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GRAINS CLOSE OFF—WHEAT LOSING MOST.

SPECULATIVE MARKETS ALL MADE A POOR START.

There Was Very Little Movement Either Way, and in Particular Toward Better Prices.

WHEAT—The start of the market was a poor, discouraging one for those who were long, as the opening was at ¼c decline. May selling at 73⅝c, then at 73⅛@73¼c, and soon off to 72⅞c, the low point of last week and on the crop. Cables did not come strong enough, though Liverpool's gain of ¼d in price was about as much as American markets made yesterday, but the foreign markets heard from were quiet. Paris was unchanged. It was the steadily liberal movement to the markets that had most influence with speculation, the actual wheat usually counting hardest, but a Kansas State report on the growing crop that effectually disposed of the presence of the fly in the wheat of Kansas exercised a decidedly bright effect.

May did not get below 72⅞c, and had buyers for every five offered at that. Reports from the outside indicated very dull cash markets. New York reporting only 7 loads taken at the seaboard for export. A St. Louis exporter said the wheat he offered abroad was accepted at ½c lower advance. Good sales to outside mills also reported. The market did not rally much—72⅞@73c was again bid—and at close there were buyers at 72⅞@73c. Dec. had 70½c and Jan. 69½c bid.

Cash Market—Received 561 sks. and 46 cars local and 4 cars through. Well sustained in price for samples, which in small supply, but the demand very light from city millers. Considerable taken from private houses for cut-ble millers, including 20,000 hard and 20,000 soft winter. By sample, switched, No. 2 red sold at 71½@72c this and 72@72½c E. side. No. 3 red at 69c for Western to 71c for choice. No. 4 at 64@67c. No. 2 hard at 68½@69c. No. 3 hard at 66@67c.

CORN—Cold, clear, snappy weather was in prospect, which usually means a larger country movement, and better grading in speculative minds and consequently the kind of weather to go short on. The receipts were larger, anyway, and Liverpool ¼d lower, so, as wheat was weak and lower, there was considerable for sale in the local pit, and not so much demand as there has been. Opening sales were ⅛c lower at 35⅝c. Delivered, 35⅝c for Jan., later offered at 35¼c—and May at 35⅝c to 35½c.

There was a material decrease in the out movement from the Western markets, but clearances kept up well, amounting to 637,000 bu. Export sales of 40 loads were reported by New York, St. Louis exporters reporting good acceptances.

was not benefited by these, as all outside markets too weak. Dec. sold down to 35⅛c, which was asked at close, when January offered at 34⅞c. May sold off to 34⅛@34⅛c, and at close 34⅝c bid.

Cash Market—Received 1,938 sks. and 77 cars local nd 59 cars through. Lower, but the decline not as great as elsewhere, the offerings small and demand good. Sales, switched, in 35¾@36½c; No. 3 at 36½c to 36c; No. 4 at 35½c; No. 3 yellow at 36½c; No. 2 white at 37½c to 37c; No. 3 do. at 36½c. St. Charles on levee at 37c.

OATS—An easy market in futures because of the weakness in corn. May sold at 24½c and that bid at close. All else neglected.

Cash Market—Received 17 cars local and 1 car through; weaker for mixed, but white steady. By sample, switched, No. 2 sold at 23⅝@24c, No. 3 at 23½c, No. 4 at 23c, No. 2 Northern at 24½c, No. 2 white at 27½c, No. 3 white at 25½@27c, No. 4 white at 25½@26c.

RYE—Scarce and firm at 50c for No. 2 E. side.

ON THE CURB—Wheat easy; May offered at 72⅝@72⅞c; puts 72½@72⅝c to 71½c; calls 73@73½c to 73c.

FLOUR—No change and no indications of any change in this market. Most business is of a domestic character and that is right fair, but export sales few and small and at unsatisfactorily close prices.

Quotations on soft winter wheat flour are as follows: Patents, $3.55@3.65; straights, $3.25@3.45; extra fancy, $3.20@3.30; clear, $2.75@3; low and medium, $2.25@2.50.

Hard winter in jute sks., $2.25@2.60 for clears, $2.90@3 for straights and $3.25@3.50 for patents.

RYE FLOUR—Jobbing at $3 in sks and $3.20 in bbls.

CORN MEAL—$2; pearl meal, grits and hominy, $2.30.

MILLFEED—Quiet and steady. Demand small, but so are offerings. Basis E. trk bran 66c in large and 67c in small sks, 61@62c in bulk; skd. mixed feed at 67@68c, and mids. 70@72c. At mill bran jobs at 66@67c and ships at 72@75c.

