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MAY WHEAT CLOSES STRONG.

BEARS IN FULL CONTROL DURING THE EARLY PART OF THE DAY.

Price Went Off to 71 3-8c, but Recovered to 72 7-8c to 73c—Corn and Oats Independently Strong—Provisions.

Chicago, March 12.—Wheat closed strong to-day at about a ¾c advance, after giving every indication during the morning of a repetition of yesterday's disastrous break. The oversold condition of the market and reports of good export business changed a very weak market into a very strong one in five minutes' time. Corn and oats were independently strong, corn closing ⅛@¼c higher and oats about ⅛c higher. Provisions advanced 7½@15c.

Wheat opened close to yesterday's final price of 72⅝c, the first sales being made at 72½c, but with a decidedly nervous feeling noticeable. Foreign markets responded willingly to the decline which took place here yesterday. Liverpool started with a decline of from 1d per cental for March and 1½d reduction in May, and came in a little later with a further ⅝d fall in March and ¾d in May, while Berlin reported 1½ marks' decline at the beginning. With the exception of the cold wave, which made shorts a little nervous and resulted in a small momentary advance, there was nothing in sight to change the bearish feeling which prevailed yesterday, and liquidation on a large scale soon commenced, holders being further discouraged by the belief that the market for the time was without a bull leader. The result was that May had sold down to 71⅜c before 11:30 o'clock, two or three lots selling as low as 71⅜c. Chicago received nineteen carloads of wheat. Minneapolis and Duluth received 112 cars, compared with 298 cars last Friday and 290 the corresponding day of last year. The seaboard clearances were again very light, the Atlantic ports giving the total as equal to only 125,000 bushels in wheat and flour together. That was one of the bearish factors which led to the additional selling when May was bringing 72c, that broke it to 71½c.

About an hour from the end of the session, after the price had recovered to 71¾c, John Cudahy's brokers were seen to be bidding for and taking wheat freely at that, and, the scalpers being short to a man, sudden fear of the consequences possible after a straight 5c per bushel decline seized them, and in three minutes the price was up to 72½c. The price had another wild spurt in the last ten minutes, when it was rumored that 300 boatloads had been sold at New York for export. The price got up to 73c on that and though the figures were afterward corrected to read only 8 or 10 boatloads as the extent of the day's business, the shorts could not get over their fright, and May was bringing 72⅞@73c as the session closed.

Corn dragged during most of the session and had no life in it until wheat became so strong near the close. Then traders woke up and put some energy in the market during the last few minutes. Even during the extreme dullness, however, prices held stubbornly. Clearances were 483,000 bushels. May opened unchanged at 24⅛@24¼c, sold at 24@24⅛c, then advanced to 24⅜c, where it closed.

Oats were firm, especially so when the weakness of wheat was taken into consideration. There was a good demand from shorts, and some large lines changed hands. Seaboard clearances were 120,000 bushels. May opened unchanged at 17@17⅛c, sold at 16⅞@17c, and advanced to and closed at 18⅛c.

Provisions were consistently strong all day. Prices commenced with a moderate rise on the small hog receipts, which have been a factor all week. Packers were good buyers and there was considerable speculative support, the result being a slow though steady advance. At the close, May pork was 15c higher at $8.50; May lard 7½c higher at $4.20@4.22½, and May ribs 12½c higher at $4.57½.

Estimated receipts Saturday: Wheat, 20 cars; corn, 125 cars; oats, 200 cars; hogs, 13,000.

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LOCAL GRAIN MARKET.

Wheat Unsettled and Weak—Corn in Good Demand and Firmer—Oats Steady.

In store—Wheat, 367,906 bushels; corn, 166,829 bushels; oats, 176,127 bushels, and rye 2,410 bushels.

