerable time. In fact there was not a single redeeming feature, they all going one way, and that of course was towards a lower level than has been reached so far this week. As far as the speculative condition of corn was concerned, there was nothing to this market to attract attention or make it interesting to the local trade, except the Nov. deal being worked at Chicago, in which the trade here was not interested, except as onlookers, but which at the same time had the effect of checking speculative operations, the result of which was that during most of the day this grain was more or less neglected. Decided weakness for the first time this week was also shown in this grain and the final figures were at a loss for the day. In the case of the higher priced cereal, heaviness and discouragement was plainly to be seen throughout the entire day. Weakness was one of the leading features and the market being without any adequate support, either in the way of news or buying, prices took another step backwards, and when the market closed there was none of the strength displayed yesterday to be observed, while values were sharply lower all round. Trading in the aggregate was scattering and slow, and the whole volume of business was exceedingly limited.

A very great disappointment awaited the friends of wheat when the market opened this morning, which was intensified further as the day advanced and it was seen that there was only one side to the market. This grain during the day was not at all slow to reflect bearish overtures, and the situation right from the outset was weak, heavy and disappointing in more ways than one. There was hardly any check to the downward drift of values, which started early and continued to within a very short time of the close, when there was a slight reactionary tendency, and the market was saved from a worse set-back than it actually received, though it was bad enough in all conscience. The very generous advance at Liverpool, and which, in a great measure, represented the confidence of the bulls yesterday, was followed this morning by cables that had equally dampening effect. That market showed no response to our advance of the damage reports from Argentine, and instead of opening higher, or at least firm, the first cable reported ½d decline, which was followed by another reporting ¼d decline more.

The news from the Argentine received this morning was more favorable than otherwise, and as the receipts here were large for the season and the crowd more long than short, a tumble in prices naturally followed the early news put in circulation. May opened ⅝@⅞c lower at 73⅞c and the first few minutes sold off to 73⅝@¾c. Dec. started off at a loss of 1⅛@⅛c from last night's close, at 69⅝c, though a fair trade was at 70c. May reacted to 73⅞c, but this to be but a flash in the pan, as prices commenced to go down again. There was not a single spark of vitality to be gotten out of the later cables, about the best in the whole batch being from Antwerp, which reported a quiet and unchanged market. Liverpool closed ¼d lower for the day, Berlin was off ⅛c, Paris ⅛c, and Budapest Pesth ⅛c. Exporters reported some acceptances from the Continent, some at better figures than yesterday, but this appeared to have no influence, as the clearances were small at 416,000 bu. and lones to discouraged and disgusted to make any efforts towards bringing about a reaction. There was received a confirmation of the closing down of mills at Minneapolis owing to the dullness of the flour trade, and this caused May to sink to 73⅛c, and was offered at 73⅛@⅛c. In the meantime Dec. sold off to 69⅝c, was bid up to 69⅞@70c, but weakened and sold down to 69½c.

Near the close of the day the pressing selling let up somewhat, and buying picked up a little. An elevator representative was a buyer of Dec. and a seller of May at about 3¾c difference, indicating that the stock was being switched over. Shorts covered pretty freely also, which gave the market a better tone. There was nothing bullish heard of, as export sales were only 19 loads. Clearances for the week were 3,827,000 bu., against 4,962,000 bu. last week and 3,689,000 bu. a year ago. Strengthened by the buying, Dec. recovered to 69⅞c, which was ⅜@⅝c off for the day, and at which it closed. May closed 73⅞c, bid, and Nov. nominally ⅛c off, at 69⅞c.

It has been nearly a week since corn has exhibited such weakness as it displayed today. There have been weak spots occasionally, but none to be compared with that witnessed this morning, and it all came from the fact that the country for the first time were free sellers. The most of this selling was to Chicago, where Nov. was away up, owing to manipulation, but the receipts there were so heavy as to break prices there also. Receipts were smaller here, and so were the shipments from Western markets, but the export clearances amounted to 735,000 bu. Liverpool was quiet and closed ¼d lower, though the shipments from the Argentine were smaller, being but 216,000 bu. At the opening here May sold ⅛c lower, at 35¼c, and Dec. had sellers at 34⅝@⅝c. According to the postings, the arrivals at primary markets were 491,000 bu., against 278,000 bu. a year ago, including 71,900 bu. locally, against 26,000 bu. last year, and shipments but 173,000 bu. This market attracted little attention during the balance of the day, such trading as was indulged in late being of the smallest possible character. Dec. was offered lower, but found no takers, until 34½c was asked, which was ⅛c off for the day, and at which it closed. May at the close was also ⅛c lower, at 35¼c, and Nov. ⅛c off, at 35c nominal. Export sales of 45 loads were reported, and the clearances for the week were 5,236,000 bu., against 3,976,000 bu. last week and 4,150,000 bu. a year ago, but this did not influence the market any, which closed entirely nominal at the figures given above.