HAY—Received 505 tons local and 220 tons through; shipped, 319 tons. Not enough increase to receipts to affect the market adversely. There is ready sale for about all offerings that can be used for feeding, though the chief inquiry for the best grades. These particularly strong and tending up in price. Prices on trk. range: Timothy, $14@14.50 for choice, $13@14 for No. 1, $12@12.50 for No. 2, $10@11 for No. 3; prairie $10@11.50 for No. 1, $9@10.50 for No. 2, $9@9.50 for No. 3. Clover, $9@12.

STRAW—Wheat on trk., $4.25; rye, $4.

LEAD—Quiet, but steady. Soft Missouri held at $4.22½ and chemical hard at $4.25. Desiverized nominally $4.32½.

SPELTER—There is a "hen on" in spelter. Something is hatching and from a turn in the market to higher prices it looks like a good advance was in order. Sales of 100 tons for January at $4.12½ are reported and that bid for more and refused.

Prices on 'Change.

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

	Closed Friday.	Range Saturday.	Closed Saturday.
Wheat—Dec	70½ b	69—70	70 b
Jan	..... b	69	69½ b
May	72⅝ b	72⅛@72⅝	72⅝@⅞ b
Corn—Dec	35⅝	35@35⅛	35⅛ a
Jan	34⅞ b	34⅞	34⅞ b
May	34⅝ b	34¼@35⅝	35⅝ b
Oats—Dec	23⅞ b	23	23 a
May	24⅝ b	24	24
Cash wheat, corn and oats range of:

	Last Year.	Friday.	Saturday
Wheat—No. 2 red	71 @72½	72 @73	71½@72½
No. 3 red	69 @70	70 @71	69 @71
No. 4 winter	63 @68	64 @68	64 @67
No. 2 hard	67½@68½	68½@69	68½@69
No. 3 hard	65 @67	66 @67	65 @67
Corn—No. 2	36½@36¾	35⅝@37	35½@35¾
No. 3	36 @36½	36½@37	36½@
No. 2 white	36½@37	37 @37½	37 @37½
No. 3 white	36 @	36 @37½	36½@
Oats—No. 2	24 @24½	24 @24½	23½@24
No. 3	24 @	23½@24	23½@
No. 2 Northern	24½@25	24½@25	24½@
No. 2 white	26½@27½	27½@28	27½@
No. 3 white	25½@26	26 @27	25½@27
No. 4 white	25 @25½	25 @26	25½@26

Movement of Grain.

	Receipts. Wheat.	Corn.	Shipments. Wheat.	Corn.
St. Louis	61,262	113,645	32,850	48,843
Chicago	113,328	366,196	127,836	41,708
Toledo	4,152	124,038	9,700	27,000
Detroit	3,268	32,966	.....	2,800
Kansas City	148,000	47,200	44,800	12,700
Milwaukee	27,000	11,700	.....	1,800
Minneapolis	952,800	60,000	23,400	520
Duluth	122,965	2,883	4,834	.....
New York	136,000	125,775	53,884	152,966
Baltimore	16,724	173,119	61,000	267,871
Philadelphia	35,103	109,115	1,600	216,253
Boston	15,429	23,533	52,600	.....
New Orleans	18,669	88,000	24,000	.....
Galveston	30,000	.....	.....	.....

Stocks of Grain in Store.

	To-day.	Yes'day.	Last Yr.
Wheat	4,983,469	4,987,054	2,209,974
Corn	2,101,278	68,536	308,788
Oats	33,128	19,124	7,062
Rye	10,967	11,262	19,984
Barley	96,181	96,181	21,649
Contract grades—			
No. 2 red wheat	2,117,541	2,111,458	1,639,388
No. 2 hard	282,556	282,556	64,512

PRODUCE MARKETS.

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

The produce markets were dull and slow yesterday, but prices were sustained by the fact that shipments were generally light. There was the usual Saturday lack of demand, and only choice stock was wanted, by either shippers or local buyers.

Potatoes were scarce and firm, as receipts of Northern stock were light, but there was only a limited demand, and that only for choice stock for the local trade, as shippers were practically out of the market. Common and inferior stock was dull and slow. Offerings of home-grown were also light, but the demand was not urgent.

Sweet potatoes were dull and slow at unchanged prices.

Eggplant was dull and weak. Offerings were liberal, and the demand was slow.