WHEAT—Receipts past 24 hours....12,000
Same time last year..... 16,800
Shipments 13,800

Yesterday was another mean day in this market. Not much coming in, but the market was very dull and bearish during the early hours of 'change. Cables were lower and futures in Chicago off, which caused buyers of cash grain to hold back and go slow. Hence, little trading. But toward the close, the news from Greece being more warlike, the early weakness was recovered and the finish was steady. By sample on track here at Kansas City: No 2 hard, 75@76c, 1 car at 75c; No. 2 spring, 2 cars at 72½c, 1 car choice at 76½c and 1 car choice with special billing at 77c; No. 3 hard, 1 car at 71c, 1 car choice at 73c and 1 car mixed at 73c; No. 3 spring, 70@72c, 1 car fair at 70c; No. 4 hard, 2 cars at 66c and 1 car choice at 68c; rejected, 50@60c, 1 car very poor at 50c; No. 2 red nominal at 92@93c; No. 3 red, 86@89c, 1 car at 88c; No. 4 red, 75@80c, 1 car at 77c.

CORN—Receipts past 24 hours.....83,300
Same time last year..... 21,000
Shipments 74,800

There was more in yesterday, but under the influence of a good demand values of mixed ruled firm, maybe at times a little higher; while, however, unchanged. By sample on track here at Kansas City: No. 2 mixed, 5 cars at 17½c, 1 car special billing at 17¾c; 1 car yellow at 17½c and 1 car at 17¾c; May, 5,000 bushels at 17⅝c; No. 3 mixed, 2 cars at 17c, 1 car at 17¼c; 1 car yellow at 17½c; No. 4 mixed, 3 cars at 16½c, 3 cars at 16¾c, no grade, 3 cars at 16c; No. 2 white, 3 cars at 19c; No. 3 white, 6 cars at 18⅝c, 1 car at 18½c and 2 cars choice with special billing at 19c; No. 4 white, 4 cars poor at 17c, 1 car choice at 18c, and no grade, 1 car at 16¾c.

OATS—Receipts past 24 hours..... 2,000
Same time last year..... 7,000
Shipments 20,000

There were very few in yesterday and very little trading. But what arriving sold without trouble at steady prices. By sample on track here at Kansas City: No. 2 mixed, nominal at 16@17c; No. 3 mixed, 15@16c, 1 car at 15½c; No. 4 mixed, 14@14½c; No. 2 white, nominal at 18@21c; No. 3 white, 16½@17½c, 3 cars at 16½c, and No. 4 white, 15@15½c.

RYE—Receipts past 24 hours..... 600
Same time last year..... 600
Shipments 0

Nothing doing for the want of offerings. Demand light. Prices unchanged. By sample on track here at Kansas City: No. 2, 29@30c, and No. 3, 28@29c.

FLOUR—Market slow and soft wheat flour lower in sympathy with a declining wheat market. Quoted: Soft wheat, per 100 pound sack, patents, $2.40@2.50; extra fancy, $2.20@2.25; fancy, $1.85@2.00; choice, $1.60@1.80. Hard wheat, per 100 pound sack, patents, $2.00@2.10; straights, $1.90@2.00; bakers' grades, $1.80@1.85; low grades, $1.50@1.75; rye, $1.40@1.50.

CORNMEAL—Quiet, but unchanged. Quoted at 35@36c per cwt., bulk.

CORN CHOP—Demand light. Quoted at 33@34c per cwt., bulk.

CASTOR BEANS—Scarce and firm. Car lots, $1.15; less, $1.05 per bushel.

FLAXSEED—Steady and in good demand. Cash, 69@70c per bushel, upon the basis of pure.

BRAN—Firm under light offerings. Sacked, 55@56c per cwt.; bulk, 47@50c per cwt.

HAY—Receipts past 24 hours.....260 tons
Same time last year.....310 tons
Shipments ..... 160 tons

Selling fairly well and prices unchanged. Prairie, choice, $5.00@5.50; No. 1, $4.50@5.00; No. 2, $4.00@4.50; lower grades, $3.00@3.50. Timothy, choice, $8.50@9.00; No. 1, $7.50@8.25; No. 2, $6.75@7.25. Clover mixed, No. 1, $6.25@6.75; No. 2, $5.75@6.25.

Yesterday's Chicago Markets.

