SUMMARY OF ST. LOUIS MARKETS.

Strength entered the local grain market yesterday as a result of a better foreign demand, the near approach of the Government crop report and a decrease in the world's shipments. There was fair buying of both wheat and corn, but the latter had a trifle the better of the argument, mainly because of heavy buying by the element which sold out on the strength of recent alleged bearish crop reports. Yesterday it was predicted that the forthcoming report would be bullish in that it would show a further decline in the condition of the crop in several States.

Dec. wheat ranged yesterday from 71⅝@ to 72c, opening ⅝c up, and closing with a gain of ⅝c. May opened unchanged and advanced ¼c during the session.

Dec. corn, after opening ⅛c up to 58⅝c, advanced to 59¼c, a net gain of ½c. May opened ⅛c up and closed ⅝c above Saturday's close.

Speculation oats was limited to one sale of May at 29c, unchanged. Receipts of fruits and vegetables in the St. Louis market continued heavy yesterday, though much of the stock was not of the most desirable grade. This especially was true of apples and plums. Peaches, though in the main small, are of good quality and some of the pears received are top-notchers. Prices were firm for fruits and higher for vegetables. The demand for cabbage and potatoes has not yet been met by shippers to this market.

On the local Stock Exchange there was a good demand for securities at both sessions. Most of the transactions recorded were in traction securities. United Railway stocks and bonds were strong. St. Louis Transit was weak in the morning, but in better shape in the afternoon.

The market for live stock was quite light offerings. Prevailing rates of discount for time and call loans were between 4½ and 7 per cent, with most transactions between 5 and 6 per cent.

MANY CORN SHORTS RUSHED TO COVER.

FEARED A BULLISH GOVERNMENT CROP REPORT.

Wheat Was Higher and the Day Was Bullish Throughout.

Though no startling advances were recorded and the range was narrow, yesterday's grain market had a decidedly bullish complexion. The strength was based for the most part on legitimate trade conditions, though there was a small leaven of speculation to add zest to the situation. In the case of wheat the advance was partly due to the increased foreign confidence in the stability of American commerce under trying circumstances.

Other conditions which gave the wheat market an upward turn were small world's shipments and comparatively light receipts in the Northwest and in St. Louis. Though primary receipts were heavy this did not have a marked effect.

Dec. wheat sold at 71⅝c, 71⅝@71¾c, 71⅝c, 71⅝@72c, 72c, 71⅝@71⅞c, 71⅝c, 71⅝@71⅞c, 71⅝c, 71⅝c, 71⅞c, 72c, 72⅛c, 72c, 71⅞c, 71⅝@72c, 72c, 72⅛c, 72c@72⅛c, 72c, 71⅞@72c, 72c, 72⅛c, 72⅛@72⅛c, 72c, 71⅞@72c and 72c.

May sold at 75½c, 75¼@75½c and 75¼c.

Speculative interest in corn was active throughout the session. Many of the shorts who had been unloading for several days came back into the market and sought to cover, on the belief that the Government crop report, to be issued to-day, would show a considerable decline in the condition of the crop since last month.

Dec. corn sold at 58⅞c, 59c, 58⅛c, 59c, 58⅜c, 58⅛c, 58⅞c, 58⅝c, 58c, 58⅞c, 58⅝@59c, 58c, 59⅛c, 59⅛c, 59⅛c, 59c, 59⅛c, 59⅛@59¼c, 59⅛c and 59¼c.

May sold at 60⅝c, 60⅝c, 60⅛c, 60⅝c, 61c and 60⅝@60⅞c.

The only sale of oats was a lot for May delivery at 29c.

The world's grain shipments last week were as follows: Wheat, 7,472,000, compared with 9,336,000 the previous week and 5,464,000 bu. a year ago; corn, 2,479,000 bu., compared with 2,754,000 bu. the previous week and 4,244,000 bu. a year ago.

The world's wheat shipments were distributed as follows: America, 4,440,000 bu.; Russia, 1,872,000 bu.; Danube, 680,000 bu.; Argentine, 144,000 bu.; India, 56,000 bu.; Australia, 96,000 bu.

The shipments of corn were distributed as follows: America, 551,000 bu.; Russia, 280,000 bu.; Danube, 584,000 bu.; Argentine 1,600,000 bu.