String beans were in fair demand, and receipts were light. Prices were firm.

Rutabagas were dull and unchanged.

Cabbage was quiet and steady at unchanged prices, with offerings about equal to the demand.

Onions were dull and unchanged. There was a limited demand for fancy globes, which were scarce, but other sprouted, damp or soft stock was dull and weak.

Tomatoes were scarce, in good demand and firm.

Celery was also firm.

Apples were in active demand and firm at unchanged prices. Bulk apples were plentiful, but generally of common or inferior quality, and prices on that kind of stock were weak. Receipts were moderate.

Pears were scarce and firm, but good stock would have sold readily.

Grapes were steady and in fair demand, but offerings were light.

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

Oranges were in good demand, but offerings were liberal, and the market was steady.

Lemons were quiet and steady at unchanged prices.

Other fruits were steady and unchanged.

Christmas decorations were dull and slow.

Live poultry was dull and weak. Receipts of chickens were heavy and considerable carried over stock was offered. Prices were lower, as the demand was slow. Receipts of turkeys were also heavy, and the demand was limited to choice medium or light-weight stock, but prices were unchanged. Ducks were quiet and steady, and geese were dull and unchanged.

Dressed poultry was dull and slow, as receipts were heavy, considerable stock was carried over, and the demand was unusually light. Rough, old or thin stock was almost unsalable.

Game was dull and weak, with the exception of rabbits, which were firmer.

Veals were dull and weak, as offerings were heavy and the demand slow.

Wool was dull and slow. There was a limited demand for bright staple, but everything else was neglected.

Hides were in fair demand at unchanged prices. Brewers were the principal buyers.

Furs were strong and in active demand. Receipts are increasing and becoming better in quality.

Eggs.

The market was quiet, but firm at unchanged prices. Receipts were again light and choice stock was scarce. There was a good local demand. Fresh receipts sold at 22c loss off, but cold-storage stock was dull and slow. Receipts at St. Louis to-day were 1,351 cases and shipments were 180 cases.

Dairy Products.

Butter—The market was dull and slow, as offerings were heavy, and there was no demand to speak of. All grades were slow of sale and stocks are accumulating, as offerings were liberal and there was very little demand. Quotations: Creamery—Extra 23c; firsts 21@22c; seconds 18@20c. Dairy—Extra 18@20c; firsts 16@18c; grease 3@5c. 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 11¼c; singles 12c; Y. A. 12c. New York 11½c; Limburger 11½@12c; Swiss 14@15c; brick 12@12½c.

Provisions.

Pork steady; lard easier.

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

Lard—Choice steam E. side $6.87½.

Green Hams—On basis 4c for 16 and 18 average in case lots E. side; other averages in ratio. From the block, delivered: Hams 8c to 8½c; bellies 7½c to 10c, as to average. New York shoulders 6½c.

D. S. Meats—Bxd. lots jobbing: Extra shorts 7¾c; ribs and clear sides 7⅝c, bellies 8¼@8½c, as to average; plates 6½c. Higher on small orders.

Bacon—Bxd. s. c. meats jobbing: Breakfast bacon 9½c for heavy to 12½c for choice light; hams 9½c to 10½c. Californias, 7c; New York shoulders 6½c. Plain smoked bxd. meats—Extra shorts 8¼c; ribs and clear sides 8¼c; bellies 9½c, as to average; plates 7½c. Higher on small orders.

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

Oleo-Stearine—At 6½c.

Tallow—Country No. 1 4¾c; No. 2 3¾@4c. Packers' choice 5¼@5½c.

Grease—Small irregular lots country: Brown 2c, yellow 2½c, white 3½c. Packers' stock: Brown 3¾@3¾c, yellow 4@4¼c, white 4½@5c.

Beef—On orders: Bbld.—Plate $9.75; Fulton Market $11; dried at 12c to 15½c per lb.; tongues at 15½c per lb. or $8 per doz.

Poultry, Game and Veals.

LIVE POULTRY—Chickens—Straight young 6c; old roosters 5c; broilers 7c. Turkeys—Choice dressing stock 6½c; thin and poor less. Ducks 7c. Geese (top-feathered) 9½c. Old pigeons and squabs, per doz., 90c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Quote scalded and undrawn, with heads and legs on: Turkeys at 7@7½c per lb. Chickens 7@7½c. Ducks 7½@8c. Geese 6@7½c.