The local speculative market for oats was firm, but exceedingly quiet and dull throughout the entire day. Primary receipts were 194,000 bu., against 239,000 bu. a year ago, including 22,800 bu. here, against 16,800 bu. a last year, and shipments were 203,000 bu. There was nothing of importance developed in this market during the day. Dec. sold in a small way at 25¼c and closed at that, May at 25¼c, unchanged at 27½c bid, and Nov. nominally unchanged at 23c.

On the Curb—Wheat easy. May sold at 73⅝c; puts, 73⅜c; calls, 73⅞c; Dec. puts, 69⅝c; calls, 70@70⅛c.

Traders' Gossip.

—Argentine shipments this week were 736,000 bu. wheat and 216,000 bu. corn, against 264,000 bu. wheat and 560,000 bu. corn last week, and 560,000 bu. wheat and 1,336,000 bu. corn a year ago. Since Jan. 1 that country has shipped 60,400,000 bu. wheat, against 58,974,000 bu. for same time last year.

—This is the season of the year when the crops of the Pacific Coast should be receiving beneficial rains, and they have been getting them in both Northern and Southern California generous rains have fallen, having been specially heavy in the latter section.

—A special cable from Snow says: "Generally in the Argentine the weather condition is favorable and the farm work is progressing well. Linseed picking is making good progress."

—Liverpool received this week 670,000 bu. wheat, of which 472,000 bu. American and 168,000 bu. corn, the wheat but little smaller, but the corn very considerably less than last week and a year ago.

—Minneapolis wires that all Washburn-Crosby mills, except two, will close Saturday. Quantity flour ground this week is 180,000 bu., against 269,000 last year and 353,000 year before last.

—Liverpool weekly cotton statistics: Total sales all kinds, 53,000; American, 44,000; English spinners' takings, 21,000; total exports, 7,000; imports all kinds, 163,000; American, 146,000; stock all kinds, 459,000; American, 372,000; afloat all kinds, 586,000; American, 346,000. Total sales for speculation, 1,500; total exporters, 2,400.

—Cash business in Chicago yesterday was 210,000 bu. No. 1 Northern wheat, 350,000 bu. corn, 75,000 bu. oats; at seaboard 200,000 bu. wheat, 336,000 corn, and 180,000 oats.

—Yesterday the president of the Kansas Grain Dealers' Association stated that 60 per cent of that State's crop had been marketed. And the next day it—well, it didn't exactly rain wheat, but 56,000 bu. arrived at St. Louis and 65,000 at Kansas City.

—The Modern Miller outlook: The winter wheat crop continues in a favorable position on the whole. Complaints, however, are coming from parts of the winter wheat belt of too much warm and moist weather giving unseasonable growth to the plant, and there also was evidence of Hessian fly in some quarters. The flour trade continues slow on account of the declining tendency of wheat.

—Wheat receipts at primary points were 665,000 bu., against 696,000 bu. a week ago, 971,000 bu. one year ago, and 1,802,000 bu. two years ago. Receipts at St. Louis, 45,700 bu., against 41,200 bu. a week ago, and 16,300 bu. a year ago. Primary shipments, 462,000 bu.

—Primary corn receipts, 491,000 bu., against 278,000 bu. a year ago, including 71,900 bu. at St. Louis, against 26,000 bu. last year, and their shipments, 173,000 bu.

—Primary oat receipts, 194,000 bu., against 239,000 bu. a year ago, 22,800 bu. at St. Louis, as against 16,800 bu., and primary shipments, 203,000 bu.

—The Argentine wheat visible increased this week 216,000 bu., and is now 2,240,000 bu., which is 2,728,000 bu. smaller than a year ago, when there was 182,000 bu. decrease. Corn visible is 520,000 bu., against 478,000 bu. a week ago, and 1,412,000 bu. a year ago.