Furnished by the French Bros. Commission Company, room 22, Board of Trade building:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Close Thur.
Wheat—					
Mar.	.....	.....	.....	$ 71⅞	$ 71⅝
May	72½	73	71⅜	73	72⅝
July	69¾	70⅞	69⅝	70⅝	69⅞
Corn—					
May	24⅛	24⅜	24	24⅜	24¼
July	25¼	25⅜	25⅛	25⅜	25¼
Sept.	26½	26⅝	26⅜	26⅝	26⅜
Oats—					
Mar.	.....	.....	.....	16⅛	15⅝
May	17⅛	17⅛	17	17⅛	17⅛
July	18	18⅛	17⅞	18⅛	18⅛
Pork—					
Mar.	.....	.....	.....	8 40	8 25
May	8 40	8 52½	8 37½	8 50	8 35
July	8 55	8 65	8 52½	8 65	8 47½
Lard—					
Mar.	.....	.....	.....	4 12½	4 05
May	4 15	4 22½	4 15	4 22½	4 15
July	4 25	4 30	4 25	4 30	4 25
S. Ribs—					
Mar.	.....	.....	.....	4 55	4 42½
May	4 47½	4 60	4 45	4 57½	4 45
July	4 55	4 65	4 52½	4 62½	4 52½

Chicago car lots—Winter wheat, 13 cars; contract, 4 cars. Spring wheat, 6 cars; contract, none. Corn, 165 cars; contract, 36 cars. Oats, 251 cars; contract, 27 cars.

Estimated for to-day: Wheat, 20 cars; corn, 150 cars; oats, 320 cars.

WHEAT—Cash—No. 2 red, 82@83c; No. 3 red, 76@80c; No. 2 hard, 76@80c; No. 3 hard, 70@74c.

CORN—Cash—No. 2 mixed, 23½c, and No. 2 white, 25¼c.

OATS—Cash—No. 2 mixed, 16¼c, and No. 2 white, 19@19½c.

Grain Notes.

It is claimed that some red wheat was sold at Detroit yesterday for shipment to St. Louis.

It is expected the Minneapolis stocks of wheat will decrease 600,000 bushels and Duluth will increase 300,000 bushels this week.

Receipts at Liverpool during the past three days: Wheat, 258,000 centals, including 63,000 American. American corn, 267,100 centals. Weather cloudy.

The primary market receipts yesterday were 248,000 bushels of wheat, against 392,000 a year ago. Shipments were 150,000 bushels; last year, 118,000. Corn, receipts, 422,000 bushels; a year ago, 337,000 bushels. Shipments, 277,000 bushels; last year, 193,000 bushels.

The four Atlantic ports cleared for export yesterday: Wheat, 2,985 bushels; corn, 373,613 bushels; oats, 120,049 bushels; flour, 28,183 packages. In addition New Orleans cleared 2,015 bushels; corn, 109,500 bushels; flour, 1,823 barrels. The total wheat and flour clearances amount to 129,000 bushels and of corn 482,000 bushels.

The temperature was below 20 in Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska yesterday morning. The cold wave was quite as extreme as predicted. The minimum in Nebraska was 8 and in Kansas 14. Rains fell yesterday in Illinois, Indiana and Eastern Missouri. The cold wave will reach those sections to-morrow. Warmer weather is predicted for the West.

Duluth millers estimate, after careful inquiry, that 47,000,000 bushels of wheat are left tributary to Minneapolis and Duluth. There are in store in country and other elevators 35,000,000 and available in farmers' hands 12,000,000 bushels. It is estimated the millers will require 43,000,000 bushels up to September 1, leaving only 4,000,000 bushels for shipment.

The Modern Miller of to-day will say: "The best domestic breadstuff demand in many weeks is reported. Southern and Southeastern markets especially show a brisk trade, regardless of the fact that at many points stocks have been enlarged. The call for feedstuffs is also urgent, and the demand for corn is brisk. Pacific coast markets also enjoyed a good demand, and clearances have enlarged."

The poet in W. W. Cowen's office puts his theory of the markets in these lines:

The Mills of the Gods grind slowly.
And they don't grind wheat at all.
So the price of corn advances,
But the price of wheat will fall.
The old Miller's left the Mill-wheel
And gone to his country seat,
To see about more corn cribs.
So the Devil take the wheat.