GAME—We quote choice, select, sweet stock only: Quail—Undrawn $1.10; drawn $1.35. Prairie chickens—Dark $5. Pheasant $8. Wild turkeys, per lb.—Toms 9c; hens 8c. Ducks, per doz.—Mallards $5; redheads $3; canvasbacks $5; blue-bills $2; green-wing teal $1.25; mixed $1.25. Jacksnipe $1.40. Plover $1.25. Woodcock—Large $5. Deer carcasses, per lb., 8@9c. Venison saddles, hides on, 16c. Rabbits, per doz., $1@1.10. Jack rabbits $1.50. Squirrels 90@95c. Possums, each, 75@85c.

VEALS—Choice fat at 8c per lb.; heifers, thin and rough at 2c. Sheep dull at 3@4c; thin ewes and bucks at 2@3c per lb. Spring lambs—Ewes at 6c to 6½c per lb. for choice; buck lambs at 5@6½c.

Wool.

Missouri & Illinois—		Heavy fine	11 @12
Med. combing	20 @21	Tex., I. T. & Ok.—	
Med. clothing	13 @20	Medium	18 @19½
Braid and low	18 @19½	Coarse & low	13 @16
Burry & clear	17 @18	Fine medium	14 @15
Mixed	17 @18	Light fine	14 @15
Slightly burry	15 @16½	Heavy fine	11 @12
Hard burry	12½@13	Dakota & Western—	
Light fine	16 @17	Bright medium	18 @19½
Heavy fine	13 @14	Dark medium	14 @16
Lambs—		Fine medium	14 @16
Wisconsin & Iowa—		Light fine	14 @15
Med. combing	18½@19	Heavy fine	12 @13
Braid & cloth	16 @17	Kansas & South—	
Semibright	16 @17½	Med. clothing	19 @20
Dark	15 @16	Med. combing	18 @19½
Fine medium	15 @16	Burry	14 @15
Light fine	14 @15	Unwashed—	
Heavy fine	11 @13	No. 1	29½
Kansas & Nebraska—		No. 2	23 @24
Bright medium	19 @20	Burry	18 @20
Dark & sandy	14 @16	Arizona, California and Oregon—	
Fine medium	15 @16½	Burry & clear	18 @20
Light fine	13 @14	Burry & clotted	19 @21

Furs.

Raccoon—		Opossum—	
No. 1 large	50	No. 1	10
No. 1 medium	40	No. 2	10
No. 1 small & No. 2	40	Trash worthless	
No. 2	25	Wolf—Prairie	20@45
No. 4	10	Timber	50@$1.50
Mink—		Red Fox—	
No. 1 large	$1.10	No. 1	$1.50
No. 1 medium	90	No. 2	90
No. 2	50	No. 3	25
No. 4	15	No. 4	10
Skunk—Prime, as to size—		Gray fox—	
Black, large	$1.90	No. 1	50
Black, medium	85	No. 2	25
Short stripe	65	No. 3	15
Narrow do	25@40	No. 4	10
Broad do	15	Otter—	
All blue or unprime less	5@10	No. 1 large	8.00
Wild cat	15@25	No. 1 medium	6.50
Civet cat	5	No. 2	5.00
Badger	50@75	No. 3	3.00
House cat	10	No. 4	1.50
Muskrat	5@10	Bear	10@12
		Beaver	90@1.50

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

Hides.

Dry flint—Average receipts, round, 16c; choice Texas 15½c. Dry-salted—Round 12½c. Green-salted—Western round 8½c; Southern 8c. Dry flint—Selected No. 1 16c; selected No. 2 15c. Dry-salted No. 1 13c; No. 2 12c. Green-salted—No. 1 8½c; No. 2 7½c; half 6½c. Tallow—Prime, per lb. loss, part cured 3c per lb. less, and glue stock half price.

Fruits and Vegetables.

APPLES—Quote: Eastern, packed—Baldwin at from $3.60@3.75 for No. 2 to $3.50@3.60 for No. 3, greening at from $3.60@3.75 for No. 2 to $3.50 for No. 3; Ben Davis, fancy at $3.25@3.50 for choice varieties; bulk Baldwin quotable at $1.90@2.00 per bbl. Western, packed—Ben Davis and greening table from $3.25 to $3.50, winesap at $3.50@4, whitepearmain at $3.75@4—top rates for fancy. Idaho bxd. apples at $1.75@2 per box; bulk box for winesap and $1.90@2.00 for Newtown pippin and Roman Beauty.