—Sam G. Dougher & Co. of Nashville, in a letter to C. H. Burr & Co., say of the wheat crop in Middle Tennessee that they are advised by a great many farmers, fully one-fourth, that wheat seed has been destroyed by the fly. Taking into consideration there was sown only half as much wheat as usual, and adding to it the loss of quarter by the fly, they say it points to only a quarter crop for that section.

Cash Grain, Flour, Etc.

WHEAT—Cash Market—Received 1,289 cars, and 65 cars of flour. Is very and quite fair offerings supply, but city millers demands rather lots, and not much better from the outside. Late yesterday and to-day 500,000 No. 2 red taken from elevators for shipment by sample, catching No. 2 red at 4c off to 1c over, and 1c on track to 2c over. No. 3 red at 69½c for low to 70½c, and a few cars at 71c. No. 4 at 67c to 69c. No. 2 hard at 69½@70c. No. 3 do. at 67½c to 69½c. No. 4 do. at 65c. No. 2 red sold at 69½c, No. 3 do. at 67½c, and No. 4 do. at 65c.

CORN—Cash Market—Received 1,778 cars, and 60 cars local and 1 car shipment. Offerings are very good and 1 car shipped in, and this to be kept No. 2 at 2½@3c off, and since the sale, No. 2 yellow at 35½c this side. No. 2 white sold at 36c, and for the day No. 2 white and white at 36c bids, in lots, from that No. 2, No. 2 yellow and No. 2 white sold round at 36c.

OATS—Cash Market—Received 19 cars local. Sample offerings very small, but demand of the latter not and no advance obtainable. Sales on track at close for No. 2, 25¼@25½c for No. 2, 24c for No. 3. Northern, 25½c for clipped mixed, 25¼@25½c for good to choice fair mixed, No. 2 white at 26c, No. 3 white at 25½@25¾c, and No. 4 white at 25¼@25½c.

RYE—Scarce and firm. Grade No. 2 was salable at 56c and No. 3 at 54c ⅝ side.

FLOUR—A steady domestic trade is the only selling feature of the market, as foreign business very poor and unsatisfactory. Quotations on soft winter wheat flour are as follows: Patents $3.50@3.60, straights $3.30@3.40, extra fancy $2.90@3.00, clear $2.70@2.80, low and medium $2.40@2.60, third Winter in jute sacks $2.00@2.10, first clear for bakers, $2.80@3 for straights, and $3.60@3.80 for patents.

RYE FLOUR—Jobbing at $3 in sks. and $3.25 in bbl.

CORNMEAL—$2; pearl meal, grits and hominy $2.25.

BUTTER—A better undertone, as offerings are small, interest to the inquiry. Firm quotations for fancy, at 20@22c; choice dairy, 20c in large and 19@20c in small sks., 15c in bulk; mixed feed at 15c and mids at 16@17c. At mid-Iran jobs at 1c.

HAY—Received 505 tons local and 65 tons through, shipped 210 tons. A steady demand for the best grades of timothy, which in small supply, but medium quiet and low; qualities dull. Prairie continues to sell well, but quiet; choice longest grades of prairie, in demand and firm. Timothy quoted for choice, $12.50@13 for No. 1, $11.50@12 for No. 2, $10@11 for No. 3, prairie $10@12.50 for No. 1, $9@10.50 for No. 2, $7@8 for No. 3. Clover $8@12.50 for No. 2.

STRAW—Wheat on trk. $4.25; rye $6.

GRASS SEEDS—Clover, $13@22. Timothy, $2.25@3.50 per bu. for cheap to $5.50 for fancy; red top, $1@2; Hungarian $1@1.25.

CASTOR BEANS—Bid $1.70 per bu. for prime in car lots.

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

FLAXSEED—Buyers refused to name a price and none offered to be given.

LEAD—Unchanged at $4.25 asked for soft Missouri and bid for chemical hard, and $4.32½ nominally for desilverized.

SPELTER—Firm at $4.20.

Prices on Change.