Car lot receipts of wheat:

	K.C.	Chi.	St.L.	Mpls.	Dlth.	Tot.
Yesterday	21	10	95	108	64	298
A week ago	32	16	—	219	79	326
2 weeks ago	27	13	20	114	16	190
A year ago	28	24	21	234	56	363
2 years ago	17	11	17	294	76	415

Car lot receipts of corn:

	K.C.	Chi.	St.L.	Tot.
Yesterday	119	165	228	512
A week ago	99	285	—	384
2 weeks ago	99	169	194	462
A year ago	31	223	91	355
2 years ago	31	117	57	205

Car lot receipts of oats:

	K.C.	Chi.	St.L.	Tot.
Yesterday	3	251	52	306
A week ago	14	239	—	253
2 weeks ago	10	18	45	273
A year ago	7	233	91	331
2 years ago	4	161	17	182

The Chicago Daily Trade Bulletin says: "The movement of wheat from first hands from July 1 to March 1 was about 138,000,000 bushels, against 160,000,000 bushels for the corresponding time in 1895-6. The exports of wheat and flour during the same period were about 115,000,000 bushels, against about 90,000,000 bushels last year. The official visible supply on March 1 was about 21,000,000 bushels less than that reported one year ago. These figures would indicate that the wheat crop of the United States for 1896 was somewhat less than reported for 1895—467,000,000 bushels. However, allowing 450,000,000 bushels as a conservative estimate of the crop—which the future movement will no doubt confirm—and allowing 113,000,000 bushels for the supplies in all hands on July 1, 1896, the aggregate supplies would be 563,000,000 million bushels. Allowing 365,000,000 bushels for domestic wants and seed, 115,000,000 bushels for exports to date and 55,000,000 for supplies on hand July 1, 1897, makes an aggregate accounted for of 535,000,000 bushels, and leaving for export during the current five months about 28,000,000 bushels. According to the returns of stocks on hand, however, the surplus would be somewhat larger."

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LIVE STOCK BY TELEGRAPH.

St. Louis, March 12.—CATTLE—Receipts, 1,000. Natives strong. No Texas or good native cattle on sale. Native beeves, $3.50@4.40.

HOGS—Receipts, 7,000. Market 5c higher. Top, $3.92½; bulk, $3.75@3.85.

SHEEP—Receipts, 800. Market strong. Mexican yearlings, $4.60; lambs, $3.00@4.90; sheep, $2.00@4.10.

Omaha, March 12.—CATTLE—Receipts, 1,200. Market 10c higher. Some fancy heifers sold at $4.10; beeves, $3.40@4.50; stockers and feeders, $3.00@4.25; cows, $1.75@2.60.

HOGS—Receipts, 2,700. Market 5c higher. Top, $3.75; bulk, $3.70.

SHEEP—Receipts, 1,200. Market firm.

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MONEY, STOCKS AND BONDS.

STOCKS OPENED THE DAY QUIET, BUT CLOSED ACTIVE, FIRMER.

Freer Trading in Everything Towards the Closing Hours—But Dealings Mainly Professional and the Market Narrow.

The situation at the banks remains unchanged. Plenty of money and little demand was again the feature of the loan market yesterday. Some little mercantile paper is being made and the cattle men are using a little money, but, as a whole, the demand for funds is unusually light for this time of year. Rates, however, are held steady at 7@8 per cent. But little currency going to the country. Bank clearings, $1,484,959; same day last year, $1,500,619, a decrease of $15,680, a loss of 1 per cent.

Eastern exchange firm but demand light.

Houston, Fible & Co., exchange brokers, quote it as follows: New York, par; Chicago, par; St. Louis, par.

The gold reserve yesterday was $151,046,501.

The national bank statements, published yesterday, giving their condition March 9, show them all to be in exceptionally strong condition, and a general growth in the banking business since the last statement, December 17, 1896. The total deposits now are $21,745,390, an increase of $1,485,852 the past three months, and $2,609,776, as compared with February 28, 1896; cash and sight exchange is now $10,238,937, an increase of $160,296 since the last statement, December 17, and $3,071,628 as compared with February 28, 1896; loans and discounts now $15,660,785, an increase of $887,387 the past three months, but a loss of $640,052 as compared with February 28, 1896. While there has been a general gain in resources, the loans are lighter, indicating a more conservative and safer policy. Besides the large amount of cash on hand the banks hold over $1,000,000 in high grade bonds.