GRAPES—Catawbas in limited supply and firm at 30c to 35c per pony basket with fancy paper labels.

PEARS—Scarce. Last sales choice Eastern Kieffer at $2.25 per bbl.

CALIFORNIA PEARS—Quote winter nelis at $2@2.25 per box.

ORANGES—We quote car lots on trk.: Florida at $3@3.25 per box for russets and bright California Seedless Malta at $2.75@3, navels at $3@3.25, Mexican Seedless at $2.50@2.75 and La Ramas at $2.50@3, oranges from store at 25c higher than above prices. Jamaica at 35 per bbl.

LEMONS—Quote: New Messina and California at $2.50@3 per box in car lots, jobbing 25c higher; fancy Californias at $3.50 per box.

TANGERINES—Quotable at $3@3.25 per box in a small way; at $3 per box.

PINEAPPLES—Florida quotable at $2@3.50 per crate containing 24 to 36 apples.

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

GRAPE FRUIT—Quote Jamaica at $3 to $3.50 per box.

CRANBERRIES—In demand and firm. Jobbing from store at from $8 for early black to $10 for fancy late varieties.

POTATOES—We quote Northern on trk.: Minnesota and Wisconsin Burbanks in carsl at 40c to 42½c for choice to fancy. Michigan rural at 50c for sound, bright, smooth stock. Jobbing from store, 60c on table at 45c per bu., and rural and snowflake at 55c.

ONIONS—We quote: Choice red globe in bbls at 90@95c; soft and poor less; yellow at 60@65c for fancy, sprouted and poor less.

CABBAGE—Quote Holstein at $12 and Holland seed at $14 per ton trk. to $1c del. Last sale red cabbage at $18 per ton del. Dealers charge $1.50 per crate on small orders.

CELERY—Choice to fancy Northern white plume at 40c to 50c per doz.; small to medium at 25c to 30c. Chicago cases containing 6 doz. at $1@1.25. Home-grown at 15c to 40c per bunch. Very poor stock at 10c per doz. California quotable at 40c to 60c per doz.

STRING BEANS—Quote choice Florida round green at $1.50@1.75 and wax at $1.25 per bu. box or bamper. Louisiana offerings inferior and not moving.

TOMATOES—Last sales Florida at $2@2.25 per 6-basket crate—strictly fancy worth more; small and poor nominally less. California at $1.25 to $2 per 4-basket crate.

LETTUCE—New Orleans head lettuce in moderate supply and dull at $1.50 to $2.00 per bbl. Florida bampers at $1.50 for well-headed; leafy less. Home-grown sells at 5c per lb. loose.

SWEET POTATOES—Home-grown Bermuda sell at 50c, yellow Nansemond, queen and red Nansemond at 40c per bu. box, and at $1.50 per bbl. for Bermuda and $2 for Nansemond as orders.

CARROTS—Quote new Southern at 50c per doz. bunches; old Northern in sale at 30c to 40c per bu. bu. del. On orders, dealers charge $1 per bbl.

RUTABAGAS—Quotable in bulk at 75c to 80c per bu. del. on orders, at $1.25 per bbl.

HAUERKRAUT—Quote bbls. at $4.25, half-bbls. $2.50, kegs 90c; pkgs. 40c.

GREEN ONIONS—Last sales Louisiana 1-3-bu. kks. at 50c.

TOO PLANT—Scarce and firm. Quote Florida at $2@2.25 per 4-basket crate for fancy.

PEPPERS—Scarce. Last sales choice Florida at $1.50 to $2 per 6-basket crate.

CUCUMBERS—Slow. Quote Florida at $1.50 per bu. box or hamper.

OKRA—Scarce and firm. Offering; some demand. Quote New Orleans at $1.50 to $2 per bu. box.

CAULIFLOWER—California quotable at $2.25 per crate; off stock less.

SWEET POTATOES—Home-grown stock sell here at 50c per bu. Orders charged 55c per bbl. Condemned unsalable.

SPINACH AND KALE—Home-grown dull at 50c per bu.

RADISHES—Quiet. New Orleans at 25@30c per doz. bunches; heated less. Louisiana bu. kks. at 50c.

MUSHROOMS—Dull at 25@35c per lb.

HORSERADISH—Quote home-grown at $1.50@4 per bbl. on orders.

BEETS—New Orleans (new) sold at 30c per doz. bunches. Old at $1 per bbl. on orders.

HUBBARD SQUASH—Quotable at $12 per ton.