The total world's shipments of breadstuffs this week were 9,152,000 bu., compared with 8,840,000 bu. a week ago and 5,464,000 bu. a year ago. Of the shipments the United Kingdom took 2,192,000, compared with 2,068,000 bu. a week ago and 3,120,000 bu. a year ago.

Grain on ocean passage: Wheat, 36,952,000 bu., showing a decrease of 2,208,000 bu; corn, 12,488,000, showing a decrease of 268,000 bu.

The visible supply of wheat, corn and oats was reported as follows: Wheat, 25,410,000 bu., compared with 27,790,000 bu. a week ago, an increase of 620,000 bu. A year ago the supply was 31,735,000 bu. Corn, 13,123,000 bu., compared with 12,676,000 bu. a week ago, an increase of 447,000 bu. A year ago the supply was 8,857,000 bu. Oats, 7,878,000 bu., compared with 8,201,000 bu. a week ago, an increase of 477,000 bu. A year ago the supply was 8,835,000 bu.

Cash Grain, Flour, Etc.

WHEAT—Cash Market—Received, 2,676 sks. and 123 cars local and 61 cars through. Sales of No. 2 red at 71c this and 71⅛@72c E. side. No. 3 red 69c. No. 2 hard at 70c. No. 4 hard at 69@69½c. Sold in elevator: 70@70½c for No. 2 red and 1c to 2c less for No. 3 and No. 4; hard winter at 68⅝@69c for No. 2 and 66@68½c for No. 3, outside rates for E. side.

CORN—Cash Market—Received, 25 cars local and 2 cars through; 57½c for No. 2 and No. 2 yellow delivered E. side. No. 2 white brought 58c this side. No. 3 white selling at 58c switched to Chester. No. 3 mixed nominally 1c to 2c under and No. 3 white or better at Dec. price.

OATS—Cash Market—Received, 19 cars local and 4 cars through. Strong for choice grades of all the best off grades and fairly active and unchanged. No. 2 sold at 29½c. No. 3 at 29c, and choice worth 27½c. No. 3 white at 27½c for poor to 29½c for fancy, E. side; No. 4 white at 26⅝@27c.

RYE—Steady and quiet. No. 2 selling at 55½c.

Barley—Quotable at 85@95c, according to weight and color.

FLAXSEED—No market.

FLOUR—Quotations are for soft winter, for car lots on trk.: Patents $3.40@3.60; straights $3.20@3.30; extra fancy $2.85 on soft winter, for car lots on trk.; Patents $3.60@3.80; straights $3.20@3.30; extra fancy $3.05@3.15; clear $2.70@2.85. Hard winter in jute sks.: Patents $3.60@3.75 for clear, $3.95@4.05 for straights, and $3.15@3.25 for patents; spring wheat patents $3.60@3.80 in bulk, 25c higher in wood.

RYE FLOUR—Jobbing at $3.10 in sks. and $3.40 in bbls.

CORNMEAL—City meal, f. o. b., $2.80; pearl meal, grits and germine $3.20.

HAY—Received 215 tons local and 185 tons through; shipped 220 tons. Offerings still large, but the market is not as weak as it was and generally a better undertone. There is only a local demand, but all desirable grades sell well, and it is only the off stock that is dull. Prices E. trk. as follows: Timothy $12.50@14 for choice, $11@12 for fair to good, $8@10 for low, $12@13 for No. 2, and $12 for No. 1; clover mixed ranges at $9 to $11.50; prairie, this side, $12@12.50 for No. 1, and $9@10 for No. 2; alfalfa $12@13.50.

LEAD AND SPELTER—Spelter at $3.82½. Lead dull, with 4c Missouri quotable at $4.27½, delivered at $4.32 and chemical hard at $4.35@4.40.

Prices on 'Change.