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

	Closed Thursday.	Range To-day.	Closed To-day.
Wheat—Nov.	70⅝	70⅝@70⅞	70⅝ b
Dec.	70⅛@⅞ b	70@70⅞	69⅞
May	74⅛@⅞	73⅝@74	73⅞@⅞ b
Corn—Nov.	35⅛ n	35	34⅞
Dec.	34⅝ b	34⅝@⅞	34½
May	34⅞	34¼@⅜	34¼
Oats—Nov.	23 n	23	23 n
Dec.	25⅛ n	25	25
May	27½ n	27	27½ b

Cash wheat, corn and oats traded:

	Closed Yesterday.	Range Thursday.	To-day.
Wheat—No. 2 red	71	71@71½	71 @⅞
No. 3 red	69	69	69@69½
No. 4 winter	62	62@67	61 @58
No. 2 hard	69	69@70	69@69½
No. 3 hard	67	66½@67	67½@67⅞
Corn—No. 2	35⅛@35¼	35 @35⅛	35 @35⅛
No. 3	34	34	34
No. 2 white	36 @36¼	36 @36⅛	36 @36⅛
No. 3 white	35½@35¾	35 @35⅛	35 @35⅛
Oats—No. 2	24½@24¾	24 @24½	24 @24½
No. 3	24	23½@24	23 @23¼
No. 2 Northern	24½@24¾	24	24
No. 3 white	25 @25¼	25 @25⅛	25 @25⅛
No. 2 white	24½@24¾	24	24½@24¾
No. 3 white	24	23½@24	24 @24⅛

Movement of Grain.

Cities.	Receipts. Wheat.	Corn.	Shipments. Wheat.	Corn.
St. Louis	56,000	71,945	21,719	28,478
Kansas City	65,000	21,000	12,000	1,000
Toledo	10,961	113,609	2,969	59,000
Detroit	2,000	1,000	1,000	10,000
Kansas City	65,000	21,000	12,000	1,000
Chicago	191,000	750,000	200,000	336,000
Minneapolis	265,000	20,000	20,000	30,000
Duluth	109,145	1,976	.....	.....
New York	100,000	69,000	3,000	63,000
Baltimore	16,000	275,000	26,000	411,000
Philadelphia	21,000	212,000	1,000	225,000
Boston	5,000	2,000	.....	.....
New Orleans	22,000	18,000	19,000	.....
Galveston	25,000	.....	73,000	.....

Stocks of Grain in Store.

	To-day.	Yesterday.	Last yr'r.
Wheat	1,101,238	1,101,238	2,381,001
Corn	104,194	104,928	276,893
Oats	42,312	42,412	9,581
Rye	12,852	12,852	3,597
Barley	83,551	83,114	2,441

Contract grades—

No. 2 red wheat	1,000,217	2,228,828	1,741,830
No. 3 hard wheat	20,881	20,939	58,203
No. 2 corn	34,000	75,142	184,248
No. 2 white corn	2,750	2,750	26,115
No. 2 oats	20,000	20,000	2,811
No. 2 white oats	2,000	2,000	5,771

Shipments of Flour.

St. Louis, 8,217 bbls.; Chicago, 17,165 bbls.; Detroit, 1,000 bbls.; Milwaukee, 8,231 bbls.; Minneapolis, 27,140 bbls.; New York, 19,962 bbls. and 17,171 sks.; Baltimore, 3,899 bbls.; New Orleans, 5,000 bbls.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

Local Fruit, Vegetable, Poultry, Egg and Butter Quotations

St. Louis, Friday, Nov. 23, 1900.

There was little improvement in the produce markets to-day, and the movement was slow. Receipts were light, and prices were sustained on this account more than from any urgency in the demand. Shippers were inclined to hold off, and the local trade bought sparingly.

Potatoes were steady and unchanged. Receipts of Northern stock were light, and choice eating varieties were scarce and firm. Seed varieties were slow, and the general demand was dull. Receipts of home-grown were also light, but were sufficient for all requirements, as shippers were out of the market and the local demand was slow.

Sweet potatoes were quiet and steady at unchanged prices.

Cabbage was slow and weak. Offerings were liberal and included much stock that was damaged or out of condition, while the demand was limited to choice stock.

Tomatoes were scarce and firm, and choice fancy fruit would have sold readily at good prices if offered.

Onions were scarce, in good demand and firm, with offerings light and good stock scarce.

Egg plant was firmer and in better demand, with offerings light.

Cauliflower was scarce and firm. Receipts were light and most of the arrivals were more or less bruised.

Asparagus were quiet and steady.

String beans were more plentiful and weak, as receipts were heavy and the demand slow.

Other vegetables were quiet and steady.

Apples were firm and in active demand. Receipts were fairly heavy, but the movement was free, as both shippers and local packers were in the market. The movement was almost altogether in Eastern fruit, as receipts of Western grades were light.