PUMPKINS—Home-grown at $1.50 per doz. for fancy.

SPANISH ONIONS—Quotable at $1.40 per crate.

BRUSSELS SPROUTS—Slow sale at 15c to 20c per quart.

Miscellaneous Markets.

FEATHERS—Steady. Prime live geese, in small sks. 40c; in large sks. 44c; gray 35c; old white 35c; geese, $.25@30c; XXX 19@20c; XXX 16@17c; ac. Chicken 3c. Turkey—Tail 9c; wing 8c; pointers 6c; wing 5c. Duck—Long 9c; tail and tolmers 5c; body 2c. Duck—White at 25c; dark at 15c.

DEERSKINS, ETC.—Prime deerskins 30c per lb., in fair demand; antelope 14c per lb.; goat 25c to 35c each—damaged less.

ROOTS—Ginseng at from $3.75 for small to $4.25 for large; lady slipper at 5c; Seneca at 25c; pink at 15c; golden seal at 45c; Blue Flag root at 5c; snake at 25c; black cohosh, angelica, wahoo, bark of root 5c, bark of tree 25c; blood 25c; bluedag 5c; skullcap leaves 5c; sassafras bark 5c; wild ginger 5c.

SHEEP PELTS—Full-wool pelts at 50c to 60c, according to amount of wool on them; lamb at 30@50c—Southern 25@40c; shearlings at 20@25c. Dry stock, tallow, etc.—Strike per lb.

BEESWAX—Quote at 25c per lb. for prime.

DRIED FRUIT—Quiet and unchanged; offerings light. Quote apples: Evaporated—Rings fancy, 10 to 40 quarters at 9½c to 6c; chops at 1½@3c; peelings 1@2c. Sun-dried—Quarters, 5c to 5½c; chops and peelings neglected, no price quotable. Peaches—Fancy evaporated unpeeled halves at 8c; sun-dried at 4c to 5½c.

DRIED GREEN PEAS—Scarce and firm, from store at $1.25@1.30; Scotch $1.30@1.35; split $1.40.

WHITE BEANS—Hand-picked pea beans in a jobbing way from store at $2.05@2.05; machine-picked at $1.95@1.90; in car lots in country at $1.80@1.75. 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. at 6@6½c and in cans at 7@7½c.

MOSS—We quote: Gray and brown mixed 1½@2½c; gray and brown and black mixed 2c; black and brown and black 2½c; black, machine-picked—X at 27½c, XX at 37½c, XXX at 45c; XXXX at 57½c; inferior picked less.

EMPTY BARRELS—Coal oil, turpentine and gasoline $1.10 per gal. Pure cider, 30c per gal. Eight oil and varnish 50c; sugar 35c; whiskey 30c; do. half bbls. 50c; wine $1; sauerkraut 35c; pickled 40c; molasses 30c; lard 30c. 25@35c off for each broken head or stave; 30 off for each hoop missing.

LINSEED OIL—Quotable per gal.: Raw at 60c; boiled at 62c—in per gal. less in car lots.

HOPS—New at 19@22c, old 199 crop, at 11@12c; 1898 at 7@8c.

BROOM CORN—In light offerings; readily salable at $50 to $55 per ton.

MAPLE SUGAR AND SYRUP—Some arriving and selling at 10@12c per lb. for sugar and 90c per gal. for syrup.

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

RAGS, ETC.—Per lb. for—Country rags at 80c; Old Rope—No. 1 and manila $.50; No. 2 $2.50; Rubber $8.

SCRAP IRON AND METAL—Per 100 lbs.: Wrought iron for heavy cast 45c; malleable 25c; iron for breakage 20c; steel 25c; burnings 20c; light brass $7.25; heavy brass $11.50. Copper $12.50. Zinc $2.50. Lead $2.50. Pewter $12.

FOODSTUFFS—Quote: Lard, tcs. at $4.75; pork bbls. $8.50; do. half bbls. $4.50; do. quarter-bbls. 25c; flat bbls. 25c; flat bbls. 25c; half bbls. 25c; pig bbls. 25c; pig half bbls. 25c; pig quarter-bbls. 25c; fowl bbls. 25c; produce or single bbls. 25c.

HIGHWINES—Selling on a basis of $1.27.