Money at Home and Abroad.

New York, March 12.—Money on call easy 1½@2 per cent; last loan, 2; closed, 1¾@2. Prime mercantile paper, 3@4 per cent; sterling exchange, firm; actual business in bankers' bills, $4.87@4.87¼ for demand, and $4.85½@4.85¾ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.86½@4.88½; commercial bills, $4.84¾.

London, March 12.—Money, 1¼@1½ per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for short bills, 1 9-16@1⅝; the rate for three months' bills, 1 9-16@1⅝ per cent.

New York, March 12.—Clearings, $72,040,111; balances, $4,419,242.

Boston, March 12.—Clearings, $13,288,000; balances, $1,583,000.

Philadelphia, March 12.—Clearings, $8,756,109; balances, $1,352,521.

Baltimore, March 12.—Clearings, $2,379,998; balances, $356,547.

Cincinnati, March 12.—Money, 3@6 per cent; New York exchange, 50@60c discount; clearings, $1,855,100.

Chicago, March 12.—Clearings, $13,007,223; New York exchange, 50c discount; foreign exchange, firm; demand, $4.87¼; sixty days, $4.85¾.

St. Louis, March 12.—Clearings, $4,401,685; balances, $643,936; money, 5@7 per cent; New York exchange, par bid; 25c premium.

Memphis, March 12.—Clearings, $349,056; balances, $76,745; New York exchange selling at $1.50 premium.

New Orleans, March 12.—Clearings, $1,544,664; New York exchange bank, $1.00 per $1,000 premium; commercial, 25c per $1,000 discount.

Bank Clearings.

New York, March 12.—The following table, compiled by Bradstreet's, shows the total clearances at the principal cities and the percentage of increase or decrease, as compared with the corresponding week last year:

City.	Clearings.	Inc.	Dec.
New York	$524,510,181	.....	9.0
Chicago	75,423,102	.....	11.5
Boston	87,269,576	8.7	.....
Philadelphia	51,907,140	.....	7.8
St. Louis	24,016,503	1.2	.....
San Francisco	16,742,152	.....	15.7
Baltimore	13,176,827	.....	8.8
Pittsburg	12,701,654	2.4	.....
Cincinnati	11,185,500	.....	7.2
Kansas City	9,902,921	1.6	.....
New Orleans	9,576,747	1.7	.....
Buffalo	3,352,962	.....	14.4
Milwaukee	3,962,577	.....	6.7
Detroit	5,659,316	.....	4.0
Louisville	5,111,494	.....	8.0
Minneapolis	773,269	.....	1.5
Omaha	4,168,572	.....	7.7
Providence	4,467,000	5.4	.....
Cleveland	5,394,648	3.4	.....
Houston	6,621,076	57.6	.....
St. Paul	2,577,873	.....	27.4
Denver	2,694,923	.....	4.9
Dallas	2,484,176	.....	.....
St. Joseph	1,431,007	15.2	.....
Fort Worth	1,140,312	5.8	.....
Waco	1,548,071	13.5	.....
Lincoln	196,307	.....	24.6
Wichita	401,345	.....	6.7
Topeka	334,129	.....	3.1
Galveston	5,074,900	.....	7.3
Totals U. S.	925,145,384	.....	2.2
Exclusive of N. Y.	400,635,203	.....	4.2

Silver.

New York, March 12.—Bar silver, 63⅝c; Mexican dollars, 45⅝c.

London, March 12.—Bar silver, 29¼d per ounce.

Government Bonds

As reported yesterday by Houston, Fible & Co., over their private New York wire:

	Due.	Int. due.	Bid.	Ask.
Reg. 2 per cts	Opt.	Q. Mar.	95½	.....
Reg. 4 per cts	1907	Q. Jan.	111¼	112¼
Coupon 4 per cts	1907	Q. Jan.	113½	114
Reg. 5 per cts	1904	Q. Feb.	114	114½
Coupon 5 per cts	1904	Q. Feb.	114	114½
Reg. 4 per cts	1925	Q. Feb.	123⅝	124
Coupon 4 per cts	1925	Q. Feb.	123⅝	124

State and Railroad Bonds.