Pears were scarce, firm and in fair demand, at unchanged prices.

Grapes were in good demand. Concords were scarce and firm, and other varieties were steady.

Cranberries were firmer and in good demand.

Oranges were dull and weak. Offerings were liberal and the demand was rather slow.

Lemons were quiet and steady at unchanged prices, with the demand and offerings light.

Other fruits were quiet and steady at unchanged prices.

Live poultry was dull, but the market showed some improvement over yesterday. Receipts of chickens were heavy, and the market was overstocked with both young and old, as shippers were out of the market, and local buyers were well supplied. Turkeys were in fair demand, but receipts were liberal. The market was firmer. Ducks were quiet and steady, and geese were unchanged.

Dressed poultry was dull and slow. Receipts were liberal, but offerings were mainly rough stock that were out of condition, and there was little demand.

Veals were dull and weak, as receipts were heavy, and considerable stock was carried over. Game was in better demand on account of the warm weather, but receipts were nearly all more or less out of condition, and only sweet stock was wanted. Rabbits were firmer, but other prices were unchanged.

Furs were firm and in good demand, but most of the receipts were of poor quality, and some were almost worthless.

Wool was quiet and steady at unchanged prices. There was scarcely any demand. Stocks are large, but holders continue firm in their views.

Hides were steady and in good demand at unchanged quotations. Receipts were moderate.

Eggs.

The market was quiet and steady at unchanged prices to-day. Receipts were light, and there was a fair local demand, but no shipments. Fresh receipts sold at 18½c, less off, but cold-storage stock was dull and slow.

Receipts at St. Louis to-day were 1,592 cases.

Dairy Products.

Butter—Offerings of all grades were moderate, but the demand was slow and the market quiet and steady. All except the best grades were dull and slow. Quotations: Creamery—Extra 23c; firsts 21@22c; seconds 20@22c. Dairy—Extra 20@21c; firsts 18@19c; seconds 15@17c. Country—Store-packed 11@12c 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 quiet; lard higher.

Pork—New standard jobbing f. o. b. $13.

Lard—Choice steam E. side $7.07½.

Green Hams, 11c—Held in car lots, f. o. b. E. side; Hams—On basis, 8½c for 16-lbs. New York shoulders at 8c. From the block, del.: Rim-or-house hams at 7¾@8¼c; bellies at 7¾@9c, as in average.

D. S. Meats—Bxd. lots: Extra short 7⅝c; 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 8⅝c; c'rlns and clear sides 8⅝c; bellies 8⅞@9⅜c, as in average; plates 7¼c, as in average. Dealers charge higher on small orders.

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

Oleo-Stearine—At 7c.

Tallow—Country No. 1 4¾c; No. 2 4c. Packers' choice 5⅛c.

Grease—Small irregular lots country: Brown 3c, yellow 3½c, white 3½c. Packers' stock: Brown 3⅝@3¾c; yellow 4@4¼c; white 4⅛@4½c.

Feet—On orders: Ribbed—Plate $2.75; Fulton Market $11; cried at 13c to 15½c per lb.; tongues at 15½c per lb. or $5 per doz.

Hides.

Dry flint—Average receipts, round 15½c; choice Texas 15½c. Dry salted—Round 13c. Green-salted—Western round 8½c; Southern 8c. Dry flint—Selected No. 1 16½c; selected No. 2 15½c. Dry-salted—No. 1 14c; No. 2 12½c. Green-salted—No. 1 12½c; No. 2 11½c. Bulls 6½c. Unpaid 1c per lb. less; part cured 2c per lb. less, and glue stock half price.

Wool.

Missouri & Illinois—		Heavy fine	11 @12
Med. clothing	20 @21	Tex., I. T. & S. W.—	
Med. clothing	18 @19	Med. wool	12½@
Broad and low	18 @19	Coarse & low	10 @12
Burry & clear	14 @15	Fine medium	14 @15
Burry	12 @15	Light fine	14 @15
Shabby burry	10 @12	Fine medium	14 @15
Hard burry	12½@15	Dakota & Western—	
Light fine	14 @15	Bright medium	14 @16
Heavy fine	11 @14	Dark medium	13 @16
Medium	14 @15	Heavy medium	11 @16
Wisconsin & Iowa—		Light fine	14 @16
Med. clothing	18½@19	Heavy fine	12 @14
Braid & clothing	17 @18	Arkansas & South.	
Fine medium	18 @19½	Med. clothing	18 @19
Semi-braid	15 @17	Med. double	15 @16½
Burr	13 @15	Burry	14 @15
Fine medium	15 @18	Tub-washed—	
Light fine	14 @15	No. 1	28½
Heavy fine	11 @13	No. 2	24 @24
Kansas & Nebraska—		Burry	18 @20
Bright med'm	19	Angora goat hair—	
Burr & sandy	14 @16	Clean & clear	18 @20
Fine medium	14 @15	Burry & clot.	
Light fine	13 @14	kid	10 @17