The following table show the range of prices in future and broker grains:

	Closed Saturday.	Ranged Yesterday.	Closed Yesterday.
Wheat—Sept.	69 a	....@....	69⅝ b
Dec.	71⅝@71⅞	71⅝@72⅝	72@72⅛ a
May	75⅛@75⅜	75⅛@75⅝	75⅝
Corn—Sept.	58⅞ a	58⅞@59⅛	57⅞ b
Dec.	58⅝	58⅛@59⅝	59⅛ a
May	60⅝ b	60⅛@61	60⅝
Oats—Sept.	....@....	....@....	29⅝ b
Dec.	27 b	....@....	28⅝ b
May	29⅝ b	....@....	29

Cash wheat, corn and oats ranged:

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.	Last Yr.
Wheat—No. 2 red	71	72⅝	71	72⅝@72⅞	75
No. 3 red	69	70	69	70	71
No. 4 red	68	68⅝	68	68⅝	68
No. 2 hard	68½	69	68½	68½	68⅝
No. 3 hard	67½	68⅝	67½	68⅝	67½
No. 2 sp. white	67	....	....	....	....
Corn—No. 2 mixed	58⅝	59⅝	58⅝	59	40½@40⅝
No. 2 white	58½	....	....	....	40
No. 3 mixed	58	59⅛	58	59	40½@41
No. 3 white	58	59⅛	58	59	40½@41
No. 4 mixed	57	58	57	58	40½@41
No. 4 white	57½	58	57½	58	40½@41
No. 2 yellow	58½	59⅛	57½	59⅛	40½@41
No. 3 yellow	58	59	57	59	40½@41
Oats—No. 2 mixed	27½	29	27½	29	21½@21⅝
No. 3 Northern	27½	....	27½	....	....
No. 3 white	28	29⅝	27½	29	22 @22½
No. 4 white	27½	28½	27	27⅞	22½@22¾
No. 2 white	29	29⅝	29	29⅝	24
No. 4 mixed	26	26½	26	26½	21½@21⅝
No. 4 mixed	26½	26⅝	....	....	21

ST. LOUIS PRODUCE MARKET.

Fruit, Vegetables, Poultry, Eggs and Butter Quotations.

Eggs.

Current receipts sold at 10½c, loss off, for nearby. Receipts 1,362 cases; shipments 48 cases.

Dairy Products.

Butter—Firm and unchanged. Quotations: Creamery, 16@21½c; firsts, 18c; seconds 16@17c. Dairy—Extra 15c; firsts 14@15c. Country—Choice 11c; prior to fair 9@10c; grease 4c. Ladle-packed—Extra 9c; firsts 13½c.

Cheese—Jobbing: Twins at 10½c; singles 11c; daisies 11½c; N. Y. 11½c; long horns 11½c; N. Y. large 11c; N. Y. small 11½c. Limburger at 11½c. Swiss—New at 15c, old at 17c. Brick 11½c.

Provisions.

Pork—Now standard was firm at $18 in a jobbing way.

Lard—Choice steam E. side $9.25½ nominal.

Cured Meats, Etc.—In car lots f. o. b. St. Louis: Hams—10 av. at 10½c; 12s at 9½c; 14s at 10c; 16s, 18s and 20s at 9½c; skinned hams—16 av. at 10½c; 18s at 10½c; 20s at 10½c. Bacon—Clear bellies at 9½c; clear shoulders at 7½c. Dry salted—Clear bellies at 9½c, average 25 lbs. Smoked—Clear bellies at 9½c, average 16 lbs. Smoked shoulders at 7½c. Dry salted—Clear bellies at 9½c, average 25 lbs. Smoked—Clear bellies at 9½c, average 16 lbs. Smoked shoulders at 7½c.

Poultry.

Live—Receipts light; prices unchanged; demand good. Quotations: Hens 7c; roosters, old or stagy young 3c. Turkeys—Young hens 7c; roosters, old or stagy young 3c. Ducks—Young 7c; old 5c. Geese—Young 7c; old 5c. Spring chickens, 1½ lbs. and over, 12c; under 1½ lbs. 10c. Pigeons 75c per doz.

Dressed—Turkeys 8@9c. Chickens—Hens 8c; spring 12c. Ducks 8c. Geese 7c. Pigeons 75c per doz.

Fruits and Vegetables.

Fruits—Receipts heavy; prices for plums and peaches weak; demand good. Quotations: Apples—Ben Davis, $1.50@2.50; Missouri pippins, $2.50@3; Jonathan, $2.50@3; Missouri Jonathan, $3@3.50; Missouri Ben Davis, $2.50@3; Missouri Gano, $2.50@3; Missouri Rome Beauty, $2.50@3; Missouri Winesap, $2.50@3; Missouri Grimes Golden, $2.50@3; Missouri Jonathan, $2.50@3