New York, March 12.—Closing quotations on the New York Stock exchange were: Alabama, class A, 104½; Alabama, class B, 104½; Alabama, class C, 95; Alabama currency, 94; Louisiana new consols, is, 97; Missouri 6s, 100; North Carolina 6s, 122½; North Carolina 4s, 102½; South Carolina non-fund, ½; Tennessee new settlement 3s, 105; Tennessee new settlement 3s, 78; Tennessee old 6s, 60; Virginia centuries, 62½; Virginia centuries deferred, 5; Atchison 4s, 82⅝; Atchison 2d A, 47; Canada Southern 2ds, 104¼; Central Pacific 1sts of '95, 102½; Denver & Rio Grande 7s, 112; Denver & Rio Grande 4s, 88¼; Erie 2ds, 65½; G., H. & S. A. 6s, 103½; G., H. & S. A. 7s, 95½; Houston & Texas Central 5s, 108½; Houston & Texas Central 6s, 102; Missouri, Kansas & Texas 1st 4s, 85; Missouri, Kansas & Texas 2d 4s, 60; Mutual Union 6s, 110; New Jersey Central general 5s, 114¼; Northern Pacific 1sts, 116; Northern Pacific 2ds, 55; Northwestern consols, 141; Northwestern S. F. debentures, 5s, 112; Rio Grande Western 1sts, 72½; St. Paul consols, 7s, 134; St. Paul, C. & P. W. 5s, 113½; St. L. & I. M. general 5s, 74½; St. L. & S. F. general 6s, 111½; Texas Pacific 1sts, 89¼; Texas Pacific 2ds, 21; Union Pacific 1sts of '96, 105⅝; West Shore 4s, 107.

Stocks and Bonds.

New York, March 12.—During the greater part of to-day the stock market was given over to the same apathetic condition that has characterized it for the past few days, accompanied by the same undertone of firmness which kept most prices up. This firmness in the market issued in a sharp advance in prices as soon as any activity developed, which happened late in to-day's dealings. The Vanderbilt stocks enjoyed the principal advantage from the buying movement, Omaha showing an advance of 3 points and New York Central 1¼ on a large volume of trading, greater in each case than that in any other railway stock. The Grangers and Southwesterns showed a strong close, with fractional gains, although the movement of prices was erratic during the day. There was nothing in the record of the day to show that the trading was other than professional, aside from some buying of the investment stocks, which, together with buying of bonds, has been going on for some time. The market is still extremely narrow and largely subject to manipulative efforts. The keen investment demand for high grade mortgages was manifested in the day's bond operations, in which many issues recorded substantial improvements.

The following was the range of prices yesterday, as furnished by the C. S. Lee Commission Company, 200 New York Life building:

	High.	Low.	Closed— Yes.	Thur.
American Spirits	13⅞	13¾	13¾	13⅞
Am. Sugar Refining	116⅝	115⅞	116½	116⅝
American Tobacco	79⅞	78¾	78⅞	78¼
A., T. & S. F., pfd	23	22⅝	22	.....
Chi. Burl. & Quincy	77⅝	77	77½	77⅝
C. C. C. & St. L. com	29⅝	28⅞	29⅝	29¼
Chicago Gas	77⅝	77¼	77⅝	77¼
C., M. & St. P., com	77¾	77¼	77⅝	77½
Chi. & Northwestern	108¼	107⅝	108¼	107⅞
Chicago, R. I. & P.	68⅝	67⅝	68⅝	68
Chesapeake & Ohio	.....	.....	.....	17¼
Consolidated Gas	157	155	157	155
Delaware & Hudson	110½	109⅝	110½	109⅝
General Electric	35⅛	34¾	35	35⅛
Illinois Steel	36	35⅞	36	.....
Lake Shore	170⅝	170⅝	170⅝	170⅝
Louisville & Nash	49½	49	49½	49¼
Manhattan	85¼	84¼	84⅞	85
Missouri Pacific	20½	20	20½	20⅝
Mo., Kas. & Texas	31⅛	31	31⅛	31⅛
New Jersey Central	95½	94	95½	94½
New York Central	99	97⅝	98⅞	97¾
Northern Pacific, pfd.	37¾	37⅝	37⅝	37⅝
Pacific Mail	26⅝	26⅝	26⅝	26⅝
Phil. & Reading	25¾	25	25¾	25½
Pullman	165	165	165	.....
Southern Railway, pfd	28⅛	27¾	28⅛	.....
Ten. Coal & Iron	27¾	27½	27¾	27½
U. S. Leather, pfd	60¼	59¾	59¾	59¾
Wabash, pfd	15¾	15½	15¾	15½
Western Union	85⅛	83½	85	83½