Furs.

Raccoon—		Muskrat	5@10
No. 1 prime	65	Opossum—	
No. 1 medium	40	No. 1	20
No. 1 small & No. 2	20	No. 2	10
No. 3	10	Trash wormless	
No. 4	5	Wolf—Prairie	25@45
Mink—		Timber	50@$1.50
No. 1 large	80	Red fox—	
No. 1 medium	50	No. 1	$1.00
No. 1 small & No. 2	30	No. 3	60
No. 3	20	No. 2	25
No. 4	15	No. 4	10
Skunk—Prime, as to size		Gray fox—	
Black, large	$1.00	No. 1	50
Black, medium	75	No. 2	25
Short stripe	50	No. 3	10
Narrow do.	40@50	Other—	
Broad do.	25@30	No. 1 large	7.00
All blue or unprime	10	No. 1 medium	5.00
Wild cat	15@25	No. 2	3.00
Otter, dark	5.00	No. 3	2.00
Badger	50@75	Bear	10@
House cat	10	Beaver	10@ 6

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

Poultry, Game and Veals.

LIVE POULTRY—Chickens—Straight young 5c; old roosters, 3c. Turkeys—Choice dressing stock only; thin and poor less. Ducks 7c. Geese dressed—Fed 7c. Old pigeons and squabs, per dozen, to order.

DRESSED POULTRY—Quote nested and untrawn, with heads and legs on: Turkeys at 8c per lb. Chickens 5c. Ducks 7½@8c. Geese 6½@7c.

GAME—We quote choice select sweet stock only: Quail—Redwing $2; drawn $1.60. Prairie chickens—Dark $3. Pheasant $6. Wild turkeys, per lb., 10c. Venison, per lb., 10c. Hares, per doz.—Mallards $3; redheads $3; canvasback $5; blue-wing teal $2; green-wing teal $1.50; mixed $1.25. Jacksnipe $1.50. Plover $1.25. Woodcock—Limpkins, per dozen, $3. Rabbits, per dozen, in saddles, hide on, 1c. Rabbits, per doz., 40@50c. Jack rabbits $1.50. Squirrels 60c. Possum, each, 50@75c.

VEALS—Choice fat at 4½@5c per lb., fair at 4c, heavies, rough and thin 2@3½c. Sheep dull at 2@3c; thin ewes and bucks at 2½c per lb. Spring lambs—Ewes at 4c to 4½c per lb. for choice; buck lambs at 3½@3½c.

Fruits and Vegetables.

APPLES—Quote: Eastern packed—Baldwin and greening at $3.25@3.50 per barrel; Western mixed varieties at from $2.75@3.10 for choice varieties; bulk Baldwins quotable at $2.10 bbl. measure on trk. Western, packed—Ben Davis and genting mixed, $2.75@3; winesap and willowtwig at $3 to $3.25.

GRAPES—Quote: Choice Concords at 20c per 8-lb. basket. Catawbas at 12@15c per pony basket. Niagaras at 15c for pony basket; bulk Catawbas at $3@3.50 per bbl.

PEARS—Quote: Keifer at $3.25 per bbl.

CALIFORNIA PEARS—Quote: Winter nellis at $2.50@2.75 per box.

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

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

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

BANANAS—Quote at $1.25@1.75 per bunch on orders.

COCOANUTS—Quotable at $37.50 per 1,000—in a small way, at $5 per sack.

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

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 blacks to $8.50@9 for fancy late varieties.

POTATOES—Northern on trk., receipts light and prices firm at 60@65c for fair and 65@70c for choice; bluff early Ohio sold loose from farmers' wagons at 75@80c per bu.