The Nelson Morris & Co. dressed 1,663 head, 2,253 lbs. av. cost $4.86, with 58 head, 78-lb. pigs at $4.35. The bulk of the hogs, the pigs and the strictly low-grade offerings not considered, sold at $4.85 to $4.95, as against $4.80 to $4.92½ on Friday. Pigs and light lights, so to 148 lbs. av., at $4.25 to $4.75, according to quality; light hogs, 150 to 185 lbs., sold at $4.60 to $4.87½, the bulk at $4.80 to $4.85, the bulk going at $4.82½ to $4.85; heavy hogs, 185 to 250 lbs., sold at $4.80 to $4.95, the bulk going at $4.87½ to $4.90. The heavy culls sold at $4.25 to $4.75 and fair to best heavy hogs at $4.85 to $4.90. Good mixed hogs at $4.85 to $4.87, and common to fair mixtures sold at $4.25 to $4.60.

No. Av.	Pr.	No. Av.	Pr.	No. Av.	Pr.
24...154	$4.60	26...164	$4.75	24...174	$4.75
24...174	4.75	22...175	4.75	22...185	4.85
84...188	4.85	84...188	4.85	84...188	4.85
168...198	4.85	168...202	4.85	84...202	4.85
42...208	4.85	42...214	4.85	21...220	4.85
86...183	4.85	85...184	4.85	66...177	4.85
21...188	4.85	42...188	4.85	42...188	4.85
42...215	4.87½	91...224	4.87½	43...229	4.87½
85...207	4.87½	85...228	4.87½	82...232	4.87½
87...179	4.87½	79...229	4.87½	21...230	4.87½
81...205	4.90	86...207	4.90	67...216	4.90
84...208	4.90	80...215	4.90	68...226	4.90
62...254	4.90	82...192	4.90	86...220	4.90
20...200	4.90	20...227	4.92½	22...204	4.92½
20...202	4.92½	86...190	4.95		

SHEEP—The arrivals of sheep amounted to only a few head, but with those held over Friday a good liberal Saturday supply was on sale. The quality was fairly good. A good strong demand prevailed, and, while the market was not quotably higher, the feeling was better and the market was well cleaned up at the close. Prices are about 25c lower than a week ago on common to good lambs and about steady on stronger. Choice muttons are 25c to 50c higher. Quotations: Choice lambs at $5.75 to $6, fair to good lambs at $5.50@5.75, common to good at $4@5.50, culls at $3@4, choice wethers at $5.25 to $5.50, mixed at $5@5.25, common to good at $4@5, ewes at $3.50 to $5, culls at $2@3, choice yearlings at $5.50 to $5.75, common to good at $4@5.50, culls at $3@4, choice fat bucks at $4.50 to $4.75, common to good at $3@4.50, culls at $2@3, stock ewes at $2.50 to $3.50, stock lambs at $4@5.

Representative sales:

No.	Dwt.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Dwt.	Av.	Pr.
32	lambs	72	$5.75	24	nat sheep	112	$3.85
36	lambs	78	5.75	22	nat sheep	111	3.75
4	bucks	72	3.00	2	nat sheep	110	3.00
22	lambs	65	5.00	10	stockers	90	2.85
9	bucks	80	4.25	16	stockers	90	2.50
6	ewes	90	3.00	2	nat lambs	60	2.50
6	ewes	90	3.00	3	lambs	55	3.00
22	nat sheep	105	4.00	1	buck	90	3.00
22	nat sheep	105	4.00	2	bucks	90	3.00
22	nat sheep	105	4.00	1	buck	120	2.50
22	nat sheep	105	4.00				

HORSES—With about all the arrivals of the week disposed of and the demand from outside sources correspondently restricted, the Saturday horse market was on a retail basis and rather quiet in every way. A resume of the week shows all the classes of Southern horses to have sold fairly weakness and slower basis also the lowest offerings of Eastern and export chunks. Plain chunks sold under the best conditions, though the demand was not large, and purely from local sources. Extra good heavy chunks maintained a fairly satisfactory basis. Southern and eastern horses of the average sales did not show as high a basis as the week before. Lately light drivers with good style and quality sold well to dealers and Southern buyers. The approach of the holiday season appears to have exercised a positive influence.

Horse quotations: Heavy draft—Extra, to good, $5 to $150; choice to extra, $150 to $175. Extra chunks, 1,450 to 1,550 lbs., fair to good, $5 to $150; choice to extra, $5 to $175. Small horses and coles—Fair to good, $50 to $80; choice to extra, $90 to $120. Horses for the South—Small, light drivers, fair to good, $5 to $35; choice to extra, $40 to $50. Southern drivers, large, $5 to $100. Export chunks, 1,500 to 1,600 lbs.—Plain to good, $50 to $90; choice to extra, $100 to $120. Business drivers—Fair to good, $5 to $100; choice to extra, $125 to $150. Saddlers—In demand and low—Fair to good, $40 to $70; choice to extra, $80 to $125. Fancy gaited and New York saddlers, $150 to $200. Inferior horses—Common, small plugs, $15 to $30; heavy work plugs, $5 to $40.