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

New York, March 12.—BUTTER—Receipts, 2,331; steady; Western creamery, 13@19c; Elgins, 19c; factory, 7@12c. CHEESE—Receipts, 779; quiet; state large, 9@12¼c; state small, 9@12½c; part skims, 5@9c; full skims, 3@4c. EGGS—Receipts, 12,968 packages; steady; Western, 11c.

Chicago, March 12.—FLOUR—Receipts, 6,000 barrels; shipments, 8,000 barrels; weaker. Winter patents, $4.30@4.50; straights, $4.00@4.20; spring patents, $4.00@4.15; straights, $3.40@3.50; bakers' grades, $3.00@3.40. BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 10@18c; dairy, 9@16c. EGGS—Firmer; fresh, 10@10¼c.

St. Louis, March 12.—FLOUR—Receipts, 5,000 barrels, and shipments, 5,000 barrels. Dull and easier; patents, $4.00@4.70; extra fancy, $4.30@4.40; fancy, $3.50@3.75; choice, $3.15@3.20. WHEAT—Receipts, 62,000 bushels, and shipments, 24,000 bushels. Spot lower; No. 2 red, cash, elevator, 92@95c; track, 92½@95½c; May, 88c; July, 70⅝c bid. CORN—Receipts, 148,000 bushels, and shipments, 66,000 bushels. Spot steady; No. 2, cash, 20⅝c bid; May, 21⅞c bid; July, 23⅛@23¼c. OATS—Receipts, 52,000 bushels, and shipments, 30,000 bushels. Spot lower; No. 2, cash, 17c bid; May, 18c bid. BRAN—Firm and scarce. Sacked, east track, nominally 56@60c. HAY—Quiet, but steady; prairie, $4.00@7.50; timothy, $6.00@10.75. BUTTER—Firm; creamery, 14@19½c; dairy, 8@15c. EGGS—Firm, 8c. PORK—Higher; standard mess, jobbing, $8.25@8.80. LARD—Higher; prime steam, $4.05; choice, $4.12½. BACON—Boxed shoulders, $4.87½; extra short clear, $5.12½; ribs, $5.37½; shorts, $5.50. DRY SALT MEATS—Boxed shoulders, $4.75; extra short clear, $4.75; ribs, $4.87½; shorts, $5.00.

New Orleans, La., March 12.—PROVISIONS—Firm. PORK—Old, 8⅝c; new, 8⅞c. LARD—Refined tierce, 3¾c. BOXED MEATS—Dry shoulders, 4⅞c; sides, 4⅝c. BACON—Clear rib sides, 5⅝c. HAMS—Choice sugar cured, 9¼@9¾c. FLOUR—Firm; extra fancy, $4.50@4.60; patents, $4.80@4.90. CORNMEAL—Steady at $1.55 per barrel. BRAN—Scarce, 70@75c per cwt. HAY—Steady; prime timothy, $12.00@13.00; choice, $14.50@15.50. CORN—Steady; No. 2 sacked mixed, 30@31c; yellow, 31@32c; white, 33c. OATS—No. 2 sacked, 23½@24c. RICE—Steady; ordinary to good, 3⅜@4½c.