ONIONS—Quote: Spanish, red globe at 70@80c and yellow at 75@80c bu.; soft, small and inferior nominally less.

CABBAGE—Quote domestic at $50 and Holland red at $3@3.50 per ton del. Dealers charge $1.50 per bbl. for small orders.

CELERY—Quote: Fancy white plume at 20c to 30c per doz.; small to medium at 15c to 25c; home-grown at 15c to 20c per bunch. Celery root, 10c per doz.

STRING BEANS—Florida round green at $2 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; Mexican, $2.50@3.

EGG PLANT—Quote choice Florida at $1.75@2 per bushel box.

PEPPERS—Some choice Florida offering; quotable at $1 per bushel crate.

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

OKRA—New Orleans at 50@60c per bu. box; Florida at $1.50@1.60 per 6-basket crate.

CAULIFLOWER—Choice Long Island held at 75@$1 per bbl.

TURNIPS—Home-grown sell loose at from 15c to 20c per doz. bch. for washed; per bu. Orders charged 25@30c per bu. for last year and 15 cars were estimated for to-morrow. Shipments from Chicago were 235,000 bu., as against 216,000 bu. last year and 15 cars were estimated for to-morrow. Shipments from Chicago were 234,000 bu., as against 248,000 bu. last year, and seaboard clearances 15,000 bu., as compared with 49,000 bu. a year ago. Dec. oats opened at 24¼@24½c, declined to 23¾c and closed at 24½c. May oats opened at 24¼@24½c, sold at 24½c and 24c, closing at the latter.

Range of Futures.

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—Nov.	70⅝	70⅝	70⅝	70⅝@⅞ b
Dec.	70⅝@⅞	70⅞	70⅝@70⅞	70⅝@⅞
May	73⅞@74	74	73⅞@74	73⅞@74
Corn—Nov.	35	35	35	34½
Dec.	34⅝@⅞	34⅞	34⅝	34⅝
May	34⅝@⅞	34⅞	34⅝	34⅝@⅞
Oats—Nov.	23	23	23	23
Dec.	25⅛	25⅛	25	25
May	27½@⅝	27½	27½	27½
Mess Pork—Nov.	16.10	16.10	16.10	16.10
Jan.	11.90	12.00	11.90	12.00
May	11.90	11.90	11.90	11.90
Lard—Nov.	7.15	7.15	7.15	7.15
Dec.	6.90	6.90	6.90	6.90
Jan.	6.82½	6.82½	6.82½	6.82½
May	6.85	6.92½	6.85	6.92½
Short Ribs—Nov.	.....	.....	.....	7.17
Jan.	6.37½	6.37½	6.37½	6.37½
May	6.37½@⅝	6.37½	6.37½	6.37½

Receipts and Shipments.

Articles.	Rec.	Ship.
Flour, bbls.	19,000	17,500
Wheat, bu.	55,000	338,000
Corn, bu.	282,000	32,000
Oats, bu.	191,000	225,000
Rye, bu.	3,000	5,000
Barley, bu.	22,000	12,000

Rye.

There was practically nothing done in the rye market; buyers and sellers could not come to an agreement as to price. The only transaction in the market was a changing of Dec. and May delivery at a premium of 3¾c; Futures were from unchanged to ⅛c lower in the bid price. Dec. at the finish was 45c bid and 45¼c sellers. Jan. rested at 47⅛c bid and May 48⅜c bid and 48¾c sellers. Receipts were light, 3 cars, and shipments 5,142 bu. New York exported nothing.

Barley.

The barley market was strong all around and about 1c higher. Receipts were light, 57 cars, and taken up readily. Malting grades ranged from 42c to 66c for common to good grain, while fancy would sell higher if offered. Feeding grain averaged from 36c to 38c. Shipments amounted to 12,014 bu., and exports from New York nothing.

Flaxseed.

Flaxseed market, to begin with, was lower than yesterday's prices, sympathizing with the weakness in Northwest. Up to within a half of an hour of the close there were but few transactions made, mainly in Dec. and May delivery. Receipts were light—9 cars, and shipments 42,000 bu. Toward the close the market weakened under selling pressure and lost from 1½c to 2¾c for futures, but the spots, in the face of these discouraging prospects, held its own and was ½c higher than yesterday's final prices. There was no demand for Nov. It was at the close at $1.68½ sellers. Dec. opened at $1.68½, went up to $1.69½, but reacted and rested at $1.66 bid. May was $1.67 all through the session and finished there. Spot seed, No. 1 Northwestern, closed at $1.72 nominal. No. 1 Southwestern spot seed at $1.78, and closed at $1.71. Minneapolis receipts were 85 cars, and 27 cars the same day the previous year. Duluth arrivals were 69 cars, and last year 52 cars. The market there early was 3½c under former quotations, and ended with a decline of 1@1½c.