MULES—Notwithstanding the fact that the movement in the mule market has been slow and dull all through the week, the market on Saturday was fairly well cleaned up. The accumulation which had gathered in the stockers' offices on the east side of the river and took a few concessions. Values were at the lowest ebb since a previous manufacturing a general $5 to $10 reduction and in special instances more. The dullness was due to the unfavorable and unsettled feeling for cotton which from 10c to 15c lower, and the silver the fair the better, but the comes in small kinds and medium grades of all sizes were dull and not any interest shown in the market for big mules. Mule quotations (15 to 16 hands, 4 to 7 years old):

16 hands, extreme range	$95@110
16 hands, bulk of sales	100@105
15½ hands, extreme range	90@105
15½ hands, bulk of sales	95@100
15 hands, extreme range	85@95
15 hands, bulk of sales	90@95
14½ hands, extreme range	80@90
14½ hands, bulk of sales	85@90
14 to 14½ hands, extreme range	75@85
14 to 14½ hands, bulk of sales	80@85
Bulk of sales represent mixed mules in 15@15½ hands. Prices above this point are about steady, but buyers held aloof for prospective concessions. Soon after 1 o'clock the market advanced to a level 50@75 points above last night's closing on a wave of covering, but later broke off under realizing and room selling on the reactionary theory. The market closed easy, with prices net unchanged to 5 points higher. Spot closed quiet; middling uplands 9½c, Gulf 9¾c, sales 1,000 bales. Futures closed quiet; Dec. 9.36c; Jan. 9.32c; Feb. 9.36c; March 9.32c; April 9.36c; May 9.36c; June 9.40c; July 9.37c; Aug. 9.32c; Sept. 9.27c.

Liverpool, Dec. 8.—Spot quiet; prices easier; American middling fair 5 15-16d; good middling 5¾d; middling 5 17-32d; low middling 5 11-32d; good ordinary 5 3-32d; ordinary 5 1-32d. The sales of the week were estimated at 53,000 bales, of which 500 were for speculation and export and included 5,300 bales American. Receipts 14,000 bales, including 2,000 bales American. Futures opened quiet and closed steady. American middling, l. m. c., Dec. 5 22-64d b.; Dec.-Jan. 5 22-64d b.; Jan.-Feb. 5 20-64d b.; Feb.-March 5 17-64d b.; March-April 5 15-64d b.; April-May 5 13-64d b.; May-June 5 11-64d b.; June-July 5 9-64d b.; July-Aug. 5 7-64d b.; Aug.-Sept. 4 55-64d b.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 8.—Steady; sales 1,100; ordinary 8 1-16c; good ordinary 8 11-16c; low middling 9 5-16c; middling 9 11-16c; good middling 9 15-16c; middling fair 10¼c. Receipts 12,000; stock 299,477. Futures quiet and steady. Dec. 8,499 bc; Jan. 9.499@.46c; Feb. 9.48@.49c; March 9.42@.46c; April 9.41@.42c; May 9.41@.42c; June 9.39@9.40c; July 9.39@9.40c.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

New York, Dec. 8.—Flour—Receipts 27,600; exports 21,620 bbls.; sales 5,100 pkgs.; market was weak and again somewhat lower to sell, responding to the decline in wheat; winter patents $3.60@3.80; winter straights $3.40@3.55; winter extras $2.60@2.80; winter clears $2.45@2.60; Minnesota patents $3.90@4.25; Minnesota bakers' $3@3.25. Rye flour dull; sales 60 bbls.; fair to good $2.90@3.10; choice to fancy $3.15@3.40. Buckwheat flour quiet at $2.35@2.40. Buckwheat quiet at nominal c. i. f. New York. Corn meal dull; yellow Western 86c; city 88c; Brandywine $2.80@2.90. Rye steady. No. 2 Western 56½c f. o. b. afloat. Barley nominally steady. No. 2 New York, car lots, Barley quiet; feeding 62@63c c. i. f. Buffalo; malting 59@60c c. i. f. Buffalo. Barley malt dull; Western 65@72