Liverpool, March 12.—WHEAT—Spot quiet; demand poor; No. 2 red spring, 6s 2d. Futures opened steady, with near and distant positions 1½d lower, closed dull, with July 1½d lower and other months 1¼c lower; March, 6s 3¼d; May, 6s 2d. CORN—Spot quiet; American mixed new, 2s 5¾d. Futures opened quiet, with near and distant positions ¼d lower; closed quiet, with April and July unchanged and other months ¼d lower; March, 2s 5¾d; April, 2s 6¾d; May, 2s 7½d. FLOUR—Steady; demand poor; St. Louis fancy winter, 8s 6d. BACON—Firm; demand fair; Cumberland cut, 28 to 30 pounds, 28s; short ribs, 20 to 24 pounds, 26s 6d; long clear light, 35 to 38 pounds, 26s; long clear heavy, 40 to 45 pounds, 25s 6d; short clear backs, light, 18 pounds, 25s; short clear middles, heavy, 45 to 50 pounds, 24s 6d; clear bellies, 14 to 16 pounds, 26s. SHOULDERS—Square, 12 to 13 pounds, 23s 6d. HAMS—Short cut, 14 to 16 pounds, 40s 6d. TALLOW—Fine North American, 18s. BEEF—Extra Indian mess, 57s 6d; prime mess, 47s 6d. PORK—Prime mess, fine Western, 45s; medium Western, 40s. LARD—Quiet; prime Western, 21s 2d; refined in pails, 23s.

Coffee and Sugar.

New York, March 12.—COFFEE—Options steady, 15@20 points higher on more reassuring foreign cables, but later eased off 5@10 points under local bear hammering, and closed quiet at a net advance of 10 points. Sales, 11,250 bags, including March, 8.70@8.75c; May, 8.90@8.95c. Spot coffee—Rio, steady; No. 7, 9¼c invoice, 9¾c jobbing. Mild—Quiet; Cordova, 15@16½c. SUGAR—Raw, strong; fair refining, 2 13-16@2⅞c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3 3-16@3¼c. Refined—Firm; crushed, 5c; powdered, 4⅝c, granulated, 4⅝c.

New Orleans, March 12.—COFFEE—Rio, ordinary to low fair, 12¼@14½c. SUGAR—Strong and active; open kettle, 2⅝@3c; centrifugal granulated, none offering; whites, 3 11-16@3⅞c; yellows, 3 7-16@3 11-16c; seconds, 2⅝@3¼c. MOLASSES—Firm; centrifugal, 56@9c.

Rye and Seeds.

Chicago, March 12.—Rye—Cash, 32½c; May, 33½c. Flaxseed—Cash, 78c; May, 77½@77¾c. Timothy seed—Prime, $2.75.

St. Louis, March 12.—Rye—34c, track. Flaxseed—75c. Timothy seed—Prime, $2.50@2.65.

Toledo, O., March 12.—Rye—Quiet; quoted at 37c. Clover seed—Lower; cash, $5.10.

Lead and Zinc.

New York, March 12.—Lead—Strong; brokers' price, $3.05; exchange price, $3.37½@3.42½. Spelter—Steady; domestic, $4.10@4.15.

St. Louis, March 12.—Lead—Lower; quoted at $3.10@3.17½. Spelter—Nominal at $3.90@3.95.

Cotton.

New Orleans, March 12.—COTTON—Futures steady; sales, 31,100 bales; March, 6.79@6.81c; April, 6.79@6.81c; May, 6.84@6.85c; June, 6.85@6.86c; July, 6.86@6.87c; August, 6.75@6.76c; September, 6.51@6.53c; October, 6.47@6.48c; November, 6.49@6.50c; December, 6.52@6.54c.

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WEEKLY REVIEW OF TRADE.

Dun and Bradstreet's Both Report That Business Is Picking Up—Failures.

New York, March 12.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade to-morrow will say:

It is a curious illustration of human nature—this continued discouragement, even while the increase of productive industries and of legitimate business steadily grows. No genuine and lasting improvement could come otherwise than slowly and step by step, after such a depression as the past four years have witnessed, and the most hopeful feature of the situation is that the gain is so nearly devoid of elements which involve unsoundness and probable reaction. The first step toward prosperity is to get the wheels started and the hands employed, and the number of works which have resumed or increased force during the past week seems greater than in any other week since November. While the start has been secured in many cases by contrast at extreme low prices, involving some