Provisions.

Provisions were rather weak to begin with, but turned strong when the middle of the session was reached. John Cudahy put brokers in the pit with some buying orders, and that was a hint to local scalping shorts to come in, and they took the hint. The hog receipts were liberal at 26,000 head, or 2,000 over yesterday's estimate, and the total received at all the chief Western packing points was 90,800, against 74,000 head the corresponding day of the previous year. Estimate for to-morrow's local run was 27,000 head. Jan. pork closed at $12, a gain of 2½c, and May at $11.90, an improvement of 15c. Lard closed 12½c up for Nov., 10c for Dec., and 5c for Jan. Jan. ribs advanced 5c.

PHILLIPS LOOSENED HIS GRIP ON CORN.

MARKET ALLOWED TO JOG ALONG.

November and December Deliveries Declined—Wheat Very Heavy —Provisions Were Firm.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 23.—Wheat was very heavy to-day, but closed about half a cent a bu. above the bottom price. The upward reaction was due entirely to the covering of shorts, as shipping business was small and the seaboard reported poor prospect for export trade. Dec. at the close was still ¾c under final prices of the day before. The Nov. corn deal was left by its owner to paddle its own canoe, and, after getting to 46c, dropped to 43c, and closed with sellers at 41½c, or 1c below yesterday's latest figures. Dec. declined 1½c and May corn ⅝c. Provisions were firm and made marked gains in price since the day before.

Wheat.

Liverpool was from ⅝d to ½d lower than it closed yesterday, when trading commenced here, and that, with favorable news regarding the Argentine crop, brought a lot of long wheat on the market at the opening. There did not appear to be any big orders in the hands of commission-houses at the time, and the wheat for sale had to be offered down from ⅝c to ¾c below the closing price of Thursday before buyers appeared, and it was only because the pressure to sell lessened a little that the price went no lower at that time. A London cablegram said of the Argentine prospects that the weather was generally favorable and farm work progressing well. Red-winter wheat at Liverpool was ½d down. Paris quoted Nov. wheat a decline equal to ⅛c a bu., with the Jan.-April turn at the same price it was yesterday, and Antwerp quotations likewise were unaltered. Shipments of wheat from Argentine were 736,000 bu. since a week ago, as against 264,000 bu. the week preceding, and 560,000 bu. the like week of the previous year. The encouragement to holders of wheat in the above information was certainly not prominent, but speculators had to make the best of it, and those of them who were long took their rather unpleasant dose philosophically, though it made them "cough up" their holdings.

The only favorable points revealed to bulls were small-domestic receipts and liberal export clearances. The total received at Western primary markets was 695,000 bu., which was 230,000 bu. less than receipts at the same places last year. Shipments from the same were 75,000 bu. less this year than last. Chicago had 152 cars, as against 59 the year before. Minneapolis and Duluth got 474 cars, or 8 less than a week ago, and 299 cars under the number received the corresponding day of the previous year. Seaboard clearances of wheat and flour were equal to 417,000 bu. The opening price for Dec. was from 70⅞c to 70⅝c, and it kept tending downward until about two hours after the opening, when it sold at 70¼c, or 1½c below yesterday's closing figures.

Dec. sold at 70⅛@70¼c and back again to 70⅛c. The closing price being 70⅝@⅞c, or ⅞c lower than it closed Thursday. Sales reported made for shipment here were 75,000 bu. Kansas hard winter wheat, and New York reported export sales 19 boatloads.

Corn.

Business in the corn pit was not so much excited by the deal for the current month as it has been for a few days, chiefly because the man who holds the reins was allowing it to jog along at its own gait. Transactions for past delivery were few and chiefly in 5,000-bu. lots. It was not traded in to a greater extent than about 30,000 bu. an hour during the session, up to within half an hour of the close. George Phillips, the head and front of the deal, has it now in such shape that he cannot lose, even if every bushel he bought should be delivered to him, and, in the event of a scramble for shorts who cannot find the corn, they would have to trust to his merciful conside